



# Mid-Year Review

September 2014

# Half Year Financial Highlights

- Free reserves strengthen to a record level of \$227.8 million
- Combined ratio improves to 100.3%
- Members' claims frequency and values remain low
- Further reduction in Pool contribution to 5.88% for 2014
- Investment performance positive at 2.25%
- Owned and chartered tonnage increased to 80 million GT

### **Overview**

The Club's financial position has continued to strengthen in the six months to August 2014. As a result, the combined ratio has reduced again to 100.3% and is forecast to remain at a similar level for the full year. The overall free reserve at mid-year has increased to a record level of \$227.8 million compared with \$216.2 million at February 2014.

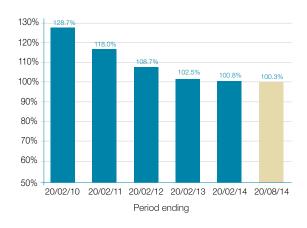
Owned and chartered tonnage has increased to 80 million GT as a result of entries from new and existing Members since February.

## **Claims Development**

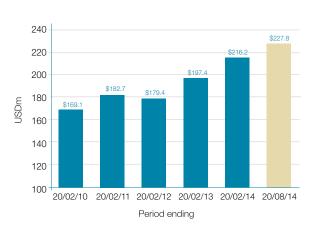
Members' incurred claims for all open and closed policy years have developed within expectations and for 2014, at August, are at a lower level than for any recent policy year.

The Club has a positive Pool loss ratio of 93.8% with a provisional contribution to the 2014 policy year of 5.88%. Although 2014 is at an early stage of development, Pool claims reported to date appear encouraging, particularly compared with the higher levels in 2011 and 2012.

#### Financial Performance – August 2014 Improved combined ratio



# Financial Strength – August 2014 Increased free reserves

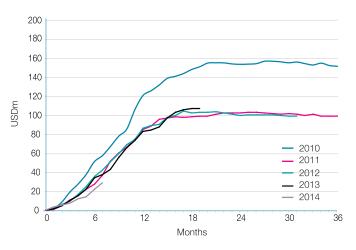






However, as happened during the second half of 2011, the Pool can be affected by a few large claims so caution is required in drawing conclusions at this early stage on the ultimate cost of the Pool for 2014.

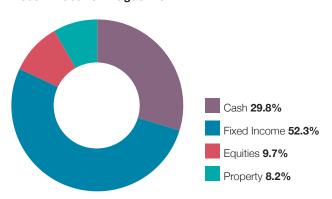
#### Financial performance – August 2014 Members' net claims incurred – PY development



#### **Investment Performance**

A conservative investment asset allocation has been maintained since February with a reduction in equities and a withdrawal from absolute return funds altogether. Even so, the Club achieved an investment return at mid-year of 2.25% (\$12.2 million).

#### **Asset Allocation August 2014**



## **Reduced Pool Contribution**



#### Renewal 2015

Notwithstanding such positive results to date, the effects of "churn" and the difficult trading environment continue to put pressure on underwriting ratios. The prospect of a continuing modest investment return reinforces the need for the Club to set rates that will achieve break-even results from year to year.

The Board as usual will decide what policy for renewal shall be applied for 2015 in November.