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## North East Shipping Insurer Grows Workforce and Makes Senior Promotions

Shipping insurance specialist North P&I Club has grown its expert team during lockdown with number of new hires and senior promotions.

The Tyneside-based firm, which operates across the world, has recruited 18 people since lockdown started in late March, as part of a move to strengthen and diversify the business.

A series of senior promotions have also been made as part of a move to support North's expanded services.

A trio of North employees with extensive shipping experience – Allistair Ridgley, Sam Nicholls and Stephen Sayer – have all been appointed to the roles of deputy director (Claims), each with their own areas of focus.

Allistair will work in North's Asia team, specialising in admiralty claims – part of North's insurance services that deals with collision incidents.

Sam Nicholls will also work within the Asia team, focusing on North's Members in the Middle East and India.

And Stephen Sayer will work within North's Europe team, specialising in admiralty claims.

Meanwhile James Connell has been appointed as an underwriter in the shipping insurer's new North Hull division – a fixed premium product targeted at ocean-going vessels that launched earlier this month. James, who has more than 40 years' experience in the industry, joins Alex Fuller and James Sutton who have already been appointed to the team.

Paul Jennings, chief executive of North, said: "Our expert team is the greatest asset we have in helping to protect our Members.

"We're extremely pleased to be strengthening that team with a series of first-class new hires and promotions across our service lines.

"This year is uniquely challenging for shipping operators who face the impacts of COVID-19 and our own expansion will make sure we can deliver high quality cover, support and advice to this critical industry."

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## **North**

North is a leading global marine insurer with more than 160 years of history in the industry.

Founded and headquartered in Newcastle, North's reach stretches around the world - with regional offices in Greece, China (Shanghai and Hong Kong), Japan, Singapore, Ireland and the USA amongst others.

North is also part of the International Group; an association of 13 principal underwriting clubs insuring around 90% of the world's ocean-going tonnage.

The group has 90+ claims specialists and the largest team of specialist in-house FD&D lawyers.

As well as assisting with loss prevention, North also provides technical and operational expertise from master mariners and engineers with many years of seagoing experience.

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