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FOREWORD

THE RULES

(Effective on and from 12 noon Greenwich Mean time on the 20th February, 2003).

These Rules were adopted in accordance with the powers conferred by The United Kingdom Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association (Bermuda) Limited Consolidation & Amendment Act 1993 and the Bye-Laws of The United Kingdom Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association (Bermuda) Limited, which said Bye-Laws provide for the alteration, abrogation of or addition to the Rules by Resolution of the Association.

The notes to the Rules are for guidance only and do not form part of the Rules.

INTRODUCTORY

- 1 The standard cover afforded by the Association to an Owner who has entered his ship in the Association is set out in Rule 2.
- 2 The risks specified in Rule 2 are always subject to the conditions, exceptions, limitations and other terms set out in Rule 5 and in the remainder of these Rules.
- 3 The cover set out in these Rules may be excluded, limited, modified or otherwise altered by any special terms which have been agreed in writing between an Owner and the Managers.
- 4 By virtue of Rules 3 and 4 an Owner may be insured against risks other than those set out in Rule 2 where such special terms have been agreed in writing between the Owner and the Managers. Unless otherwise expressly agreed such special insurance shall be subject to the conditions, exceptions, limitations and other terms set out in Rule 5 and in the remainder of these Rules.
- 5 An Owner is only insured against loss, damage, liability or expense incurred by him which arises:
 - i out of events occurring during the period of entry of a ship in the Association;
 - ii in respect of the Owner's interest in the entered ship; and
 - iii in connection with the operation of the ship by or on behalf of the Owner.
- 6 An Owner who has entered his ship in the Association for insurance against any of the aforesaid risks is bound (subject to (7) below) to pay Calls to the Association in accordance with Rules 8 and 19 to 23 ("Call Entries").
- 7 By virtue of Rule 9 an Owner may be insured on the special terms that he is liable to pay a fixed premium to the Association ("Fixed Premium Entries"), provided that this has been expressly agreed in writing between the Owner and the Managers.
- 8 The cover provided by the Association as set out in these Rules is solely for the benefit of the Owner, and any Joint Owner, Group Affiliate, other association or insurer, or permitted assign, to the extent allowed by Rules 10, 11, 13 and 15. It is not intended that rights should be acquired by any third party, through the operation of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 of the United Kingdom or similar legislation.