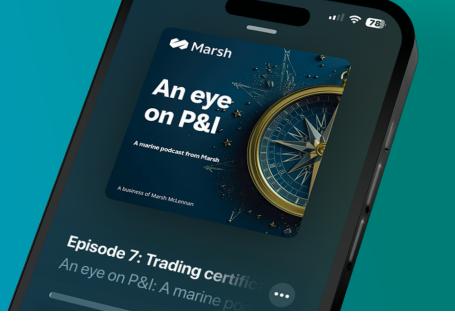


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Trading certificates



Trading certificates (TCs) are carried on ships. They are used to verify the existence of insurance and required by Port State Control authorities.



The primary TC is the **certificate of entry**. This evidences the terms of the P&I insurance contract. It does **not** guarantee payment for claims.



Shipowners must provide financial security for various risks, mandated by international conventions, for example the Civil Liability Convention (CLC), the Bunker Convention, the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), and the Athens Convention/EU Passenger Liability Regulation (PLR). These are issued by the ship's flag state, backed by a "Blue Card" issued by the P&I club.





Clubs do not issue **Certificates of Financial Responsibility (COFR)**, which are required for all ships trading to the US in respect of oil pollution liabilities.

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