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Bulletin - First notifications following a P&I incident

Overview

It has come to the Club's attention that masters on board our Members' ships are not always clear about the most effective procedure to follow in the event of an incident which is covered under their ship's P&I policy. A list of typical incidents which can result in potential P&I claims is provided below. The purpose of this bulletin, and the accompanying poster (which is intended to be used on board) is to remind masters who to contact when a P&I incident first occurs. The Club recognises that some Members will have their own protocols in the event of an incident. Nonetheless, we recommend that following the procedure below will usually ensure the most effective and timely response.

P&I incidents

The following are examples of incidents typically covered under P&I insurance:

- People risks (crew illness and injury, including third party injuries) or stowaways
- Collisions
- Damage to property / fixed and floating objects (FFO)
- Pollution
- Cargo loss or damage
- Fines
- Groundings

The precise terms of cover, as well as excluded risks, are found in the certificate of entry for each Member's entered ship, subject to Britannia P&I's Rules.

First notifications procedure

The Club recommends that the procedure below is followed in the event of a P&I incident:

- The master/officer should, in the first instance, contact the Club's local correspondent located at the port where the ship is berthed, anchored, approaching or departing.
- To find the local correspondent, the master should visit the Britannia website and either:
 - Use the 'Correspondent Search' function on home page (<https://britanniapandi.com>) to search by port/country (and when searching by country select the Map View option to view ports covered by Correspondents) or,
 - Refer to the list of Correspondents at <https://britanniapandi.com/Correspondents>
- The following information should be provided to the local correspondent:
 - Name of ship and confirmation that the ship is entered with Britannia
 - Where the ship is located
 - Owners of the ship and where they are based
 - Local ship agents' details (including contact details e.g. mobile number)
 - The basic details of the P&I problem/incident
 - Ship's contact phone number and email address
- The local correspondents' staff will know who to speak to for immediate help if it is needed, e.g. appointing a surveyor at short notice. They will also inform the Club's Managers of the problem as soon as possible and seek further instructions.

Poster

The Club has prepared a poster which summarises the key points above, highlights the fact that the ship is entered with Britannia (in case the master is uncertain) and lists typical P&I incidents. The poster is intended to be used on board ships. Copies of the poster will be distributed with our next issue of Crew Watch. Should any Members want additional copies of the poster, please contact us via the email address below.

Questions/comments

If you have any questions or comments on the first notifications procedure or poster, please email britanniacommunications@tindallriley.com