

TO ALL MEMBERS

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Dear Sirs

Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks – December 2015 update

In our circular on 28 January 2015 (linked [here](#)) the club informed members that the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks (the Nairobi Convention) entered into force on 14 April 2015 and provided information about certification requirements.

Members are reminded of the requirement that ships of 300 gross tons and above and flying the flag of a Nairobi Convention State Party, or calling at a port or offshore facility located in a State Party, must carry on board a certificate attesting that insurance or other financial security is in force in accordance with the Nairobi Convention. The certificate must be obtained from the State Party with which the ship is registered, provided that the Flag State is a party to the Nairobi Convention.

Since the Nairobi Convention entered into force on 14 April 2015, the Bahamas, Cyprus and Panama have all become States Parties bringing the current number of Nairobi Convention State Parties to 25.

Ships registered in countries that are not party to the Nairobi Convention may obtain Convention certificates from the relevant authority in another State Party, provided that State has agreed to issue such certificates. For example, Cook Islands, Cyprus, Germany, Liberia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Palau and the United Kingdom have all confirmed their willingness to issue Nairobi Convention certificates to ships flagged in third-party countries. Affected members are advised to check whether the authorities in the Flag State(s) for their ships have agreements with any Nairobi Convention State Party(s) concerning the issuance of Nairobi Convention certificates, and make timely applications for such certificates to such an appropriate State Party authority.

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The club maintains a list of the relevant electronic and postal addresses of State Party administrations for most Nairobi Convention State Parties.

At the time of publication of this circular, the Nairobi Convention is in force in the following 25 States:

Country/Territory	Deposit Date	Date of Country Entry into Force
Albania*	05/05/2015	05/08/2015
Antigua and Barbuda*	09/01/2015	14/04/2015
Bahamas*	05/06/2015	05/09/2015
Bulgaria*	08/02/2012	14/04/2015
Congo	19/05/2014	14/04/2015
Cook Islands	22/12/2014	14/04/2015
Cyprus*•	22/07/2015	22/10/2015
Denmark*	14/04/2014	14/04/2015
Germany•	20/06/2013	14/04/2015
India	23/03/2011	14/04/2015
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	19/04/2011	14/04/2015
Kenya*	14/04/2015	14/07/2015
Liberia*	08/01/2015	14/04/2015
Malaysia	28/11/2013	14/04/2015
Malta*•	18/01/2015	18/04/2015
Marshall Islands*	27/10/2014	14/04/2015
Morocco	13/06/2013	14/04/2015
Nigeria	23/07/2009	14/04/2015
Niue*	27/04/2015	27/07/2015
Palau	29/09/2011	14/04/2015
Panama*	18/08/2015	18/11/2015
South Africa	04/04/2015	04/12/2015
Tonga	20/03/2015	20/06/2015
Tuvalu	17/02/2015	17/05/2015
United Kingdom*•	30/11/2012	14/04/2015

Note: The Nairobi Convention also applies by extension in the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar and the Crown Dependency of the Isle of Man.

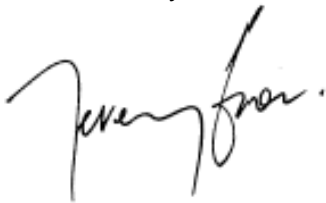
* denotes the 13 State Parties that apply the Nairobi Convention within their territories including their territorial seas, in accordance with Article 3.2 of the Nairobi Convention.

• denotes the four State Parties that have applied a reservation in respect of Article 2, paragraphs 1 (d) and (e) of the *Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976* (LLMC), removing the right to limit liability for claims in respect of the raising, removal, destruction or the rendering harmless of a ship which is sunk, wrecked, stranded or abandoned, including anything that is or has been board such ship and claims in respect of the removal, destruction or the rendering harmless of the cargo of the ship.

Note: The United Kingdom's LLMC reservation applies by extension to the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar and the Crown Dependency of the Isle of Man.

All clubs in the International Group will be issuing similar circulars.

Yours faithfully



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