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Breach of Navigating Limit Requirements Clause

Underwriters will recall that JH2010/13 was issued as the Loran-C radio positioning system was phased out.

Technical difficulties have meant that none of the planned new systems have become operational or are likely to in the near term. GLONASS has not been able to complete satellite positioning and therefore cannot offer global coverage. The European "Galileo" system is not due to be fully operational before 2014 and the Chinese "BeiDou/Compass" navigation system is not expected before 2015.

To reflect this reality, the Joint Hull Committee has released an updated "Breach of Navigating Limit Requirements Clause" which is available for use as appropriate.

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Information relating to the work of the Joint Hull Committee(JHC), including an outline of key issues under discussion, recent circulars and wordings, can be accessed from the JHC page of the LMA website via the following link: <http://www.lmalloyds.com/lma/jointhull>



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It shall be a condition precedent to the liability of the Underwriters that:

1. the vessel shall be equipped and properly fitted with:-
 - 1.1 two independent marine radar sets
 - 1.2 at least one global positioning system receiver (such as US GPS, Russian GLONASS, European Galileo, Chinese Compass)
 - 1.3 a radio transceiver and GMDSS
 - 1.4 a weather facsimile recorder or alternative equipment for the receipt of weather and routeing information
 - 1.5 a gyrocompass, incorporating latitude corrections approved by manufacturers or their agents, when North of 70° N. Lat.

in each case all navigational aids, radar, arpa (automatic radar plotting aid), echo sounders, speed logs, navtex, compasses, chronometers, communication systems etc should be fully operational and operated by qualified personnel; and

2. the vessel shall be in possession of appropriate navigational charts corrected to the last available notice to mariners, sailing directions, lists of radio signals, log signals, lights and pilot books; and
3. the vessel shall adhere to all pilotage requirements, traffic regulations and controls as may be established by the applicable coastal state authorities.

