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The Group

- Comprises 13 non-profit-making mutual insurance associations (“Clubs”) which
- insure third party liabilities relating to the use and operation of ships
- and insure over 90% of world ocean-going tonnage
- and insure over 95% of ocean-going tankers



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Current principal underwriting Group members

- American Steamship Owners Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association, Inc
- Assuranceforeningen Gard
- Assuranceforeningen Skuld
- The Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association Limited
- The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association
- The London Steam-Ship Owners' Mutual Insurance Association Limited
- The North of England Protection and Indemnity Association Limited
- The Shipowners' Mutual Protection and Indemnity Association (Luxembourg)
- The Standard Steamship Owners' Protection and Indemnity Association (Bermuda) Limited
- The Steamship Mutual Underwriting Association (Bermuda) Limited
- The Swedish Club
- United Kingdom Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association (Bermuda) Limited
- The West of England Ship Owners Mutual Insurance Association (Luxembourg)



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Underlying agreements

- Constitution
- International Group Agreement (IGA)
- Pooling Agreement (renewed annually)

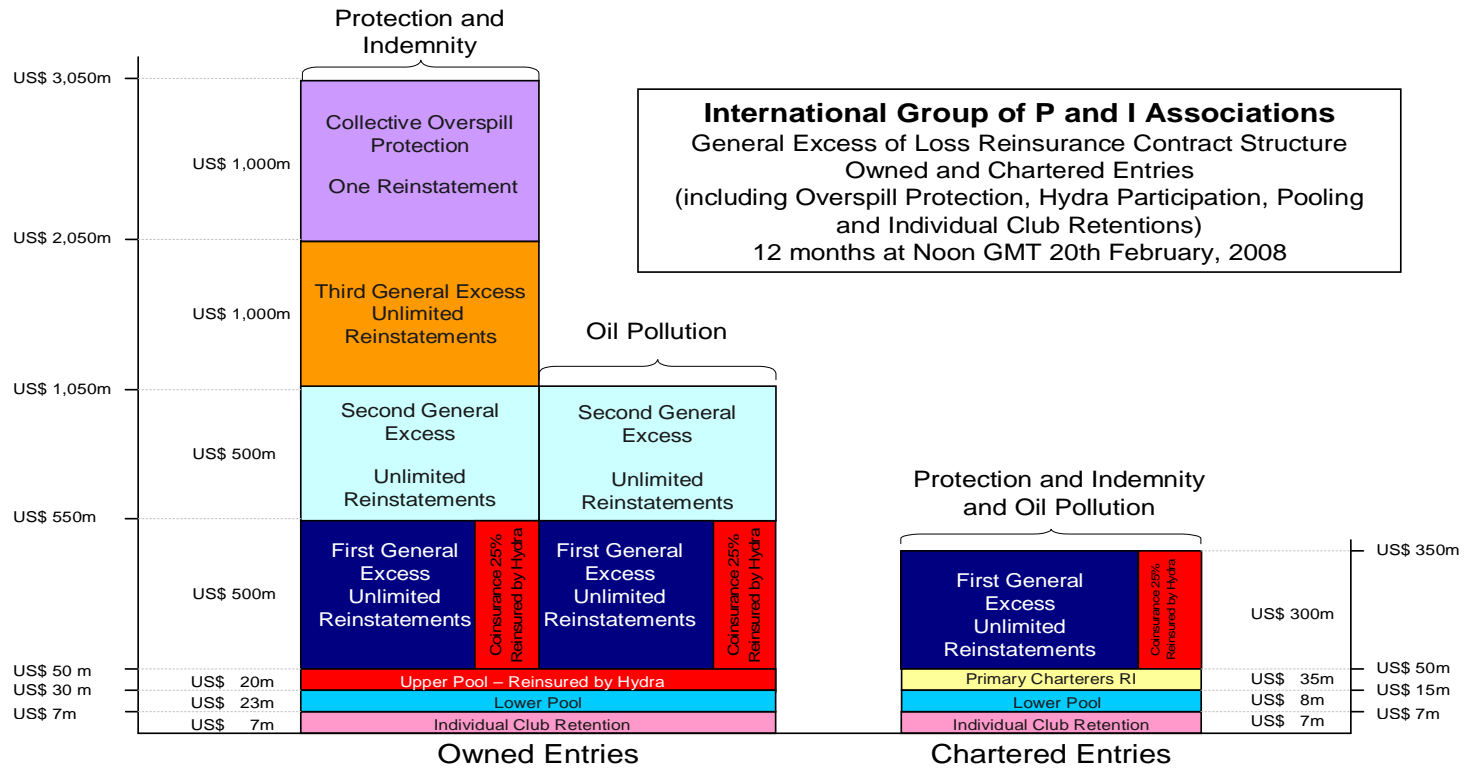


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Main Group functions

- To co-ordinate the operation of the claims pooling agreement for claims in excess of the individual club retention (\$7m) and the collective reinsurance for the Group clubs (\$50m - \$3.05bn)
- To represent the views of clubs' shipowner members on matters of concern to the shipping industry in relation to insurance and liability issues
- To provide a forum for the exchange of information between clubs and other maritime organisations and sectors

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The Group's organisation

- The activities of the Group are co-ordinated through the Group secretariat based in London
- Group Chairman appointed for a three year term
- The work of the Group is carried out by the secretariat and by club managers in sub-committees and working groups which formulate policy recommendations for consideration by club boards
- The Group managers meet three times each year to co-ordinate the work of its sub-committees and working groups

The International Group's policy positions

- Set and reviewed by club boards at their board meetings
- Shipowners make club/Group policy, not club managers
- Need to reflect the wishes, sometimes conflicting, of different industry sectors
- Need to reflect both public policy desires and shipping and insurance industry practicalities

Summary of benefits provided by the Group Pool system

- Unparalleled range and limits of cover
- Guaranteed prompt security payment of compensation to victims
- Experienced and effective casualty and claims management
- Promotion/implementation of ship standards and safety measures
- Assistance to States and IGOs in legislation/regulation drafting

Liaison and consultation roles

- Inter-governmental bodies such as IMO, IOPC Funds, UNCTAD, UNCITRAL and OECD
- National governments and EU organisations and agencies
- Industry organisations such as BIMCO, ICS, ECSA, Intertanko, OCIMF, ITOPF, Intercargo, CEA, IUA, LMA and IUMI
- Promoting and encouraging industry positions on practical and legislative issues
- Providing technical advice and input in the drafting of new legislation, regulations, conventions and protocols



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Issues and challenges include

- Increase in severity of claims
- Competition legislation and regulations
- Financial and regulatory compliance
- Threat of national and regional challenges to international conventions
- National/supranational pressures to increase liabilities and compensation levels
- Increased political and public focus on ship quality and standards

In conclusion

- The Group backed by its reinsurers provides a unique cover for shipowners and a unique compensation system for victims
- The Group and reinsurers face common issues and challenges
- The Group values its IUMI affiliation and closer co-operation on issues of mutual interest and concern

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