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Skuld loss prevention advice for vessels trading in US waters

The Skuld P&I Club has published advisory regarding the final phase out of single hull tankers. As of 1 January 2015 the US will have phased out all single hull tank vessels and all single hull tank vessels with double sides or double bottoms which would operate by carrying oil in bulk in both US territorial waters as well as the exclusive economic zone of the United States.

Republished for reference are:

- 46 USC 3703A - Specifying tank vessel constructions standards
- 33 CFR 157.10D - Double hulls on tank vessels design standards
- NVIC 10-94 - US Coast Guard guidance

It is important to note that vessels not constructed to the standards of 33 CFR 157.10D will be considered as single hull vessels.

All operators trading to and from the US with tankers will no doubt already be familiar with these provisions, although it may be prudent to review the same in advance of 1 January 2015.

In case an owner or charterer operates a vessel that is classified as "single hull", which means that it is not in compliance with the standards set out in 33 CFR 157.10D, need to ensure that their vessels are not trading in US waters for the carriage of oil in bulk on or after 1 January 2015.

This means it will be necessary to review existing charter arrangements with respect to trading liberties and to ensure future charters are not simply based on older pro forma terms which may no longer be suitable.

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