

## **The Shipowners' Club partners with Yachtpod Risk Partners**

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The Yachtpod team which includes Iain Cotton and Vladimir Sorgo, will underwrite on behalf of the Club under a delegated underwriting authority which provides P&I insurance up to a limit of USD 1,000,000,000 (1 Billion).

Yachtowners will also have access to the Club's legal costs cover (LCC) insurance, also known as freight demurrage and defence (FD&D), through Yachtpod.

Ian Ferns, director – product development at The Shipowners' Club, commented: "We pride ourselves on partnering with the best people in their field and the team at Yachtpod are proven leaders. We are sure that this new venture will be a great success for them". Nicola Kingman, underwriting manager - Yachtowners Syndicate at the The Shipowners' Club added: "We have known the team at Yachtpod for many years and when an opportunity arose to work alongside them, it was too good to miss."

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### **The Shipowners' Club**

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 32,000 vessels across a range of operating sections and geographical areas.

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