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# Auf Kurs

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## **The root cause of claims**

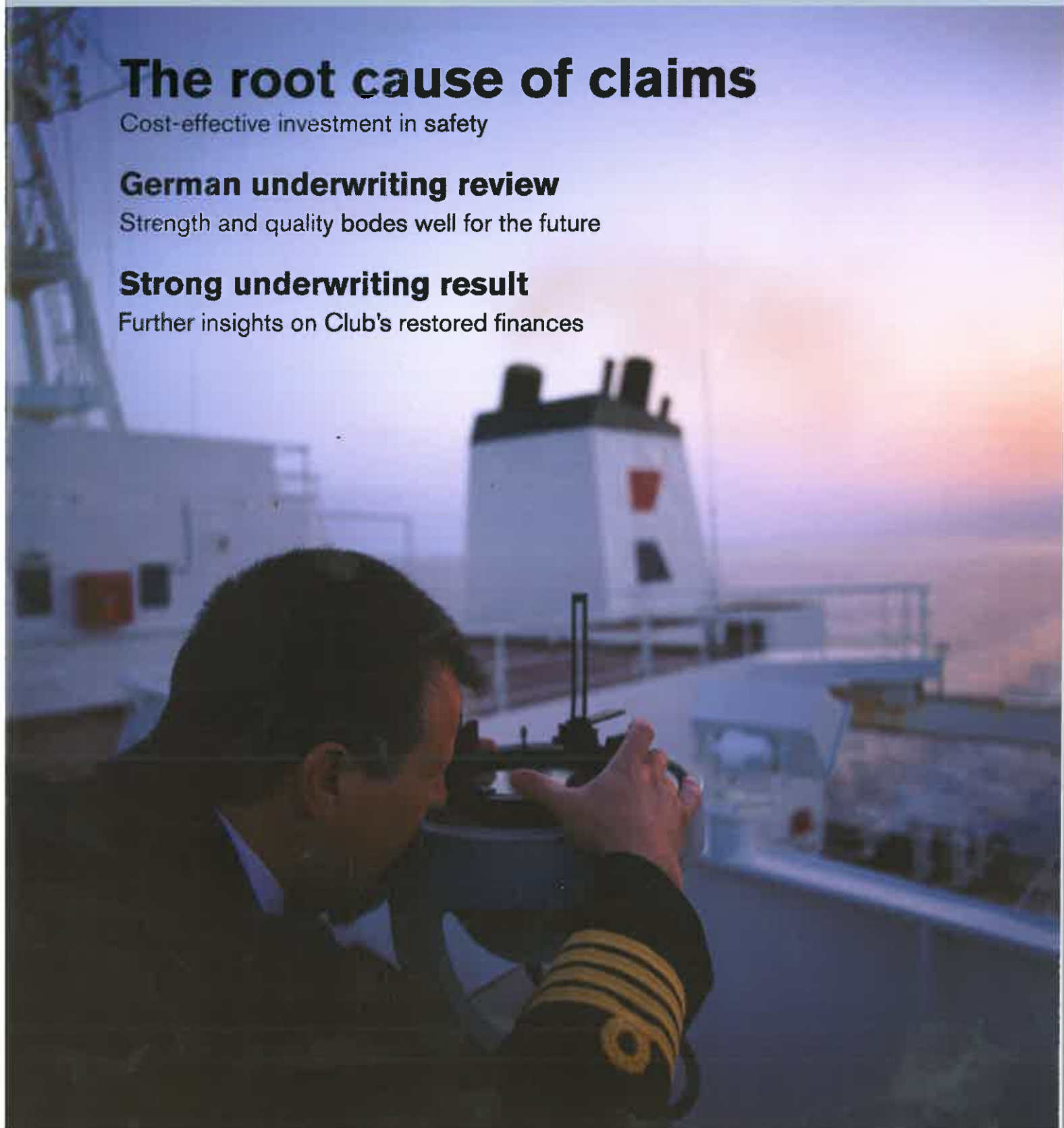
Cost-effective investment in safety

## **German underwriting review**

Strength and quality bodes well for the future

## **Strong underwriting result**

Further insights on Club's restored finances



Shipping from Bremen, and have additional tonnage committed to the Club. There is a renewed confidence in the UK Club from both Members and brokers in Germany, and this is evidenced by more and more opportunities that are being presented to us. In these difficult times, we are seen not only as a good bet, but a safe bet.

We, ourselves, are genuinely excited about what lies ahead for the Club, and having ourselves experienced our own tough times, we have

learnt from these and would like to thank you for your continued support, but as always, welcome your comments on how we can improve our service.

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year, and on a personal note, would like to thank those of you who offered messages of sympathy and support when I had a recent health scare. I am pleased to report that it was nothing sinister, and I am now back to full strength, and... "Auf Kurs".

## GMAA 40 Event in Hamburg



On Thursday, 21 June 2012, the most recent GMAA 40 event was hosted by Ince & Co. in Hamburg. Dr. Christoph Schroeder from CMS Hasche Sigle shared practical know-how

with the participants about arbitration in China and the enforcement opportunities there for foreign judgements and arbitration awards.

Thereafter, Dr. Eckehards Volz from Ince & Co. explained the scope and meaning of the Best Endeavours Clause in salvage scenarios and illustrated this through recent cases. The evening was concluded by a reception with snacks and drinks. Lively talks among the participants were further inspired by the first class view on the adjacent river Elbe.

The German Maritime Arbitration Association (GMAA) established the "GMAA 40" in 2010. It is a forum for younger GMAA members and interested parties from law firms and maritime practice with a link to arbitration. Participation at GMAA 40 events is open to all those aged up to and around 40.

GMAA 40 events and panel discussions are held regularly on topics relating to maritime arbitration. Previous events have taken place in different locations in Hamburg and Bremen, attracting a wide range of young maritime lawyers and shipping practitioners.

Topics on the GMAA 40 agenda so far were:

- Fukushima – Challenges for the Maritime Industry
- Arbitration and tribunals
- The way through arbitration proceedings
- After the award – How to enforce my rights?
- Dispute Resolution in Shipping – the Charterer's view

The events are organized by Dr. Nicoletta Kröger and Dr. Olaf Hartenstein, both Dabelstein & Passehl, and by former Robin Travis scholar Falk Fischer, Harren & Partner.

For more information, visit [www.gmaa.de](http://www.gmaa.de) or write to [n.kroeger@da-pa.com](mailto:n.kroeger@da-pa.com). Some of the previous presentations can be found on the GMAA website as well.

The next GMAA 40 discussion and reception is likely to take place in October 2012. Date, place and topics will be announced soon.

### Falk Fischer



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