



Ship Type: All      Trade Area: Suez Canal

## **Bulletin 324 - 09/03 - Fraudulent Claims for Services - Updated - Suez Canal**

Further to LP Bulletin 146 detailing fraudulent claims for services in Port Said, a UK Club Member has advised of the recent re-occurrence of such practices.

In this case the Member received a payment reminder from 'Delta Marine Safety', who requested that an outstanding amount be remitted into their bank account. There was no evidence of any invoice from this company, so the Member asked Delta Marine Safety to resend it. A faxed copy of the invoice was received later that day.

The invoice was issued for a motorboat's assistance during the vessel's Suez Canal transit and was apparently signed by the ship's master. The signature was later found to be fraudulent, as the master concerned had never seen such an invoice, and furthermore had never ordered a motorboat for assistance.

We advise all Members to carefully review any invoices received from this area.

Source of information:    Loss Prevention Department