



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA
Ministry of Tourism and Transport

Department of Maritime Administration

**The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution
Damage, 2001 (Bunkers Convention)**

This notice is intended for Ship Owners, Bareboat Charterers, Ship Managers and Operators, Masters and Officers on Bermuda registered ships and is to advise that from 21 November 2008 the Bunkers Convention will enter into force.

The purpose of the Bunkers Convention is to ensure that there will be adequate compensation available to persons who suffer damage as a result of bunker oil pollution from ships including yachts. The ship owner at the time of the incident shall be liable for the compensation.

For the purposes of the Convention the following definitions apply:

“Ship” means any seagoing vessel and seaborne craft, of any type whatsoever;

“Shipowner” means the owner, including the registered owner, bareboat charterer, manager and operator of the ship; and

“Bunker oil” means any hydrocarbon mineral oil, including lubricating oil, used or intended to be used for the operation or propulsion of the ship, and any residues of such oil.

The Convention requires ships over 1000 gross tonnage to maintain insurance or other financial security to cover the liability of the owner for bunker oil pollution damage subject to the current limitation regime.

The Department of Maritime Administration (DMA) will issue a Bunker Certificate of Civil Liability (Bunker CLC) to each vessel on the Bermuda Shipping Registry on receipt of proof of insurance or other financial security arranged with the vessel’s P & I Club or other financial guarantor.

Vessels without a valid Bunker CLC on board after 21 November 2008 may be liable to detention. Ship Managers should submit details of the insurance or financial guarantee to the DMA in sufficient time to allow for the issue of the Bunker CLC.

For further information kindly contact the DMA at maradros@gov.bm.

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