

# **PREMIER YACHT INSURING AGREEMENT**

## **1. DEFINITIONS**

- a) “You and your” refer to the insured named on the declaration page.
- b) “We, us and our” refer to the insurers named on the declaration page or accompanying schedule of insurers.
- c) “Covered person,” means you, or any person detailed on your application form which has been submitted and approved by us. This does not include either a paid captain and/or crew, or a person or organisation, or their employee or agent, operating a marina, boatyard, yacht club, charter operation, sales agency, refuelling dock or similar organisations, unless you have our agreement in writing to the contrary.
- d) “Scheduled vessel” means the vessel described on the declaration page, including machinery, electrical equipment, sails, masts, spars, rigging, furniture, dinghy, outboard motor and all other equipment normally required for the operation and maintenance of the vessel and which would normally be sold with the vessel.
- e) “Trailer” refers to the insured vessel’s trailer, used exclusively for that purpose.
- f) Words of masculine gender are deemed to encompass the female gender and vice versa. Words in the singular are deemed to encompass the plural and vice versa.
- g) “Navigational limits” means all waters as limited and shown on the declaration page unless mutually agreed by us and amended in writing.
- h) “Salvage charges” means those reasonable charges and expenses which are incurred by you if necessary to prevent damage, injury or loss of life or to prevent or minimise any further loss or damage covered by Section “A” of your insuring agreement.
- i) “Deductible” A deductible is the first amount of any claim, which must be paid by you. If a deductible is applicable to any section of your insuring agreement the amount will be shown on the declaration page and this amount shall be deducted from the amount payable on each admissible claim.
- j) “Bodily injury/property damage” means bodily injury or property damage occurring during the period of this insuring agreement arising from ownership and/or use of the vessel.
- k) “Seaworthy” means fit for the Vessel’s intended purpose. Seaworthiness applies not only to the physical condition of the Hull, but to all its parts, equipment and gear and includes the responsibility of assigning an adequate crew. For a vessel to be seaworthy, it and its crew must be reasonably proper and suitable for its intended use.
- l) ‘Family’ means any person related to you by blood, marriage or adoption, including wards and foster children.
- m) ‘Personal Property’ means property purchased and owned by you, any covered person, any member of your family, provided that such property is situated on the vessel insured hereunder at the time of the loss, excluding ‘scheduled vessel’ as defined in (d) above.
- n) ‘Race or speed trial’ means any event involving speed and or of a competitive nature, including, but not limited to, Regattas and or Rallies. "Preparing for a race or speed trial," means any navigation of the vessel necessary to ensure eligibility of either you or your vessel to participate in a race or speed trial.

- o) “Named Windstorm” damage is damage relating to or resulting from a named windstorm or any numbered tropical weather pattern from the time the “named windstorm” or numbered tropical weather pattern impacts the area and until 72 hours later.

The area of the “named windstorm” or tropical weather pattern is an area encompassed by a circle of radius not exceeding 150 nautical miles from the path of the storm’s forward travel.

- p) “constructive total loss” means where the cost of repairing the scheduled vessel exceeds the sum insured under section A of the insuring agreement declaration page.

## **2. INSURING AGREEMENT**

This is a legally binding insurance contract between you and us, incorporating in full the application form signed by you. We will provide the insurance coverage described in this insuring agreement, in return for payment to us of the premium due and compliance by covered persons with the provisions, conditions and warranties of this insuring agreement. In the event of loss and damage to the scheduled vessel covered herein, cost of repairs to be paid without depreciation, new for old, except with regard to sails and covers of canvas or other like materials.

### **3. Coverage A, Hull, Machinery, Equipment and Dinghy**

If a sum insured is shown for section “A” of the insuring agreement declaration page, we provide coverage for accidental physical loss of, or physical damage to the scheduled vessel which occurs during the period of this insuring agreement and within the limits set out in the insuring agreement declarations page, subject to the insuring agreement provisions, conditions, warranties, deductibles and exclusions.

Reasonable expenses incurred by you in attempting to avert or minimise a loss covered by this insuring agreement will be paid by us whether successful or not. These will be paid in addition to the sum insured under section “A” and “F” without application of the insuring agreement deductible. Our maximum liability for these expenses is 50% of the sum insured under section “A” of this insuring agreement.

We will pay salvage charges incurred by you in pursuance of “your duties in the event of a loss” as set out in Section 10 of this insuring agreement, up to the limit of the sum insured under section “A” of this insuring agreement.

If the Insured vessel shall come into collision with any other ship or vessel and you, in consequence thereof, become legally liable to pay by way of damages to any other person or persons any amount not exceeding the agreed value of the vessel hereby insured, we will reimburse you such amount paid, up to the agreed value hereby insured. If your liability has been contested, and consent has been given by us in writing, we will also pay the costs thereby incurred and paid .

In no case shall the foregoing clause extend to cover any amount you become legally liable to pay in respect of removal of obstructions under statutory powers or for injury or damages to Harbours, Wharves, Piers, Stages and similar structures consequent on such collisions, or in respect of the cargo or engagements of the Insured vessel or for loss of life or personal injury. In no case shall our maximum liability exceed the sum insured hereunder.

The deductible shown on the insuring agreement declaration page shall apply to each claim under the insuring agreement except for claims for actual and/or constructive total loss of the scheduled vessel and claims for reasonable expenses incurred in attempting to avoid or minimise a loss covered by the insuring agreement and claims arising from a named windstorm as described below.

Loss or damage to the scheduled vessel arising from a Named windstorm shall be subject to a deductible which shall apply to all claims, including actual and/or constructive total loss of the insured vessel, equal to double the Hull and Machinery deductible as shown on the declaration page.

## **Exclusions to Coverage A**

Unless specifically agreed by us in writing and additional premium charged the following losses are not covered by this insuring agreement:

- a) Damage sustained by the scheduled vessel whilst being transported over land.
- b) Losses due to wear and tear, gradual deterioration, lack of maintenance, inherent vice, weathering, insects, mould, animal and marine life.
- c) Marring, scratching or denting.
- d) Osmosis, blistering or electrolysis.
- e) The costs of replacing any item of equipment which has failed as a result of manufacturing defects or design defects, including latent defects.
- f) Unrepaired damage claims if the scheduled vessel is subsequently deemed an actual or constructive total loss, during the insuring agreement period.
- g) Losses caused directly or indirectly by ice or freezing.
- h) Loss or damage caused intentionally by you.
- i) Theft of the scheduled vessel and its equipment unless there is visible evidence of forcible entry and removal of the same, made by tools, explosives, electricity or chemicals.
- j) Theft of the dinghy or tender and/or its outboard motor to the scheduled vessel unless there is visible evidence of forcible entry and or removal, made by tools, explosives, electricity or chemicals.
- k) Loss and or damage to the dinghy and or tender whilst being towed behind the scheduled vessel.
- l) Damage to the scheduled vessel caused by theft, and/or attempted theft unless there is visible evidence of forcible entry and or removal made by tools, explosives, electricity or chemicals.
- m) Your personal expenses or those of your family including but not limited to, cost of your own labour, hotel or accommodation costs, car rental, communication costs.
- n) Losses caused by delay in repairs and or loss of use and or enjoyment of the scheduled vessel and or its equipment.
- o) Costs of sails and covers of canvas or other like materials other than the reasonable cost of repair of the same.

## **4. Coverage B. Third Party Liability**

If a sum insured is shown under section "B" of the insuring agreement declaration page, we provide coverage for any sum or sums which you or any other covered person become legally liable to pay and shall pay as a result of ownership or operation of scheduled vessel.

We will settle or defend as we deem appropriate any claims or suits brought against you, using attorneys of our choice. Our obligation to settle or defend all third party liability claims under this insuring agreement ends when the amount we pay for damages, legal expenses and removal of wreck equals the sum insured under this section of the insuring agreement.

The deductibles shown on the insuring agreement declaration page shall apply to each third party liability claim.

## **Exclusions to Coverage B**

Unless specifically agreed by us in writing and an additional premium paid, Liability cover is not provided for:

- a) Covered persons with regard to their liability to you, other covered persons, your spouse, other members of your family or persons who reside in your household.
- b) Your liability to other covered persons, your spouse, other members of your family or persons who reside in your household.
- c) Liability assumed by you under any contract or agreement.
- d) Liability which arises while the scheduled vessel is being transported on its own trailer or otherwise, except where the vessel is being hauled out or launched by a covered person.
- e) Fines or penalties imposed by any Government agency.
- f) Punitive damages.
- g) Liability due to pollution by any substance whether it be gradual, or sudden and accidental.
- h) Intentional acts.
- i) Bodily injury or death benefits which are required to be or are covered by any State or Federal Act or Statute, including but not restricted to,
  - a) arising out of a breach of contract;
  - b) arising out of occupational disease;
  - c) arising under any workers compensation, unemployment compensation or disability laws, statutes or regulations;
  - d) For employers liability where the claim is made or the injury took place in any state(s) where the you are a non participant or non subscriber to regular programmes established by that states workers compensation, unemployment compensation or disability laws, statutes or regulations; provided however, that this exclusion does not apply to liability of a third party assumed by you under an indemnification contract;
  - e) Which you may be liable for your own employee arising out of the actions or omissions of another of your own employees;
  - f) Arising out of any act, error or omission of you, or any person or entity for whose acts errors or omissions you are legally liable in respect of any employees benefits of any kind whatsoever, wheresoever incurred.
  - g) Arising out of discrimination or humiliation
- j) Bodily injury or death benefit to any persons employed by a covered person, hired as crew or not.
- k) Liability to persons being towed, or to be towed, or having been towed in the water or in the air, from the time they commence to leave the scheduled vessel, until they are safely back on board. This exclusion however shall not extend to non competitive water skiing for which limited coverage is provided below
- l) Liability to snorklers and divers operating from the scheduled vessel, from the time they commence to leave your vessel, until they are safely back on board.
- m) Liability to fare paying passengers or passengers carried under charter.
- n) Liability for damage to any marine estuary, artificial or natural reef, living or dead coral or other marine organisms, caused by the vessel or its operators or passengers.

- o) Loss or damage to any other vessel caused by the vessel insured in so far as the same would have been covered under section “A” of this insuring agreement.
- p) Liabilities, medical expenses, costs, fees or any other related expense whatsoever arising out of illness or injury in any way related to or caused by exposure to the sun or the suns rays either cumulatively or suddenly.
- q) Any claim arising from directly or indirectly caused by or associated with Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus type III (HILV II) or Lymphadenopathy Associated Virus (LAV) or the mutants derivatives or variations thereof or in any way related to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or any syndrome or condition of a similar kind howsoever it may be named.

**Coverage B, Water Skiing Coverage Limitation of Liability**

Whilst the Insured vessel is being used for water skiing, the third party liability limits are reduced to:

Property damage	US \$10,000
Bodily Injury	US \$10,000
Maximum any one incident	US \$20,000

These limits shall apply from the time any person or persons begin to leave the scheduled vessel, or such activity commences, and will continue until the person or persons are safely back on board or such activity ceases completely. Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary waive or extend any of the exclusions conditions or other terms of this insuring agreement.

**Coverage B, Extension to include Crew Liability**

Subject to our prior written agreement and your payment of an additional premium, we may at your request extend this insuring agreement to cover maintenance and cure and/or Jones Act Liability for hired crew. We reserve the exclusive right to set the terms, conditions and sum insured in respect of such coverage, or to decline your request.

The maximum amount recoverable in respect of crew liability claims shall be the amount shown on the insuring agreement schedule and shall form part of the maximum recoverable under Section “B”, Third Party Liability.

**5. Coverage C, Medical Payments**

If a sum insured is shown under section “C” of the insuring agreement declaration page, we will pay reasonable medical and funeral expenses necessary due to accidental bodily injury of third parties, incurred whilst boarding, leaving or onboard the scheduled vessel insured under this insuring agreement. These expenses must be incurred within one year from the date of the accident and will reduce any amount payable under section “B” of this insuring agreement, arising from the same occurrence.

This coverage will be in excess over any other applicable insurance.

Any sum insured under this section is our maximum liability for all claims arising from any one event, regardless of the number of persons involved. Any payment made by us under this section is not an admission of liability for you or by us.

The deductible shown on the insuring agreement declarations page shall apply to each claim made under this section of the insuring agreement.

**Exclusions to Coverage C**

We do not provide medical payment coverage for:

- a) Covered persons, their spouses, family or other persons who reside with them. Employees of covered persons or anyone that is or should be covered under a State or Federal Act or Statute.
- b) Responsibility assumed under any contract or agreement.
- c) Anyone injured whilst the scheduled vessel is being transported, hauled out or launched.
- d) Trespassers on the scheduled vessel.
- e) Anyone to or for whom benefits are payable under any Workers Compensation or under “Federal Longshoreman’s and Harbour Workers Compensation Act”.

## **6. Coverage D, Uninsured Boaters**

If a sum insured is shown under section “D” of the insuring agreement declaration sheet, coverage is provided in respect of sums which covered persons under this insuring agreement are legally entitled to recover from a third party vessel owner or operator, but which cannot be recovered either because they have no marine liability insurance and no realisable assets or they cannot be identified, such as a hit and run operator.

The deductible shown on the insuring agreement declaration page shall apply to each claim made under this section of the insuring agreement.

The sum insured in respect of this coverage is our maximum liability for all uninsured boater claims regardless of the number of people involved and the number of claims made.

### **Exclusions to Coverage D**

We do not provide coverage for:

- a) Claims settled without our prior written consent.
- b) Loss due to an uninsured vessel which is a Government vessel.
- c) Loss due to a vessel operated by a covered person.
- d) Loss where no physical damage to the scheduled vessel exists, evidencing collision.

## **7. Coverage E, Trailer**

If a sum insured is shown under Section “E” of the insuring agreement declaration page, we provide coverage for accidental physical loss of or physical damage to the trailer if it is used exclusively for the transportation of the scheduled vessel insured under this insuring agreement, up to the sum insured.

Claims will be paid up to the limit of the sum insured, on the basis of the actual cost of repairing or replacing the trailer with a trailer of like kind and value. Depreciation due to age and wear and tear will be taken into account in calculating claims under this insuring agreement.

Reasonable expenses incurred by you in attempting to avert or minimise a loss covered by this insuring agreement will be paid by us, whether successful or not. These will be paid in addition to the sum insured under section “E” without application of the insuring agreement deductible. Our maximum liability for such expenses is the sum insured under Section E.

The deductible shown on the insuring agreement declaration page shall apply to each claim under the insuring agreement except for claims for actual or constructive total loss of trailer and claims for expenses incurred in attempting to avoid or minimise a loss covered by the insuring agreement.

A deductible of 10% of the agreed value of the scheduled vessel trailer shall apply to each theft loss, including total loss of the trailer. However a deductible of 5% of the agreed value of the trailer shall apply to each theft loss, including total loss, provided the scheduled trailer is stored in a commercial storage yard or marina that provides 24 hour security.

#### **Exclusions to Coverage E**

- a) Damages sustained by the trailer whilst the scheduled vessel is being transported over land, more than 100 miles from the normal place of storage, unless specifically agreed by us in writing and an additional premium paid.
- b) Losses due to wear and tear, gradual deterioration, lack of maintenance, weathering, insects, mould, animal or marine life.
- c) Marring, scratching or denting.
- d) Manufacturing defects or design defects, including latent defects.
- e) Tyre damage.
- e) Losses due to exceeding manufacturers maximum load or speed specifications.
- f) Your personal expenses or those of your family including but not limited to, cost of your own labour, hotel or accommodation costs, car rental, communication costs.
- g) Theft of the trailer unless the trailer is stolen from a locked and fenced enclosure or marina and there is visible evidence of forcible entry or removal made with tools, explosives, electricity or chemicals.

### **8. Coverage F, Personal Property**

If a sum insured is shown under Section “F” of the insuring agreement declaration page, we will cover direct physical loss or physical damage to personal property from any accidental cause, whilst property is onboard, being loaded onto, or unloaded from the scheduled vessel. Our maximum liability in respect of all claims arising from one event is the amount of the sum insured and our maximum liability for any one item, pair or set is \$1,000.

Fishing gear and tackle, unless permanently affixed to the scheduled vessel, is deemed personal property.

Claims will be settled on the basis of actual cash value of personal property, less the insuring agreement deductible.

We will not cover loss or damage to:

- a) Money, jewellery, watches, travellers cheques or any form of paper of value, furs, china, glass, silverware, antiques, collectibles or computer software.
- b) Fishing gear or tackle which is permanently affixed to the scheduled vessel, unless the scheduled vessel insured hereunder shall become an actual or constructive total loss, due to a peril insured against.

We will not cover losses due to:

- a) Wear and tear, gradual deterioration, inherent vice, corrosion, damage due to changes in humidity or temperature or mechanical or electrical failure.
- b) Breakage of articles of a brittle nature unless caused by the scheduled vessel being stranded, sunk, burnt, on fire, or in collision or by stress of weather, burglars or thieves.

- c) Loss of water-skis or diving equipment, unless as a result of fire, or theft following forcible entry, or a total loss of the scheduled vessel.
- d) Theft and or damage caused by theft unless there is visible evidence of forcible entry and removal made by tools, explosives, electricity or chemicals.

### **9. General Conditions & Warranties**

- a) It is warranted that the scheduled vessel shall be used solely for private and pleasure purposes, and will not be used for Charter, hire lease or any other commercial activity.
- b) It is warranted that the scheduled vessel is seaworthy at all times during the duration of this insuring agreement. Breach of this warranty will void this insuring agreement from its inception.
- c) This insuring agreement incorporates in full your application for insurance and it constitutes the entire contract between us. At your request, various provisions of this insuring agreement may be varied by us but only by our prior written agreement.
- d) This insuring agreement does not cover any loss or damage which occurs after its expiration. However, if you have been at sea in the scheduled vessel for at least 24 hours and this insuring agreement expires other than due to cancellation, you may renew or reinstate the insuring agreement at such time as the scheduled vessel arrives safely at its next port of call and for a further 24 hours provided that you contact us during that 24 hours and make the necessary arrangements as may be required by us to renew or reinstate the insuring agreement.
- e) This insuring agreement may be cancelled by either you or us at any time, subject to 10 days prior written notice. If it is cancelled by us, we will pay you a pro rata return of premium. If it is cancelled by you, we shall pay you a short rate return of premium calculated as pro rata less 10%. However if a reduced premium has been charged in consideration of a period of lay up, the return premium will be calculated based upon the actual activity of the scheduled vessel, and then pro rata or short rate applied. Cancellations due to sale of the scheduled vessel or non-payment of premium, or non-payment of premium instalment to a premium financier are deemed cancellations by you. All policy fees are deemed earned at the inception of the policy.
- f) If you sell or pledge the scheduled vessel or otherwise transfer ownership in part or in full, this insuring agreement is immediately cancelled by your action unless you have our prior written agreement to the contrary.
- g) In the event of a claim under this insuring agreement for an actual or constructive total loss, the annual premium is deemed fully earned.
- h) It is hereby agreed that your brokers or any substituted brokers (whether surplus line approved or otherwise), shall be deemed to be exclusively the agents of you and not of us in any and all matters relating to, connected with or affecting this insurance. Any notice given or mailed by or on behalf of us to the said brokers in connection with or affecting this insurance, or its cancellation, shall be deemed to have been delivered to you.
- i) We need not accept or pay for any property abandoned by you. At our option however we are entitled to the salvage value of any property or equipment where we have settled a claim in full under this insuring agreement, in respect of such property or equipment.
- j) It is warranted that covered persons must at all times comply with relevant Statutes, Laws, by-laws and US Coast Guard and other regulations, governing the use of the scheduled vessel.
- k) If the scheduled vessel is fitted with fire extinguishing equipment, then it is warranted that such equipment is properly installed and is maintained in good working order. This includes the weighing of tanks once a year and recharging as necessary.

- l) If you give up your rights or our rights to recover damages from anyone who may be liable to you, denying us the benefit of the right of recovery, payment of any admissible loss under this insuring agreement shall be reduced by the amount we have been denied.
- m) This contract is null and void in the event of non-disclosure or misrepresentation of a fact or circumstances material to our acceptance or continuance of this insurance. No action or inaction by us shall be deemed a waiver of this provision.
- n) We will not pay for any loss resulting from i) radioactive contamination, or nuclear reaction ii) pollution or contamination by any substance iii) war declared or not, civil war, insurrection, rebellion, revolution or the consequences of any of these. iv) Capture, seizure, arrest, restraint or detainment by any government power or authority, lawful or otherwise.
- o) If we take steps to protect damaged or endangered property, this does not constitute acceptance of abandonment of that property by us.
- p) If any covered person has other insurance against property damage loss covered by this insuring agreement, we will only pay the proportion of the claim which our sum insured bears to the total of all the sums insured covering the loss. If this insuring agreement provides liability coverage, this insurance shall be excess over all other valid and collectible liability insurances.
- q) Unless we specifically agree in writing, and the appropriate endorsement is issued, this insurance does not cover loss or liability incurred during a race or speed trial or during preparation for a race or speed trial.
- r) Unless we agree in writing to the contrary, if we request a survey of the scheduled vessel then such survey must be received by us within 30 days of the effective date of this agreement. If the survey makes any recommendations with respect to the scheduled vessel, then it is an express warranty of this agreement that all such recommendations are completed prior to any loss giving rise to any claim hereunder, by skilled workmen using fit and proper materials and that either.
  - 1) The surveyor who carried out the survey certifies in writing that all recommendations have been completed to his (the surveyors) satisfaction prior to any loss and/or claim

Or,

  - 2) The workmen/repair yard that carried out the said work and/or recommendations certifies in writing that all recommendations have been completed prior to any loss and/or claim. Failure to comply with this warranty will void this agreement from inception.
- s) In no event shall this insurance cover any loss, damage, expense or liability of whatever nature, which might otherwise be recoverable under this insuring agreement arising out of or in any way connected with, whether directly or indirectly, the use or operation of any computer, computer system, computer software, programme or process or any electronic system where any such loss, damage, expense or liability arises directly or indirectly, as a consequence of a) the date change to the year 2000 or any other date change and/or b) any change or modification of or to any such computer, computer system, computer software, programme or process or any electronic system in relation to any such date change.
- t) The cost of dry docking and/or lay-days shall be adjusted in accordance with the required time to complete the repair of covered losses.
- u) No suit or action on this Insuring agreement for the recovery of any claim shall be sustainable in any court of law or equity unless the Assured shall have fully complied with all the requirements of this Insuring agreement, nor unless commenced within one (1) year from the date of the happening or the occurrence out of which the claim arose, provided that where such limitation of time is prohibited by the laws of the state wherein this Insuring agreement is

issued, then, and in that event, no suit or action under this Insuring agreement shall be sustainable unless commenced within the shortest limitations permitted under the laws of such state.

- v) Where a lay up “laid up period” has been specified within the declaration page, it is warranted that the scheduled vessel will not be used, navigated or utilised, in any manner whatsoever, during the dates so specified. “Use” includes, but is not restricted to, living on board the scheduled vessel.

### **10. Your Duties In The Event Of A Loss**

- 1) Immediately take all possible steps to minimise the loss and protect the scheduled vessel from further loss. Failure to do so may invalidate your insurance coverage or reduce the amount of any claim hereunder.
- 2) As soon as possible give us notification of the loss and its circumstances.
- 3) Comply with any reasonable request made of you, by us with regard to the loss.
- 4) Advise the Police, Coast Guard, or any appropriate authority of the loss and its circumstances.
- 5) Give us an opportunity to examine the damaged property before it is repaired or discarded.
- 6) Submit a claim form and/or statement describing the loss, together with two estimates of repair cost and/or records to substantiate the amount of the loss.
- 7) Neither assume obligation, nor admit liability without our written permission to do so.
- 8) Immediately forward to us any legal papers or notices received in connection with the loss.
- 9) Co-operate with us in the investigation, defence or settlement of any loss and agree to be examined under oath if we so request
- 10) Allow examination by physicians of our choice.
- 11) Assist us in obtaining copies of medical records and reports.
- 12) Give us a notarised statement or statutory declaration if we so request.
- 13) Give us a proof of loss and discharge of liability once the amount of the claim under this insuring agreement has been agreed with you.
- 14) Preserve any right of recovery from others. When we pay a loss, your right to recover becomes ours up to the amount of our payment together with any legal fees and expenses You must also co-operate with us to recover the losses we may pay. Any amounts recovered from others belong to us up to the amount of our payment together with any legal fees and expenses.

### **11. Service Of Suit Clause**

It is agreed that in the event of the failure of the Underwriters severally subscribed to this insurance (The Underwriters) to pay any amount claimed to be due hereunder, the Underwriters, at the request of the Assured, will submit to the jurisdiction of a court of competent jurisdiction within the United States of America.

Notwithstanding any provision elsewhere in this insurance relating to jurisdiction, it is agreed that the Underwriters have the right to commence an action in any court of competent jurisdiction in the United States of America, and nothing in this clause constitutes or should be understood to constitute a waiver of the Underwriter’s right to remove an action to the United States Federal District Court or to seek

remand therefrom or to seek a transfer of any suit to any other court of competent jurisdiction as permitted by the laws of the United States of America or any state therein.  
Subject to the Underwriters rights set forth above:

- a) It is further agreed that the Assured may serve process upon any senior partner in the firm of:

Mendes & Mount (Attorneys)  
750 7th Avenue  
New York, NY 10019-6829.

and that in any suit instituted against any one of them upon this contract the Underwriters will abide by the final decision of the Court or any Appellate Court in the event of an appeal.

- b) The above named are authorised and directed to accept service of process on behalf of Underwriters in any such suit and/or upon request of the Assured to give written undertaking to the Assured that they will enter a general appearance upon the Underwriters behalf in the event such a suit shall be instituted.
- c) The right of the Assured to bring suit as provided herein shall be limited to a suit brought in its own name and for its own account. For the purpose of suit as herein provided the word Assured includes any mortgage under a ship mortgage which is specifically named as a loss payee in this insurance and any person succeeding to the rights of any such mortgage.
- d) Further, pursuant to any Statute of any State, Territory or District of the United States of America which makes provision therefore, Underwriters hereby designate the Superintendent, Commissioner or Directors of Insurance or any other officer specified for that purpose in the statute, or his successor or successors in office (The Officer) as their true and lawful attorney upon may be served any lawful process in any action, suit or proceeding instituted by or on behalf of the Assured or any beneficiary hereunder arising out of this contract of insurance, and hereby designates the above named as the person to whom the Officer is authorised to mail such process or true copy thereof.

Clause 11 above is subject, in all respects to clause 12 hereafter.

## **12. ARBITRATION & CHOICE OF LAW**

- a) In respect of the Underwriters subscribing to coverage 'B' Third Party Liability, including any extensions or endorsements hereto it is hereby agreed that this insurance is subject to English law and practice and any dispute arising hereunder is to be referred to arbitration in London, one Arbitrator to be nominated by the Assured and the other by underwriters. In case the Arbitrators shall not agree, then the dispute shall be submitted to an Umpire to be appointed by them. The award of the Arbitrators or the Umpire shall be final and binding upon both parties.
- b) In respect of the Underwriters subscribing to coverage "A, C,D, E & F" above, including any extensions or endorsements hereto, it is hereby agreed that any dispute arising hereunder shall be adjudicated according to well established, entrenched principles and precedents of substantive United States Federal Admiralty law and practice but where no such well established, entrenched precedent exists, this insuring agreement is subject to the substantive laws of the state of New York.

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