***“CARGO CLAIMS”***

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***OBLIGATIONS OF THE CARRIER***

***as per Hague Rules, Articles iii, Rule 2***

“The carrier shall properly and carefully load, handle, stow, carry, keep, care for and discharge the goods carried.”

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On the importance of “carefully….carry…” P&I Clubs VERY often advise their members. Here is an example:

***“Carefully to Carry” Advisory Committee***

***of U.K. P&I***

**The aim of the “Carefully to Carry Committee” is to reduce claims through contemporaneous advice to the Club’s Members through the most efficient means available.**

**The committee was established in 1961 and has produced many articles on cargoes that cause claims and other cargo related issues such as hold washing, cargo securing, and ventilation.**

**The quality of advice given has established “Carefully to Carry” as a key**

**source of guidance for shipowners and ships’ officers. In addition, the articles have frequently been the source of expertise in negotiations over the settlement of claims and have also been relied on in court hearings.**