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**For Immediate Release: Increased Pollution Limit on Yacht & Charter Vessels for Maritime General Agency**

Please note effective July 31, 2009, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006 was amended to hold vessel owners responsible for up to \$854,400 in the event of a fuel or oil spill. This is the first increase since 2006 when vessel owners could be held responsible for up to \$800,000. As result, Maritime General Agency has increased the fuel spill liability limit on our New Hampshire Insurance Company Yacht Policies and on our Charter Vessel Policies.

Effective immediately for all new business and starting December 1st for all existing business upon renewal, fuel spill liability limits will be increased from \$800,000 to \$854,400 for all vessels carrying P&I limits of \$1 million and above. For those insured's that elect to carry P&I limits less than \$1million, such as \$100,000, \$300,000, or \$500,000, the fuel spill liability limit will match the P&I limit. This increased limit of fuel spill liability will not result in an increase of premium.

Please feel free to contact your yacht underwriter or marketing representative if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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