



The Shipowners' Club announce LISW19 seminar: How to Exclude Liability for Negligence with James Leabeater QC

LONDON, 23 August 2019 – The Shipowners' Club, the leading mutual P&I insurer in the small and specialist vessel sector, have announced a seminar for London International Shipping Week 2019 with James Leabeater QC of 4 Pump Court.

As part of London International Shipping Week, the Club, will be hosting a seminar on a recent Commercial Court case, *The Elin*. James Leabeater QC of 4 Pump Court represented the successful ship owners in the matter, and will be taking us through the court's decision.

The issue in the case, was whether statements on a Bill of Lading that the carrier would not be liable for loss or damage to deck cargo "howsoever arising" were apt to exclude liability for negligence and/or unseaworthiness. The judgment strongly endorses the previously controversial decision in another case, *The Imvros*. It also contains a detailed consideration of the Canada Steamship "guidelines", confirming that they should not be applied mechanistically.

Alex McCooke, the Club's LCC Manager, will provide a brief contrast between the judgment in *The Elin* and the position in the UAE courts, based on the Club's recent experience in that jurisdiction.

The seminar will begin at 12.45 and will be held at the Devonshire Club where refreshments and a light lunch will provided.

Please see full event details below:

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| Venue | Devonshire Club Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YD |
| Date | Monday 9 September 2019 |
| Time | 12.45 - 14.00 |
| Dress Code | Business attire |

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Notes for editors

The Shipowners' Club is a mutual marine liability insurer, providing Protection and Indemnity insurance for small and specialist vessels since 1855. The Club is a member of the International Group of P&I Clubs and works with more than 600 brokers globally to insure over 34,000 vessels across a range of operating sections and geographical areas.

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