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LOSS PREVENTION NEWS

Bodily Injury News: Summer 2016 edition (UK Club)

This edition of BI News contains articles on thin skulled plaintiffs; support for injured crew; overseas arbitration clauses; requiring the surrender of US Merchant Mariner's documents as condition of settlement; and, the impact of Subchapter M on Jones Act Claims.

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Slips, Trips, and Falls (American Club)

Slips, trips and falls are the primary cause of injuries and potential loss of life aboard ship. Situational awareness, applying proper safety procedures and using the appropriate equipment are key to preventing these incidents. We recommend that Members review and disseminate this information onboard ship to bring a greater safety awareness to the crew in preventing slips, trips and falls.

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Portable Power Tools (UK Club)

The UK P&I Club's Risk Assessors often find during routine Risk Assessments of entered ships, that the safe use of portable power tools is not adhered to on board, more cases are seen in the Deck department than the Engine Department, but cases are found in both.

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New guidance from Intertanko on social media use (Standard)

Intertanko has issued 'Social Media Guidance for Seafarers'. This guidance is designed to help seafarers use social media, whilst avoiding its many pitfalls. Specifically, it covers the possible ramifications of social media posts which could be detrimental to an employer's corporate image.

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IMO issues Interim Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management (Standard)

The aim of the Interim Guidelines is to provide a range of recommendations to the shipping community to guard against the risks posed by the current and future cyber threats.

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Paris MoU : 2015 report (Britannia)

The 5 most frequently recorded deficiencies in 2015 were; "ISM", "fire doors/openings in fire-resisting divisions", "nautical publications", "charts" and "oil record book".

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LEGAL NEWS

Keeping pace with maritime regulatory changes (Gard)

Below are only a few examples of international and regional regulations that have entered into force so far in 2016 and for which non-compliance could compromise the safety of the ship and/or come with financial consequences for the shipowner:

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Enclosed Space Entry: New SOLAS requirement atmosphere testing instruments (UK Club)

This new regulation makes it mandatory for all ocean going ships to which SOLAS applies to carry on board an appropriate portable atmosphere testing instrument or instruments. As a minimum, these instruments shall be capable of measuring concentrations of oxygen, flammable gases or vapours, hydrogen sulphide and carbon monoxide prior to entry into enclosed spaces. The new regulation also requires that suitable means are to be provided for the calibration of all such instruments.

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Legal Briefing: Cargo claims under Chinese law (UK Club)

The latest publication from the UK Club Legal Briefing team provides an overview of the current situation and recommendations to note if Members face claims by shippers or consignees in China.

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Change practice for HME cargoes and guidance port reception facility providers and users (Swedish Club)

Discharges of 'harmful to the marine environment' (HME) cargo residue and cargo hold washing water overboard are no longer permitted. This follows the expiration on 31 December, 2015, of circular MEPC.1/Circ.810 on Adequate Port Reception Facilities for Cargoes Declared as Harmful to the Marine Environment under MARPOL Annex V. The circular had provided a temporary measure of permitting HME discharges outside the MARPOL Annex V Special Areas, provided certain conditions were met.

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MARKET NEWS

IG Annual Report 2015/16 Published (UK Club)

The Group Secretariat which manages the day-to-day co-ordination of internal administration on Group matters, external engagement and representation on behalf of the Group P&I clubs has just published its annual report.

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The International Salvage Union publishes its 2015 Annual Review (Standard)

The International Salvage Union (ISU), a trade association for marine salvors, has recently published its 2015 Annual Review. The review highlights that the salvage industry had its second busiest year since 1999 with 212 services being recorded in 2015, although this is down on the previous year's figure of 249.

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SANCTION NEWS

North Korea - Further Developments (West of England)

The enhanced sanctions against North Korea reported in our News Item of 12 May 2016 have been widened further. Once again Holman Fenwick Willan have published a briefing note on these latest developments and we are grateful to them for their permission to reproduce it here.

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PIRACY NEWS

Humanitarian support seafarers and families in cases of armed robbery and piracy attack (Shipowners)

Seafarers continue to be the target of pirates and armed robbers. These incidents remain a very real concern for seafarers, their families and the shipping companies for which they work. As such, the Club would like to draw attention to *Humanitarian support of seafarers and their families in cases of armed robbery and piracy attacks*, a guide recommending best practice in the support of seafarers and their families before, during and after an incident.

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Updated Gulf of Guinea Piracy Guidelines Published - Version 2 (West of England)

In January 2013 a number of key industry organisations including the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), BIMCO, Intertanko and Intercargo produced "Interim Guidelines for Owners, Operators and Masters for protection against Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea Region"... The main change to the guidelines is in relation to vessels' options for reporting their movements, suspicious activity and incidents within the region.

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REGIONAL NEWS

Australia - ECDIS clarification of AMSA report (Britannia)

The actual question submitted by the INTERCARGO member was : "normally ECDIS is shown as primary means of navigation in form E of Safety equipment certificate. Is that not enough to satisfy AMSA requirements? How does AMSA want this matter to be addressed in vessel's SMS?"

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Russia - Overview of the potential risks - Black Sea ports, Russia (Swedish Club)

In view of the beginning new 'grain' season in Russia and the expected considerable export volume of grain cargoes this year there will be an increase of the vessel traffic in such areas as Port Kavkaz (STS operations of sea/ocean going vessels) and Kerch Strait (comparatively small river-sea going vessels calling ports of Rostov, Azov and Taganrog).

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USA - US ballast water management program update (Gard)

An installed 'Alternate Management System' (AMS) for treatment of ballast discharged in US waters may be used for five years from any extended compliance date rather than from its installed date.

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USA - USCG releases new form for reporting marine casualties -CG-2692 (American Club)

The new documents contain several updates, including;

- New addendum forms for barge involvement, personnel casualties, witnesses and drug and alcohol testing;
- Streamlined data fields to align with statutory and regulatory language; and
- The ability for a form to be completed electronically, including the use of a digital signature.

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Vietnam - Shortages of bulk cargo in Vietnamese ports (Gard)

Claims for shortage of bulk cargoes have become common in some Vietnamese ports and can lead to the arrest of the vessel by the receivers. Two of the ports frequently involved are Phu My (Cai Mep) in the south and Cai Lan in the north.

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Yemen - Port Situation *Update* (North of England)

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