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MARINA LIABILITY EXPOSURE

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Is your Municipality adequately insured?

As summer draws to an end, many boaters will be pulling their boats from the water and storing them for the long winter ahead. If your municipality owns or operates such a storage facility, we suggest you confirm that your Liability Policy includes the marina liability endorsement.

Although this coverage is not new, we felt it would be prudent and timely to highlight its purpose and availability.

Since the Municipal Liability Policy generally contains an exclusion for damage to **property under the care, custody, or control** of the insured, a municipality could find itself liable for uninsured claims arising out of

damage to private pleasure vessels; unless this endorsement is attached to your policy.


The following examples are claims that have been reported:

- ◆ Faulty workmanship during repairs by unlicensed mechanic damaged boat.
- ◆ Marina employee accidentally scratched customer's boat.
- ◆ Marina employee fuelled boat in water line causing damage.
- ◆ Customer's boat broke loose from mooring at the marina causing damage to the boat.

During the recent downloading that is presently occurring, higher-tiered governments are transferring operations and services to local municipalities, which may

mean that your municipality has recently acquired such a marina exposure.

We remind you not to lose sight of any risk management measures that may be incorporated into your operations which would assist in the minimization or transfer of risk wherever possible (i.e. Lease agreement containing hold harmless/ indemnity clauses from the owner of the vessel).

If your municipality presently operates a marina, *including one or more of the following: docking and mooring rental operations; storage operations; repairs; fuel or oil sales; etc.*, we suggest you verify that this exposure is adequately insured. Please contact your account representative for our marina liability application. 

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