

The Shipowners' Club announces partnership with International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network

Joint campaign to educate, inform and safeguard seafarers' health and wellbeing whilst on board

The Shipowners' Club, the leading mutual P&I insurer in the smaller and specialist vessel sector, today announced that it has entered into a partnership with the International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN), an international charity that aims to improve conditions and the lifestyle of ships crews by providing a 24-7 advice line, health guidance and general support for seafarers.

As a partner, the Club will contribute towards ISWAN's Seafarers Health Information Project (SHIP), an initiative that promotes and distributes health information materials to shipping companies, seafarers' centres, and direct to seafarers. The project consists of 10 core health considerations: food safety, on-board fitness, safe travel, healthy food, malaria, weight control, STI – HIV & Aids, mental care, dental care and skin care.

The Club's loss prevention specialists, as part of a communications campaign to reduce crew-illness related claims, will include each of the SHIP's core health considerations within guidance that will be distributed to Club Members.

Louise Hall, Head of Loss Prevention at the Shipowners' Club comments: "We are excited to be partnering with ISWAN, whose ethos sits naturally alongside the Club in aiming to assist Members with all aspects of risk mitigation. As a Club, we see many crew related illnesses especially concerning heart problems, stomach issues and illnesses related to blood pressure. ISWAN, through their own research, have produced excellent materials that address the areas of concerns we see from incident notifications, but also those reported by the industry as a whole."

Roger Harris, Executive Director at ISWAN comments: "We look forward to partnering with the Shipowners' Club on our Seafarers Health Information Project to raise awareness of the importance of health and wellbeing to seafarers around the world. With the Club's insights on illnesses experienced by Members and their employed crews, we will continue to educate and safeguard the health of seafarers, who remain among the most isolated working groups in relation to access to medical care, both in emergency situations and for primary health care."

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The Shipowners' Club

The Shipowners' Club is 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 32,000 vessels across a range of operating sectors and geographical areas.

www.shipownersclub.com

ISWAN

The International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network promotes seafarers welfare worldwide and directly serves seafarers by providing a 24 hour helpline. The 24 hour multilingual helpline, seafarerhelp, runs every day of the year and is free for seafarers to call from anywhere in the world. ISWAN also runs an emergency welfare fund for seafarers in dire need, produces health information for seafarers, and provides information on the location of seafarer centres.

ISWAN is the result of a merger between the International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare (ICSW) and the International Seafarers Assistance Network (ISAN). ISWAN is a membership organisation with the International Chamber of Shipping, The International Transport Workers Federation and the International Christian Maritime Association as the core members.

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