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# eFeeConnect User Guide

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# Introduction

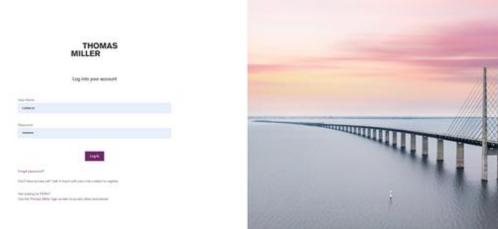
This document describes the eFeeConnect platform for the submission of invoices to the UK P&I Club and UK Defence Club.

Users submit their invoice, together with a completed electronic form that links the invoice to a claim on the eFeeConnect platform. Users can then track the approval, authorisation and payment progress on the platform.

# **User Access to eFeeConnect**

Users must hold personal log-in credentials which can be obtained by submitting their name, company and email address to <a href="mailto:efee.helpdesk@thomasmiller.com">efee.helpdesk@thomasmiller.com</a>

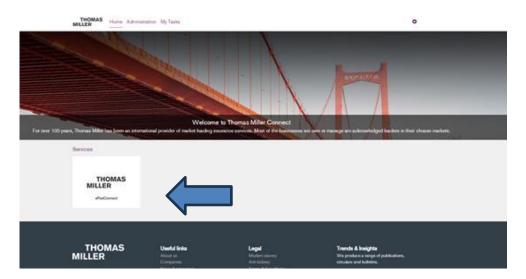
A unique user ID and password will be issued to approved users who will also receive a link to the eFeesConnect platform.



Sign-in Screen

# Thomas Miller/eFeeConnect Landing Page

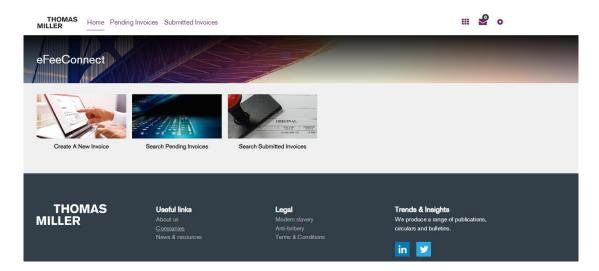
Once logged-in, users are taken to the Thomas Miller landing page with the eFeeConnect tile, which should then be clicked.





# eFeeConnect For Service Providers

The eFeeConnect tile directs users to the eFeeConnect landing page, which shows three options: (a) creating a new invoice for submission; (b) viewing/editing saved invoices, not yet submitted; and (c) monitoring invoices already submitted

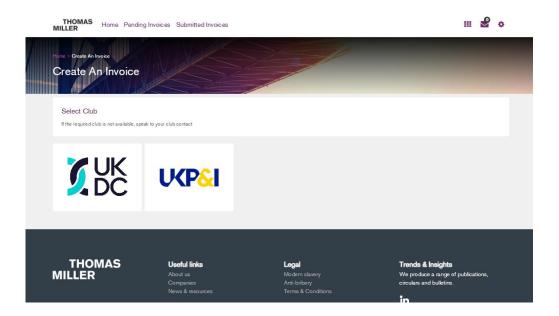


# To Create A New Invoice

Select the "Create A New Invoice" tile. You should have the invoice details and the Club's reference to hand.

# - Select a Club

You will see the Clubs for which you are registered – either the **UK P&I Club** or the **UK Defence Club** or both.

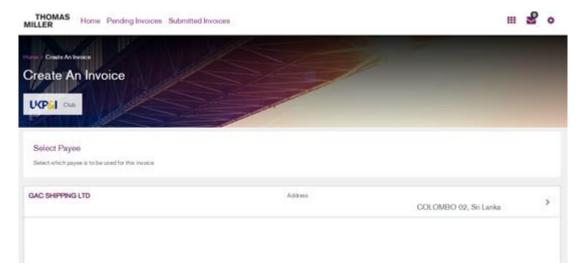




# -Select a Payee

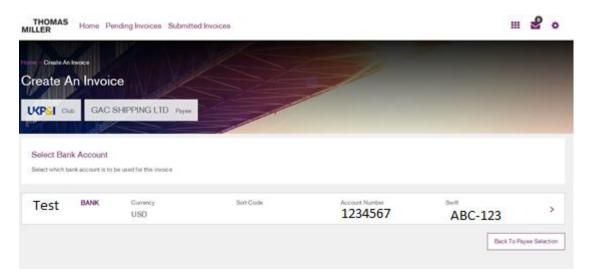
Your company should appear and should be selected as the invoice payee.

✓ If your company is not listed as a payee, please contact <a href="mailto:efee.helpdesk@thomasmiller.com">efee.helpdesk@thomasmiller.com</a>



# -Select a Bank Account

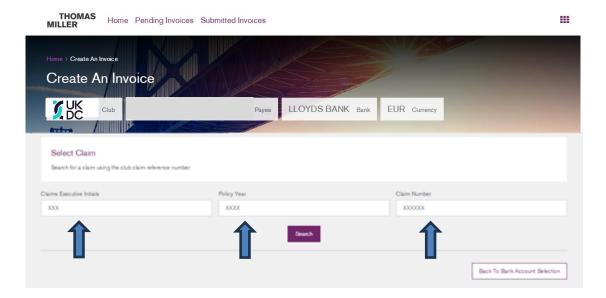
Select the bank account and currency for payment. These are automatically linked to your profile. (Some users may have more than one bank account account.)





#### -Select a Claim

Enter the full claim reference.



A claim reference has three parts:

- The Claims Executive's Initials
- The Policy Year
- The Claim Number

The initials of all Claims Executives are listed on the Club's Contacts page.



**Defence Club** claim references may have an abbreviated year in correspondence (e.g. "22" for 2022) in but the full date should be entered.

#### Note the Claim Number:-

- P&I Club claim numbers start with "0" (e.g. ABC/2024/000123)
- Defence Club claim numbers start with "2" (e.g. ABC/2024/200123)

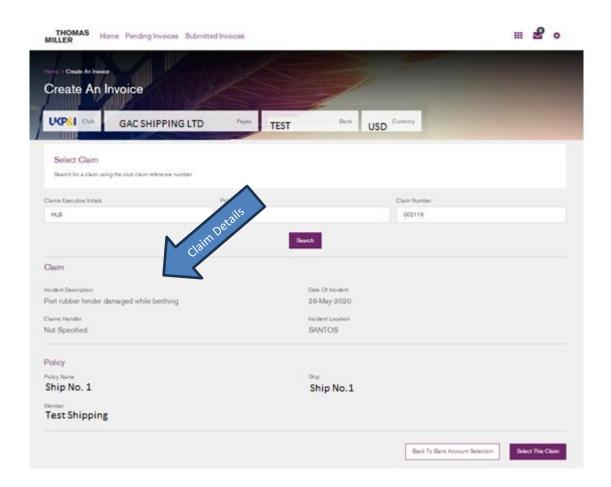
If the claim reference does not show the relevant clam, you should check:-

- The reference is for Club you chose at the "Select a Club" stage earlier (see above);
- You have the correct reference



# **Claim Details**

If the claim reference is correct, the claim details will display



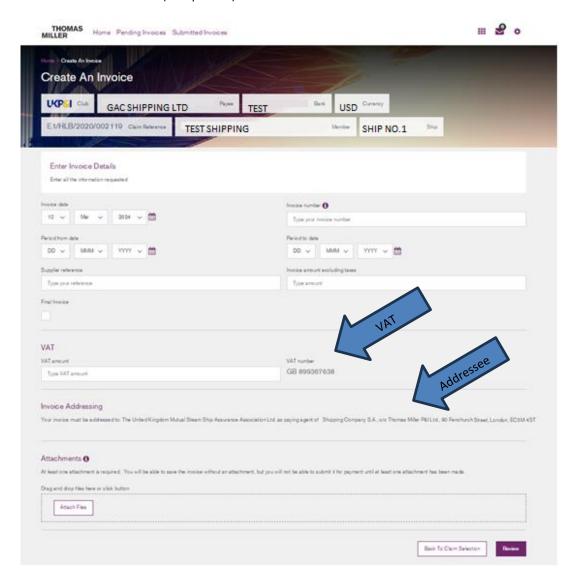
Choose Select This Claim only if the details are correct.



#### **Invoice Details**

Users must enter summary details about the invoice that will be submitted, which includes:

- The Invoice Date
- The supplier's Invoice Number (Max length 12 characters) If you are resubmitting your invoice using the same invoice number, please add .A after the number. eFeeConnect does not allow the use of the same invoice number twice, for example: Invoice No. 111777 is changed to Invoice No. 111777.A
- The Period "from" and "to" showing period of billing.
- The Supplier Reference
- The net amount of the invoice, excluding any VAT or taxes. (Invoice Amount Excluding Taxes)
- An indication of whether this is the Final Invoice (checkbox)
- The VAT amount (if requested)



#### **VAT**

If VAT applies, the user is requested to enter the VAT amount. The system will define the treatment of VAT. For P&I Club claims on EU policies and all Defence Club claims the relevant Club will pay the **net amount** of the fee. Any VAT or other local taxes must be settled directly from the Primary Assured (Member).



- For P&I Club claims on non-EU policies, VAT applies if the Payee bank account is in Sterling (GBP).
- For **P&I Club** claims on **EU policies**, and all **Defence Club** claims, the VAT amount cannot be added.

#### VAT number

- For P&I Club claims on **non-EU policies**, the VAT number for the UK P&I Club will show.
- For P&I Club claims on **EU policies**, and for all **Defence Club** claims, the VAT number for the Primary Assured (i.e. the Member) will show.

# **Invoice Addressing**

The system will display the details of address that **must** also appear on your invoice. Invoices addressed in a different manner will be returned for correction.

#### Defence Club

eFeeConnect will provide details of the Primary Assured, to whom the invoice must be addressed.

#### UK P&I Club

If the case concerns a non-EU Member, eFeeConnect will advise the invoice to be addressed to the "UK P&I Club as paying agents of the Primary Assured on the policy, c/o Thomas Miller". For EU based Members, of the Primary Assured's details will appear, to whom the invoice must be addressed.

#### **Attachments**

The invoice must be uploaded, and should show:-

- The Payee Details
- The Addressee details (which must match those advised by eFeeConnect)
- Amount Payable
- A breakdown of fees, including the individual who acted; their role; the hours charged; the hourly rate and any totals.
- Disbursements and taxes.

Any number of additional attachments may be added, although the maximum file size is 5MB per attachment. The attachments must be of format .pdf, .doc, .docx, .jpg, .png, .xlsx

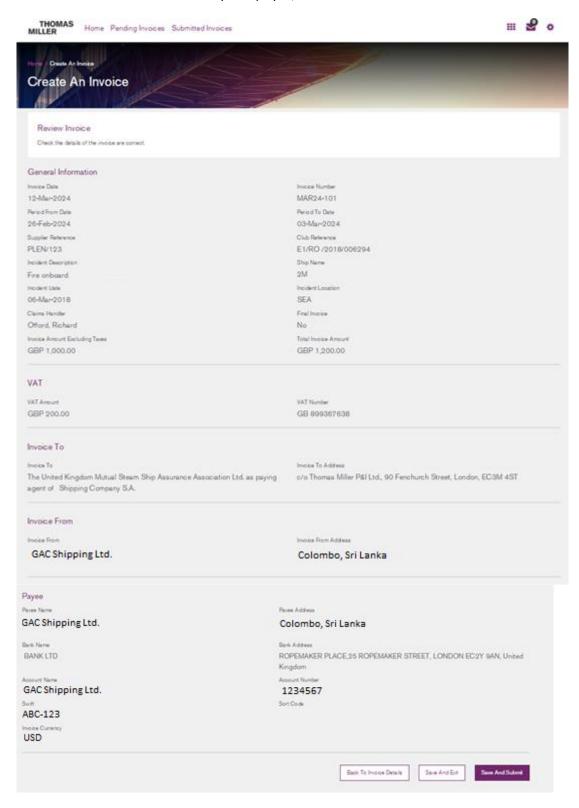
Note: only one dot is allowed in the attachment file name, for example:

Vessel012345.pdf Not Vessel.012.345.pdf



#### **Review Invoice**

The invoice details and claim summary is displayed, which can be amended as needed.



Select the required next action:



**Save And Exit** 

This will save the invoice but **not** submit the Invoice to Thomas Miller for payment. The invoice can still be updated or amended (using the 'Pending Invoices' function, on the home screen.)

Save and Submit

This submits the invoice to Thomas Miller and they cannot be changed. The progress of the invoice can be tracked via the "Submitted Invoices" screen.

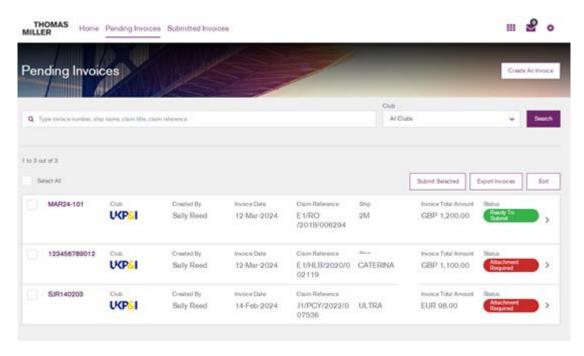


# **To Search Pending Invoices**

Invoices saved but not yet submitted can be accessed by:

- Clicking the "Search Pending Invoices" tile on the landing page
- Selecting the <u>Pending Invoices</u> option from the top bar

Invoices can be searched by invoice number, ship name, claim title and claim reference.



Tick " Select All " or individual rows for one of the following actions:

# **Submit Selected**

Click the "Submit Selected" button to invoke submission of the chosen invoices.

If the selection includes a row with status 'Attachment Required', an error message will be returned. None of the selected invoices will have been submitted.

# **Export Invoices**

Clicking this button will produce a spreadsheet of the current selection of invoices.

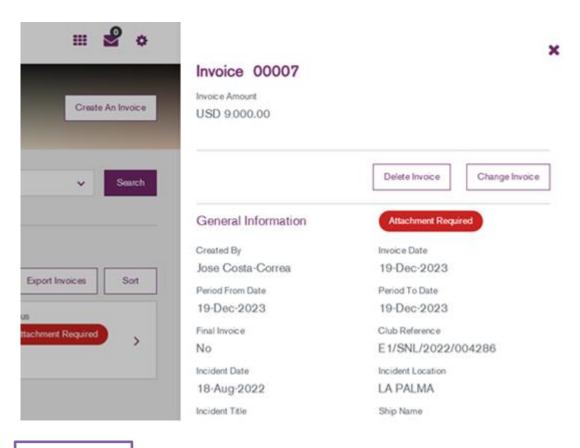
#### Sort

Click this button to change the order that the invoices are displayed. A side-panel will open showing all available Sort options.



#### **View Invoice**

Clicking an invoice will open a sidebar showing the details of the invoice together with action buttons appropriate to the status of the invoice.



# **Delete Invoice**

This will delete the invoice from the system.

# Change Invoice

This will bring up an edit screen where the main invoice details can be changed.

# **Submit Selected**

Only shown if the invoice has the status "Ready To Submit" and the invoice has been selected. This button will invoke the submission process for this invoice.

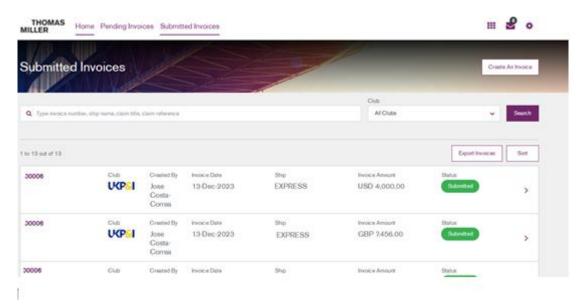


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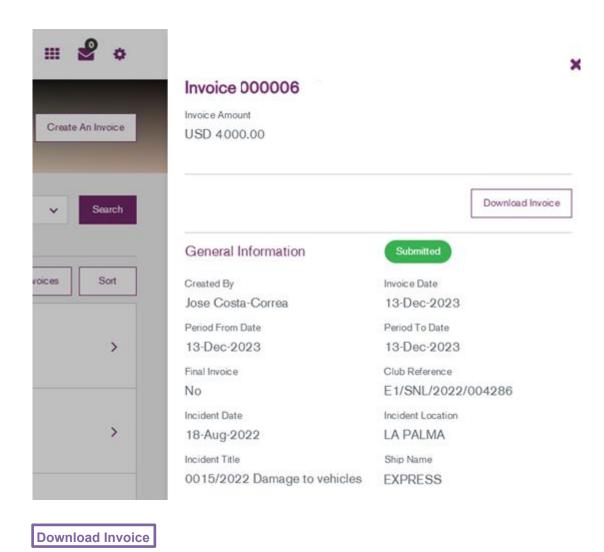
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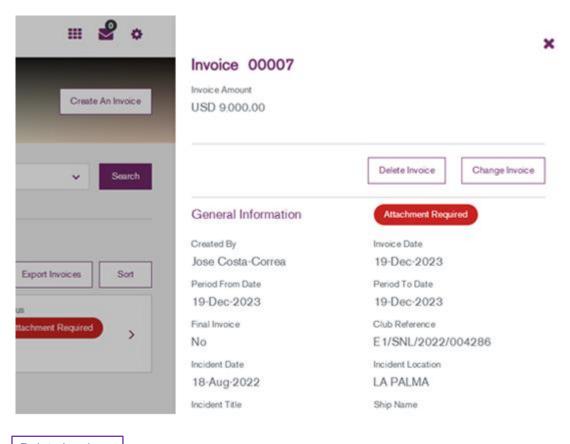


Clicking this button will produce a PDF version of the eFeeConnect invoice.



# Viewing an Invoice

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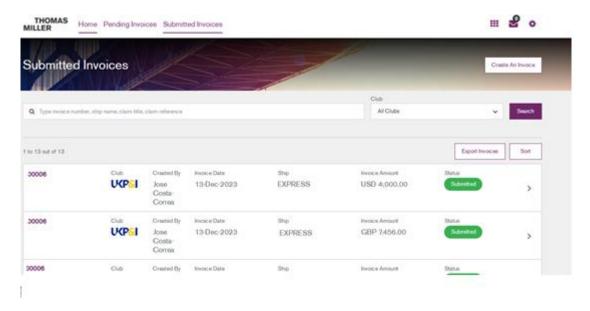


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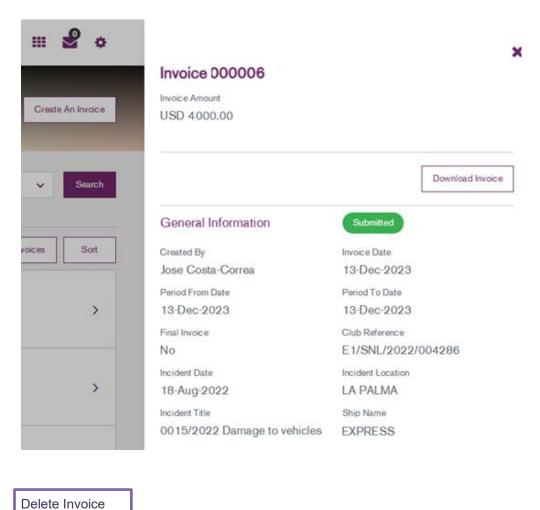
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