



SHIPOWNERS

▶ **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.

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

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