Specialist insurer of liability risks to owners, operators and managers of fishing vessels worldwide

Our name has long been associated with the insurance of fishing vessels. With over 32,000 Members in our Club, we now insure more fish boats than almost any other insurer. You will find our Members (policyholders) fishing the lakes, rivers, coasts and oceans of almost every part of the world.

A fresh approach
The challenges of the fishing industry change over time. It is essential that those who place themselves at risk in this most demanding of industries have the support of innovative and creative-thinking insurers. As experts in this sector, we have taken a fresh approach to covering the many risks which accompany fishing.

What is new? Plain language
We have created a plain language policy designed specifically for fishing vessels.

It aims to address all of the liability risks which vessel operators face. Simply put, we cover all your marine liability risks apart from a few clearly identified exclusions. This means you have the peace of mind that comes from knowing you are insured with people who do not hide behind small print.

No more jargon
We have removed unnecessary jargon from our policy. It is written in a clear, easy to understand language which is supported by a Know your cover guide, so that you are never in doubt about the cover you have or our approach to claims made against you.

Designed with the support of the fishing industry
When we were designing this policy, we consulted widely with those working in the industry to better understand their needs. Thanks to this invaluable input, we believe we have achieved our aim of producing the very best policy available in the market.

Our specialist team
We have a dedicated team of insurance professionals who really know the fishing industry. Their sole aim is to ensure that our fishing vessel Members receive the very best cover from us at a fair premium. As a mutual insurer, we operate on a non-profit making basis. Everything we do is in the best interests of the 6,000 Members we are proud to insure, across all of our vessel categories.
We will respond to all marine liability claims made against you, other than a small number of clearly identified exclusions.

**Crew liability**
We cover your liability for risks such as crew illness, injury or death as well as resultant medical costs.

We will also pay crew wages whilst a crew member is undergoing medical or hospital treatment, when you are liable to meet these costs. Our payments are based on what is reasonable for a crew member at that grade in the industry. You may wish to talk to us about this ahead of agreeing contracts with your crew.

**Diversion costs**
Should you need to bring sick or injured crew or others ashore for urgent medical treatment we will cover the resulting extra costs and expenses.

We also cover costs and expenses caused by delays due to waiting for crew replacements in these circumstances.

**Enquiries and proceedings costs**
If you need to go to formal inquiries or proceedings as a result of a casualty, we provide cover for the reasonable costs which arise.
Fines
We cover fines for breach of pollution, smuggling or immigration laws, providing these breaches were accidental or caused by your crew’s independent, deliberate actions or omissions.

Fishing nets
We cover you if you are liable for damage to other people’s fishing nets.

Health and safety regulations
We cover fines imposed upon you, due to an inadvertent breach of health and safety regulations.

Personal effects
We cover claims for loss of personal effects.

Stowaways, refugees and life salvage
We cover costs and expenses arising from stowaways, refugees and the saving of life at sea.

Towage
Recognising that industry practice involves towing other vessels on occasions, our insurance automatically includes cover for towing.

Wreck removal
We cover wreck removal costs following the loss of your vessel.

Contractual indemnities
We cover contractual indemnities which you have to accept under contracts with ports, terminals, boatyards, suppliers and others.
Claims
As a mutual insurer, our priority is to defend you as our Member from claims made against you, working closely with your broker throughout the process. Our ultimate aim is to pay all covered claims without delay.

Fixed premium
The premium payable for our new policy is fixed at the beginning of each policy year and unless we are asked to amend the insurance cover provided, you will not be asked to pay any additional premiums or supplementary calls.

Additional covers
We can also provide Personal Accident cover as well as Legal Assistance and Defence cover.

High service standards
We pride ourselves on the quality of our customer service. We are able to support you 24 hours a day, through our offices as well as our network of correspondents across the world. As a Member of our Club you will be able to benefit from our Loss Prevention advice and our free contract review service.

How many vessels?
We insure over 32,000 vessels in all our categories of cover.

This brochure provides an overview of the liability insurance we can offer you. It is at all times subject to our policy wording, which we recommend you read carefully and discuss with your broker.

Further details about our fishing vessel insurance can be found on: www.shipownersclub.com/fishing