

## Marine Legal Expenses Insurance Policy Wording



# **Your** Marine Legal Protection Policy Wording



## MARINE LEGAL PROTECTION

Marine Legal Protection provides:

- Assistance Helplines including 24/7 Legal Advice
- Insurance for legal costs for certain types of disputes

## ASSISTANCE HELPLINE SERVICES

## Legal and Claims Advice Line

**You** can use the helpline service to discuss any legal problem occurring within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and arising during the period of this policy.

Specialist lawyers are at hand to help. If **You** need a lawyer to act for **You** and/ or **You** have any other problem which is covered under this insurance, the advice line will ask **You** to complete a claim form. If **Your** problem is not covered under this insurance, the advice line may be able to offer **You** assistance on a non-insured basis.

You should telephone 0344 770 1085 and quote "Arc Legal Marine" for assistance.

## Health and Medical Information Service

**You** can access the 24/7 Health and Medical line to obtain information on general health issues, and non-diagnostic information on medical matters. Information can be given on a wide variety of topics and on resources that provide further support.

To access this service telephone 0344 770 1036 and quote "Arc Legal Marine" for assistance.

## TERMS OF COVER

This insurance is managed and provided by Arc Legal Assistance Limited. It is underwritten by AmTrust Europe Limited, on whose behalf **We** act.

If a claim is accepted under this insurance, **We** will appoint **Our** panel solicitors, or their agents, to handle **Your** case. **You** are not covered for any other legal representatives' fees unless it is necessary to start court proceedings or a **Conflict of Interest** arises. Where it is necessary to start court proceedings or a **Conflict of Interest** arises and **You** want to use a legal representative of **Your** own choice, **Advisers' Costs** payable by **Us** are limited to no more than (a) **Our** Standard **Advisers' Costs**; or (b) the amount recoverable under the Civil Procedure Fixed Recoverable Costs regime, whichever is the lower amount.

The insurance covers **Advisers' Costs** as detailed under the separate sections of cover, up to the **Maximum Amount Payable**, where:

a) The Insured Event takes place in the Period of Insurance and within the Territorial Limits

and b)

The Legal Action takes place within the Territorial Limits.

This insurance does not provide cover where something **You** do or fail to do prejudices **Your** position or the position of the **Insurer** in connection with the **Legal Action**.

To benefit from any section of this policy, You must reside within the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man

## **IMPORTANT CONDITIONS**

If Your claim is covered under a section of this policy and no exclusions apply then it is vital that You comply with the conditions of this policy in order for Your claim to proceed. The conditions applicable to this section are contained under the 'Conditions' section below and should be read carefully. Some of the main conditions to this insurance are that:

## **Prospects of Success**

There must be a 51% or greater chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. A positive outcome includes, but is not limited to, recovering the amount of money at stake, enforcing a judgment or achieving an outcome which best serves **Your** interests. The assessment of **Your** claim and the prospects of its success will be carried out by an independent **Adviser**. If the **Adviser** determines that there is not a 51% or greater chance of success, then **We** may decline or discontinue support for **Your** case.

## **Proportional Costs**

An estimate of the **Advisers' Costs** to deal with **Your** claim must not be more than the amount of money in dispute. The estimate of the **Advisers' Costs** will be provided with the assessment of **Your** case and will be carried out by the independent **Adviser**. If the estimate exceeds the amount in dispute then **We** may decline or discontinue support for **Your** case.

## **Duty of Disclosure**

## Consumer

If this policy covers **You** as a private individual, unrelated to any trade, business or profession, **You** must take reasonable care to disclose correct information. The extent of the information **You** are required to disclose will be based on, among other things, the type of insurance, explanatory material and the clarity and specificity of the questions **You** are asked when **You** took out this insurance.

## Non-Consumer

If this policy covers **Your** business, trade or professional interests, **You** are responsible for disclosing, in a clear, accessible and comprehensive way, all information which **You** should be aware would influence the **Insurer**'s decision to provide insurance to **You** on the terms agreed.

## Suspension of Cover

If **You** breach a condition of this insurance contract which is essential to its performance, this insurance contract will be suspended from the time of the breach until the time the breach can be remedied. The **Insurer** will have no liability to **You** for any loss which occurs, or which is attributable to something happening, during the period when this insurance contract is suspended.

## DEFINITIONS

Where the following words appear in bold they have these special meanings.

Advisers' Costs  Reasonable legal fees and costs incurred by the Adviser. Third party's costs shall be covered if awarded against You.  Conditional Fee Agreement  An agreement between You and the Adviser or between Us and the Adviser which sets out the terms under which the Adviser will charge You or Us for their own fees.  Conflict of Interest  There is a Conflict of Interest if We administer and/or arrange legal expenses insurance on behalf of any other party in the dispute which is the subject of a claim under this insurance.  Data Protection Legislation  The relevant Data Protection Legislation in force within the Territorial Limits where this cover applies at the time of the Insured Event.  Disclosure Breach  Disclosure Gentering into this insurance contract  Emergency Expenses  Excess  The amount that You must pay towards the costs of any claim as stated below:  Cover 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5  £1000 unless You agree to appoint Our panel solicitor to act for You in which case it will be Nill All other cover  Nill  The Excess shall be paid to and at the request of the Adviser  Home Berth  The mooring location that is shown in Your insurance certificate, or where it is not shown, Your permanent mooring that You are contracted to pay for.  Identity Fraud  A person or group of persons knowingly using a means of identification belonging to You or the Vessel without Your knowledge or permission with intent to commit or assist another to commit an illegal act.  Insured Event  Insured Event  AmTrust Europe Limited.				
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Maximum Amount Payable	The maximum payable in respect of an <b>Insured Event</b> . As stated below:	
	Cover 1, 2, 4 & 5	£100,000
	Cover 3	£25,000
	Cover 6	£500 up to a maximum of £2,500 per annum
	Cover 7	Fees for up to 28 days, not exceeding a maximum for the whole period of £2,500.
	Cover 8	£2,500
Mooring Fees	Normal fees <b>You</b> have contracted and are required to pay to a marina or mooring supplier for mooring the <b>Vessel</b> .	
Legal Action	The pursuit or defence of civil legal cases for damages and/or injunctions, specific performance or the defence of criminal prosecutions arising from <b>Your</b> ownership or use of the <b>Vessel</b>	
Legal Helpline	The service provided by <b>Our</b> panel solicitors on <b>Our</b> behalf which enables <b>You</b> to obtain advice on any matter which may give rise to a claim under this insurance.	
Period of Insurance	The <b>Period of Insurance</b> declared to and accepted by <b>Us</b> , which runs concurrently with the period of the underlying insurance policy to which this legal expenses insurance attaches. For the avoidance of doubt, if the underlying insurance policy is cancelled, suspended or withdrawn, this legal expenses insurance will also be cancelled, suspended or withdrawn.	
Standard Advisers' Costs	The level of <b>Advisers' Costs</b> that would normally be incurred in using a nominated <b>Adviser</b> of <b>Our</b> choice.	
Temporary Replacement Costs	The reasonable market standard costs of bare boat chartering an equivalent boat to the <b>Vessel</b> for the period of a trip planned prior to the <b>Insured Event</b> .	
Territorial Limits	Cover 1 & 2	The cruising range area shown in the policy to which this cover attaches
	Cover 3, 4 & 6	The cruising range area shown in the insurance policy to which this cover attaches but within The United Kingdom, the European Union, the Azores, the Isle of Man, the Canary Islands, the Channel Islands, Albania, Andorra, Bosnia Herzegovina, Gibraltar, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Madeira, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and countries bordering the Mediterranean and including waterways connecting any of these countries.
	All other Cover	The United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.
Vessel	The <b>Vessel</b> insured under the policy to which this cover attaches and which has been declared to <b>Us</b> and for which the premium has been paid.	
We/Us/Our	Arc Legal Assistance Ltd.	
You/Your/ Yourself	Cover 1, 2, 4 & 6	The owner of the <b>Vessel</b> and any authorised skipper, crew or guests.
	All other cover	The owner of the Vessel.

If You die Your personal representatives will be covered to pursue cases covered by this insurance on behalf of You, which arose prior to Your death.

## COVER

## 1 Uninsured Loss Recovery

## What is insured:

Advisers' Costs to pursue damages claims arising from a collision, impact, fire or flooding against those whose negligence has caused You to suffer loss of Your insurance policy Excess or other out of pocket expenses.

If the Legal Action is going to be decided by a court in England or Wales and the damages You are claiming are above the small claims court limit, the Adviser must enter into a Conditional Fee Agreement which waives their own fees if You fail to recover the damages that You are claiming in the Legal Action in full or in part. If the damages You are claiming are below the small claims track limit Advisers' Costs will be covered subject to the conditions applicable to this insurance.

## What is not insured:

Claims for a **Legal Action** pursued against the owner or skipper of the **Vessel**, or guests aboard the **Vessel** at the time of the **Insured Event** 

## 2 Personal Injury Pursuit

### What is insured:

Advisers' Costs to pursue damages claims arising from a collision, impact, fire or flooding whilst You are in, boarding or alighting the Vessel against those whose negligence has caused Your injury or death.

If the Legal Action is going to be decided by a court in England or Wales and the damages You are claiming are above the small claims track limit, the Adviser must enter into a Conditional Fee Agreement which waives their own fees if You fail to recover the damages that You are claiming in the Legal Action in full or in part. If the damages You are claiming are below the small claims track limit Advisers' Costs will not be covered but You can access the Legal Helpline for advice on how to take Your case further.

## What is not insured:

### Claims

- For a Legal Action pursued against the owner or skipper of the Vessel, or guests aboard the Vessel at the time of the Insured Event
- For stress, psychological or emotional injury unless it arises from You suffering physical injury

## 3 Contract Disputes

## What is insured:

Advisers' Costs to pursue or defend a Legal Action following a breach of a contract You have for buying goods or services in connection with the Vessel including the purchase or sale of the Vessel

### What is not insured:

### Claims

- For Advisers' Costs where the legal jurisdiction of the contract is outside of the Territorial Limits
- For disputes or knowledge of disputes that arise during the manufacture/fitting out of a Vessel
- For disputes arising from any commercial activity or venture for gain in connection with the Vessel including chartering

### 4 Prosecution Defence

## What is insured:

Advisers' Costs to defend a Legal Action in respect of a criminal offence arising from Your ownership or use of the Vessel. Pleas in mitigation are covered where there is a more than 51% prospect of such a plea materially affecting the likely outcome.

### What is not insured:

## Claims

- a) For Advisers' Costs to defend a Legal
  Action arising from allegations of dishonesty
  or committing deliberate, or reckless acts,
  or whilst being in control of the Vessel whilst
  under the influence of alcohol or drugs
  (whether prescribed or otherwise).
- b) Where **You** are entitled to public funding

## 5 Identity Fraud

## What is insured:

- a) Advisers' Costs incurred in dealing with organisations that have been fraudulently applied to for credit, goods or services in Your name or which are seeking monies from You as a result of Identity Fraud.
- Advisers' Costs incurred in liaising with credit referencing agencies and all other relevant organisations necessary on Your behalf to advise that You have been the victim of Identity Fraud.
- c) Advisers' Costs to defend Your legal rights and/or take reasonable steps to remove County Court Judgements against You that have been obtained by an organisation from which You are alleged to have purchased, hired or leased goods or services where You deny having entered in to the contract and allege that You have been the victim of Identity Fraud.
- d) Advisers' Costs to defend a Legal Action arising from use of the Vessel's identity by another person or organisation without Your permission.

## What is not insured:

## Claims

- For any financial losses incurred by You as a result of Identity Fraud other than Advisers' Costs
- b) Where You are not the victim of Identity Fraud
- c) Where the **Identity Fraud** has been committed by somebody **You** live with
- d) Where **You** did not take action to prevent **Yourself** from further instances of **Identity Fraud** following an **Insured Event**

## **6 Emergency Expenses**

## What is insured:

In the event that the **Vessel** is damaged whilst overseas in an accident following a collision, impact, fire or flooding rendering it unseaworthy:

- i) Emergency Expenses to return to the United Kingdom (UK), Channel Islands (CI) or the Isle of Man (IoM)
- ii) Emergency Expenses to return to the repaired Vessel within four months of the date of the original incident, in order to return the Vessel to the UK, Cl, IoM or continue with Your original journey.

## What is not insured:

Claims for **Emergency Expenses** unless **You** have claimed under the insurance policy to which this cover attaches for the repairs to the **Vessel** and that claim has been accepted.

## 7 Mooring Fees

What is insured:	What is not insured:
Mooring Fees for Your Home Berth if You are unable to use the Vessel for any purpose as a result of Your accidental injury or illness, or accidental loss or damage to the Vessel	Claims a) For the first seven days of Mooring Fees in relation to each and every Insured Event b) For Mooring Fees if any loss or damage to the Vessel arises from wear and tear or mechanical or electrical failure or breakdown

## **8 Temporary Replacement Costs**

What is insured:	What is not insured:
Temporary Replacement Costs following a non-fault collision or impact resulting in accidental loss or damage to the Vessel of such severity You are unable to use it for a trip that was planned prior to the Insured Event.	Claims  a) Where there is no identifiable and pursuable negligent third party  b) Where You are unable to prove that You had planned the trip prior to the Insured Event

## GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

There is no cover where:	<ul> <li>a) You should have known when buying this insurance that the circumstances leading to a claim under this insurance already existed</li> <li>b) An estimate of the Advisers' Costs is more than the amount in dispute</li> <li>c) Advisers' Costs or any other costs and expenses incurred which have not been agreed in advance or are above those for which We have given Our prior written approval</li> <li>d) Your insurers repudiate the insurance policy or refuse indemnity</li> </ul>
There is no cover for any claim directly or indirectly arising from:	<ul> <li>a) A dispute about either the amount Your insurance company should pay to settle an insurance claim or the way a claim should be settled.</li> <li>b) A dispute between persons insured under this policy.</li> <li>c) An application for a judicial review.</li> <li>d) Defending or pursuing new areas of law or test cases</li> </ul>
There is no cover for claims:	<ul> <li>a) Over loss or damage where that loss or damage is insured under any other insurance</li> <li>b) Made by or against Your insurance Adviser, the Insurer, the insurers of the policy to which this cover attaches, the Adviser or Us</li> <li>c) You make which are false or fraudulent or exaggerated</li> </ul>
4. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999	A person who is not a party to this contact has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this contract but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available other than by virtue of this Act.

## **CONDITIONS**

## 1. Claims

- You must notify claims as soon as possible and within 180 days of the Insured Event. We will provide You with a claim form which must be returned promptly with all relevant information.
- b) We may investigate the claim and take over and conduct the Legal Action in Your name. Subject to Your consent which shall not be unreasonably withheld, We may reach a settlement of the Legal Action.
- c) You must supply at Your own expense all of the information which We reasonably require to decide whether a claim may be accepted. Where it is necessary to start court proceedings or a Conflict of Interest arises, and You wish to nominate a legal representative to act for You, You may do so. Where You have elected to use a legal representative of Your own choice You will be responsible for any Advisers' Costs in Excess of Our Standard Advisers' Costs. The Adviser must represent You in accordance with Our standard conditions of appointment available on request.
- d) The Adviser will:
- Provide a detailed view of Your prospects of success including the prospects of enforcing any judgement obtained
- Keep Us fully advised of all developments and provide such information as We may require
- iii) Keep Us regularly advised of Advisers' Costs incurred.
- iv) Advise Us of any offers to settle and payments in to court. If against Our advice such offers or payments are not accepted there shall be no further cover for Advisers' Costs unless We agree in Our absolute discretion to allow the case to proceed
- Submit bills for assessment or certification by the appropriate body if requested by Us
- vi) Attempt recovery of costs from third parties
- e) In the event of a dispute arising as to Advisers' Costs We may require You to change Adviser.
- f) The Insurer shall only be liable for costs for work expressly authorised by Us in writing and undertaken while there are prospects of success.
- g) You shall supply all information requested by the Adviser and Us
- You are responsible for any Advisers' Costs if You withdraw from the Legal Action without Our prior consent. Any costs already paid by Us will be reimbursed by You.

## 2. Prospects of Success

At any time **We** may, but only when supported by independent legal advice, form the view that **You** do not have a 51% or greater chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. If so, **We** may decline support or any further support. Examples of a positive outcome are:

- a) Being able to recover the amount of money at stake
- b) Being able to enforce a judgment
- c) Being able to achieve an outcome which best serves Your interests

## 3. Proportionality

We will only pay Advisers' Costs that are proportionate to the amount of damages that You are claiming in the Legal Action. Advisers' Costs in Excess of the amount of damages that You are able to claim from Your opponent will not be covered.

## 4. Disputes

If a complaint cannot be dealt with by the Financial Ombudsman Service (see 'How to Make a Claim'), any dispute between **You** and **Us** may, where **We** both agree, be referred to an arbitrator who will be either a solicitor or a barrister. If the parties cannot agree on their choice of arbitrator the Law Society may be asked to make a nomination. The arbitration will be binding and carried out under the Arbitration Act. The costs of the arbitration will be at the discretion of the arbitrator.

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If You fail to disclose relevant information or You disclose false information in

## 6. Fraud

Disclosure

In the event of fraud, We: a) Will not be liable to pay the fraudulent claim

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b) May recover any sums paid to **You** in respect of the fraudulent claim

c) May cancel this policy with effect from the fraudulent act and keep all premiums paid to Us

## 7. Other Insurances

d) Will no longer be liable to You in any regard after the fraudulent act.

If any claim covered under this policy is also covered by another legal expenses policy, or would have been covered if this policy did not exist, We will only pay Our share of the claim even if the other Insurer refuses the claim.

## 8. Cancellation

14 days of taking out this insurance, You will receive a refund of premium provided You have not already made a claim against the insurance. We may cancel the insurance by giving 14 days' notice in writing to You at

You may cancel this insurance at any time by writing to Your insurance Adviser providing 14 days written notice. If You exercise this right within

the address shown on the schedule, or alternative address provided by You. No refund of premium shall be made. We will only invoke this right in exceptional circumstances as a result of You

behaving inappropriately, for example: a) Where We have a reasonable suspicion of fraud

information or failed to disclose important information

This contract is governed by English Law and the language for contractual

Cover under this policy is based on laws and regulations in force at the time that it was written. If We believe that any subsequent change in law or regulations results in the scope of cover being either restricted or broadened, We reserve the right to accept claims where the change restricts the cover under this policy and reject claims where the change provides a benefit which did

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b) You use threatening or abusive behaviour or language or intimidation or

## c) Where it is found that You, deliberately or recklessly, disclosed false

## **CUSTOMER SERVICES INFORMATION**

### HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM

As soon as **You** have a problem that **You** may require assistance with under this insurance **You** should telephone the legal and claims advice line.

In general terms, **You** are required to immediately notify **Us** of any potential claim or circumstances which may give rise to a claim. If **You** are in any doubt whether a matter constitutes a notifiable claim or circumstance, **You** should contact the legal and claims advice line for assistance. The helpline will ask **You** to complete and submit a claim form online by visiting https://claims.arclegal.co.uk. Alternatively they will send a claim form to **You**. If **Your** problem is not covered under this insurance, the helpline may be able to offer **You** assistance under a private funding arrangement.

## **Privacy and Data Protection Notice**

### 1. Data Protection

Arc Legal Assistance are committed to protecting and respecting **Your** privacy in accordance with the current **Data Protection Legislation** ("Legislation"). Below is a summary of the main ways in which **We** process **Your** personal data, for more information please visit www.arclegal.co.uk

### 2. How We Use Your Personal Data and Who We Share it With

We may use the personal data We hold about You for the purposes of providing insurance, handling claims and any other related purposes (this may include underwriting decisions made via automated means), research or statistical purposes. We will also use Your data to safeguard against fraud and money laundering and to meet Our general legal or regulatory obligations.

### 3. Sensitive Personal Data

Some of the personal information, such as information relating to health or criminal convictions, may be required by **Us** for the specific purposes of underwriting or as part of the claims handling process. The provision of such data is conditional for **Us** to be able to provide insurance or manage a claim. Such data will only be used for the specific purposes set out in **Our** Privacy Statement, which is available to view on the website address detailed above.

## 4. Disclosure of Your Personal Data

We may disclose Your personal data to third parties involved in providing products or services to Us, or to service providers who perform services on Our behalf. These may include, where necessary, affinity partners, brokers, agents, third party administrators, reinsurers, other insurance intermediaries, insurance reference bureaus, credit agencies, medical service providers, fraud detection agencies, loss adjusters, external law firms, external auditors and accountants, regulatory authorities, and as may be required by law.

## 5. Your Rights

You have the right to ask Us not to process Your data for marketing purposes, to see a copy of the personal information We hold about You, to have Your data deleted (subject to certain exemptions), to have any inaccurate or misleading data corrected or deleted, to ask Us to provide a copy of Your data to any controller and to lodge a complaint with the local data protection authority.

### 6. Retention

Your data will not be retained for longer than is necessary, and will be managed in accordance with Our data retention policy. In most cases the retention period will be for a period of seven (7) years following the expiry of the insurance contract, or Our business relationship with You, unless We are required to retain the data for a longer period due to business, legal or regulatory requirements.

If You have any questions concerning Our use of Your personal data, please contact The Data Protection Officer, please see website for full address details.

## **Customer Service**

We aim to get it right, first time, every time. If We make a mistake, We will try to put it right straightaway.

If You are unhappy with the service that has been provided, You should contact Us at the address below. We will always confirm to You, within five working days, that We have received Your complaint. Within four weeks You will receive either a final response or an explanation of why the complaint has not been resolved as yet plus an indication of when You will receive a final response. Within eight weeks You will receive a final response or, if this is not possible, a reason for the delay plus an indication of when You will receive a final response. After eight weeks, if You are unhappy with the delay, You may refer Your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. You can also refer to the Financial Ombudsman Service if You cannot settle Your complaint with Us or before We have investigated the complaint if both parties agree.

Our contact details are:	Arc Legal Assistance Ltd PO Box 8921 Colchester CO4 5YD Tel 01206 615000 Email: customerservice@arclegal.co.uk
The Financial Ombudsman Service contact details are:	Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR Tel 08000 234 567 Email complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

## Compensation

**We** are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If **We** fail to carry out **Our** responsibilities under this policy, **You** may be entitled to compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Information about the scheme is available at www.fscs.org.uk or by phone on 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100

### Authorisation

Arc Legal Assistance Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. **Our** Firm Reference Number is 305958. **You** can check this on the FCA's register by visiting the website www.fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768.

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