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This guide provides a comprehensive introduction to the fascinating world of marine liability insurance. It focuses in particular on the services provided by the members of the International Group of P&I Clubs, who mutually insure over 90% of the world's ocean-going fleet of merchant shipping tonnage. The guide also introduces the key international conventions and regulations governing international shipping practice as well as the all-important topic of maritime loss-prevention. Mutual shipowners' liability clubs originated in England in the nineteenth century and this guide is written and published by the world's first combined protection and indemnity club – North of England P&I Association. Formed in 1886, the club is now widely regarded as one of the most successful. This guide is intended as a standalone publication for anyone wishing to get a basic grounding in P&I insurance and loss prevention. It also serves as the main reference book for North of England's long-established training course on the topic.

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