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**Subject: Launching and flying Drones/Model Aircrafts from vessels**

Ref.: Gard P&I Alert: Drones launched from vessels

**Dear Shipowners, Operators and Masters**

A recent Loss Prevention GARD Alert published by GARD P&I provides information regarding a vessel which was detained following the launch of a drone to photograph the vessel proceeding through the Suez Canal. Shortly after the drone had been launched from the vessel, the Master was requested by the Canal Authorities (SCA) to drop anchor. During the SCA's subsequent inspection, they confiscated the drone and its memory card and the vessel was detained in anticipation of further investigations by the Egyptian authorities. A link to the GARD Alert is provided below:

<http://www.gard.no/web/updates/content/21248558/gard-alert-drones-launched-from-vessels>

Regulations governing the use of drones differ from one country to another and failure to comply with any given legislation may have serious consequences for the vessel and the shipowner, including criminal prosecution, especially when a vessel is in port or is sailing within a country's territorial waters.

Shipowners and Operators are encouraged to take note of the information provided in the GARD Alert and consider policies on the launching of drones from their vessels and instruct their Masters and crew, accordingly.

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