

# Saga Boat Insurance Small Craft Plan



## 1. Cover

- (a) All risks of accidental physical loss or damage to the vessel and property described in the Policy Schedule.
- (b) Loss or damage caused by latent defect in the vessel (but excluding the cost or expense of replacing the defective part), negligence, malicious acts and theft are also covered, unless such loss or damage results from any failure on the part of any insured to take reasonable measures to maintain and safeguard the insured vessel and property described in the Policy Schedule. **(Please note the particular limitations relating to machinery in Clause 5.)**
- (c) Salvage charges incurred in preventing a loss by any risk covered by this insurance and expenses incurred in averting or minimising a loss by such risks.

The word 'vessel' means the vessel herself, her machinery, boat(s), gear and equipment such as would normally be sold with the vessel, being the property of the insured named in the Policy Schedule. It does not include moorings.

**All cover is subject to any exclusion in this Policy Wording and any conditions in the Policy Schedule. Please note particularly the exclusions in Clause 5.**

## 2. Geographical limits and use of the vessel

**The following requirements must be complied with exactly. If any of these requirements are not complied with exactly, insurers may cancel the policy from that time without refund of premium.**

**No claim that results from failure to comply exactly with any of these requirements is recoverable under this policy.**

- (a) The vessel must be kept within the area defined in the Policy Schedule. The vessel is also covered while in transit by road within the United Kingdom, but excluding any liability to third parties.
- (b) When not in commission the vessel must be laid up or stored as specified in the Policy Schedule.
- (c) The vessel must be used solely for private pleasure purposes, and must not be let out on hire, charter or reward unless agreed by insurers in writing.

## 3. Change of ownership

Should the vessel be sold or transferred to new ownership, this insurance shall be cancelled from that time.

## 4. Cancellation

If this policy does not meet your needs you have the right to cancel it at any point during its duration. You can telephone us on 0800 904 7796 to cancel your policy. You can also write to us at Saga Services Limited, Middelburg Square, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1AZ to cancel your policy. Cancellation is effective from the date your letter is dispatched.

We will refund any premium owing to you on a pro-rata basis, if you have not made a claim.

Saga Services Limited may cancel this policy by giving you 15 days' notice by recorded delivery letter. We will send this notice to your last known address.

Cancellation within the first 14 days:

You have the right to cancel your policy during a period of 14 days

from either the date of purchase or the date on which you receive your policy documentation, whichever is the later. If the policy is cancelled during the 14-day cooling-off period and cover has commenced, we will give you a pro-rata refund of premium based on the cover you have had.

If you do wish to cancel your policy and the insurance cover has not yet commenced, you will be entitled to a full refund of the premium.

If after the 14-day cooling-off period you have not cancelled your policy, we will assume that you have accepted the terms and want your policy to continue for the agreed period of cover.

## 5. Exclusions

**This clause is paramount and no claim shall be allowed in respect of:**

- (a) loss, damage, liability or expense intentionally caused or incurred by, or with the consent of, any insured, or arising from unseaworthiness resulting from any act or omission of any insured person;
- (b) the cost of making good any defect resulting from any repair, alteration or maintenance work carried out on the vessel;
- (c) any loss or expenditure incurred in remedying a fault or error in design or construction or any cost or expense incurred by reason of betterment or alteration in design or construction;
- (d) wear and tear, gradual deterioration, lack of reasonable maintenance, mechanical derangement, weathering, or damage caused by insect, vermin, damp and marine life;
- (e) (i) theft of insured gear and equipment, unless following violent forcible:
  - (a) entry into the vessel or place of storage; or
  - (b) removal of fixed gear or equipment from the exterior of the vessel;(ii) theft of insured personal effects, unless following violent
  - (i) forcible entry into the vessel or vehicle while in transit;
  - (iii) theft of the outboard motor unless secured to the vessel by an appropriate anti-theft device in addition to its normal method of attachment, or following violent forcible entry into the vessel or place of storage;
  - (iv) theft or loss of vessel(s) not permanently marked with the name of the parent vessel;
- (f) loss of or damage to sails while in use if split by the wind or blown away;
- (g) loss, damage, expense or liability directly or indirectly arising from capture, seizure, arrest, restraint or detainment, war, terrorism, civil war, revolution, rebellion, insurrection, civil conflict or commotion;
- (h) loss, damage, liability or expense directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:
  - (i) ionising radiations from or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste or from the combustion of nuclear fuel;
  - (ii) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any nuclear installation, reactor or other nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof;
  - (iii) any weapon or device employing atomic or nuclear fission and/or fusion or other like reaction or radioactive force or matter;
  - (iv) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any radioactive matter. The exclusion in this sub-clause does not extend to radioactive isotopes, other than nuclear fuel, when such isotopes are being prepared, carried, stored, or used for commercial, agricultural, medical, scientific or similar peaceful purposes;
- (i) unrepaired damage in addition to a subsequent total loss sustained during the period covered by this insurance;

- (j) loss or damage to engine(s), gearbox(es), electrical machinery, electrical equipment, batteries and connections resulting from:
- (i) negligence of any person;
  - (ii) latent defect;
  - (iii) frost, unless all reasonable precautions have been taken;
  - (iv) water, unless by sudden accidental incursion into the vessel.

In addition where the maximum designed speed of the vessel or her boat(s) exceeds 17 knots (20 M.P.H), no claim shall be allowed in respect of:

- (k) loss, damage, liability or expense arising from such vessel or boat(s) being left unattended off an exposed beach or shore;
- (l) loss, damage, liability or expense arising while such vessel or boat(s) is racing or on speed tests or trials;
- (m) loss, damage, liability or expense arising while such vessel or boat(s) is underway unless the insured or other competent person authorised by the insured is on board and in control of such vessel or boat;
- (n) loss or damage to rudder, outboard, strut, outdrive, propeller, or shaft, caused by contact with any external substance, unless by a risk covered by this insurance the vessel or boat(s) sinks, strands or is in contact with another vessel, pier or slipway;
- (o) loss, damage, liability or expense caused by or arising through fire or explosion on such vessel or boat if equipped with inboard machinery, unless such vessel or boat is equipped in the galley with adequate fire extinguishing apparatus and in the engine room with an adequate fire extinguishing system automatically operated or having controls at the steering position(s), or outside and adjacent to the engine room and all properly installed and maintained in efficient working order.

## 6. Personal effects

When an amount for personal effects, being the personal property of the insured or the insured's family, is included in the Policy Schedule, those personal effects are insured against physical loss or damage on the terms of this insurance while on board the vessel, and while in transit between the insured's place of residence and the insured vessel.

In addition the following shall apply:

- (a) where the total value of the personal effects on board the vessel at the time of the loss exceeds the amount insured for personal effects in the Policy Schedule, any claim shall be reduced proportionately;
- (b) no single item with a value in excess of £200 is insured unless declared and agreed in writing;
- (c) jewellery, currency, traveller's cheques and consumable stores are not covered. Breakage of articles of a brittle nature is not covered;
- (d) An excess of £100 applies for claims under this section.

Personal effects are not covered by this insurance if they are covered under any other policy of insurance, or but for the existence of this insurance would be covered under any other policy of insurance.

## 7. Marina benefits

Where the vessel is marina based as specified in the Policy Schedule, in the event of a claim under this insurance for loss or damage to the vessel while moored on a pontoon berth in a marina or ashore in a marina:

- (a) the excess specified in the Policy Schedule shall not be deducted;
- (b) any No Claim Discount entitlement shall not be affected at renewal.

## 8. Liabilities to third parties

- (a) The insurers will indemnify the insured in respect of all claims which the insured shall, by reason of interest in the insured vessel, become legally liable to pay and shall pay. The indemnity payable in respect of any one accident, or series of accidents arising out of the same event, shall be limited to the insured value of the vessel or to the sum specified in the Policy Schedule for that purpose.
- (b) When the liability of the insured has been contested with the consent in writing of the insurers, they will also pay the legal costs which the insured shall thereby incur or be compelled to pay.
- (c) The protection of this Clause 8 shall extend to any person navigating or in charge of the vessel with the consent of the insured other than a person operating, or employed by the operator of, any ship yard, repair yard, slipway, marina, yacht club, sales agency, delivery contractor or similar organisation. This extension shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this insurance.
- (d) This insurance does not cover:
  - (i) any claim or liability excluded under Clause 5;
  - (ii) any liability to the insured or any owner of the vessel;
  - (iii) any liability admitted or agreed without the written consent of the insurers;
  - (iv) any claim arising directly or indirectly from any accidents to, or illness of, workmen or any other person employed in any capacity whatsoever by the insured (or any other person to whom the protection of this insurance is afforded) in, on, about or in connection with the vessel;
  - (v) any liability arising while the vessel is used for, or in connection with, water-skiing, aquaplaning, or similar activity, unless expressly agreed in writing, in which case insurers' liability shall be limited to the insured value of the vessel or

- the sum specified in the Policy Schedule for that purpose;
- (vi) any liability arising while the vessel is used for or in connection with paragliding;
- (vii) punitive or exemplary damages, however described.

## 9. Excess and deductions

- (a) The excess specified in the Policy Schedule shall be deducted from all claims arising out of each and every incident, other than for total loss or constructive total loss of the vessel or total loss of items separately declared and valued in the Policy Schedule.
- (b) Prior deductions under (9a) and in addition all claims for loss of or damage to protective covers, sails, canopies, and (where covered) personal effects may be subject to a new for old deduction at insurers' discretion.
- (c) The maximum amount payable by insurers for loss or damage to outboard motors shall be the actual current market value of the outboard at the time of the loss or damage, or the sum insured for the outboard as shown in the Policy Schedule, whichever is the smaller.
- (d) While the vessel is racing all claims for loss of or damage to mast(s), spars, sails, standing and running rigging shall be limited to a sum not exceeding 50% of the value specified in the Policy Schedule for hull.
- (e) Insurers may, at their option, repair or replace with property of similar age, type and condition all or any part of the insured vessel or property lost, damaged or destroyed instead of paying the amount of the loss or damage in money.

## 10. Constructive total loss

A claim for constructive total loss shall be recoverable when the cost of recovery and/or repair of the vessel, following an insured loss, exceeds the insured value.

## 11. Claims

- In the event of any occurrence which might give rise to a claim under this insurance, we ask that you tell us of any claim as soon as possible and take appropriate action to minimise a loss.
- In the event that you wish to make a claim on your insurance policy, please first check the certificate and policy to make sure that you are covered for this type of claim. If you are still in any doubt please call us on 0800 027 1345 (from the UK) or +44 1732 223 702 (from abroad).
- If the event is covered please call us on 0800 027 1345 (from the UK) or +44 1732 223 702 (from abroad). We will ask for your name, address and policy number. When you call we will take some relevant details and send a claim form to you within two working days. We will respond to you within five working days from either receiving your call or receiving your completed claim form.
- A surveyor may be appointed to represent us.
- In the event of fire, malicious damage or theft, immediate notification must be given to the local police.
- You must provide all reasonable assistance in pursuing any recovery from a third party.
- The insurers have the option of appointing solicitors who shall represent you in the defence of any third party claim covered by Clause 8 and in any event we shall direct the progress of such defence.

## 12. No Claim Discount

In the event of no claims being paid or outstanding at the expiry of a 12 month insurance the renewal premiums will be reduced as follows:

- by 5% after 1 year;
- by 10% after 2 consecutive years;

- by 15% after 3 consecutive years;
- by 20% after 4 consecutive years.

This clause does not imply any obligation upon insurers to renew this insurance.

## 13. Payment

We will provide Saga Boat Insurance to you, provided you pay the agreed premium to us. If you pay by Direct Debit and do not keep up to date on your payments, you will not be covered by this policy from the date the last premium was due.

Please note that if you amend or cancel your policy during the policy year and have paid by credit card or cheque, we will be unable to refund any amounts of £5 or less.

Similarly, if you make any changes to your policy during the policy year, we will only request any charges from you, if the amount is over £5.

## Personal Accident Extension

### 1. Cover

This insurance will indemnify the Insured Person for bodily injury caused by an accident, or to the executors or administrators in the event of the death of the Insured Person during the period of this insurance while on board or embarking onto or disembarking from the insured vessel and subject to the definitions, terms, conditions, limits and exclusions as set out below, and in the insurance to which this clause is attached.

### 2. Definitions

The following definitions only apply to the Personal Accident Extension.

- 'Bodily Injury' means identifiable physical injury arising solely and independently of any cause (other than illness directly resulting from medical or surgical treatment rendered necessary

by such injury), which occasions the death or disablement of the Insured Person within 12 months from the date of the accident.

- 'Insured Person' means any person on board the insured vessel other than any person employed in any capacity whatsoever by any owner of the vessel.
- 'Permanent Total Disablement' means disablement which entirely prevents the Insured Person from attending to any business or occupation for which he is reasonably suited by training, education or experience, and which lasts 12 months and at the expiry of that period is beyond hope of improvement.
- 'Loss of Limb' means loss by physical separation of a hand at or above the wrist or of a foot at or above the ankle and includes total and irrecoverable loss of use of hand, arm or leg.

### 3. Schedule of Compensation

Compensation shall not be payable under more than one of the items of this Schedule of Compensation in respect of the consequences of one accident to any one Insured Person.

The total sum payable under this insurance in respect of more than one accident to any one Insured Person shall not exceed £10,000. No more than six claims may be made under this insurance during the period of the insurance.

Claims under A, B, C, D, E and F within this clause shall only be considered when death or loss occurs within twelve months of the accident.

A. Death	up to £10,000
B. Total and irrecoverable loss of sight in both eyes	up to £10,000
C. Total and irrecoverable loss of sight in one eye	up to £10,000
D. Loss of one limb	up to £10,000
E. Loss of two limbs	up to £10,000

F. Total and irrecoverable loss of one limb and one eye	up to £10,000
G. Permanent Total Disablement (other than total and irrecoverable loss of sight in one or both eyes or loss of limb(s))	up to £10,000

### 4. Exclusions

This insurance does not cover death or disablement directly or indirectly arising out of or consequent upon or contributed by:

- (a) loss, damage, expense or liability directly or indirectly arising from capture, seizure, arrest, restraint or detainment, war, terrorism, civil war, revolution, rebellion, insurrection, civil conflict or commotion;
- (b) loss, damage, liability or expense directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:
  - (i) ionising radiations from or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste or from the combustion of nuclear fuel;
  - (ii) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any nuclear installation, reactor or other nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof;
  - (iii) any weapon or device employing atomic or nuclear fission and/or fusion or other like reaction or radioactive force or matter;
  - (iv) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any radioactive matter. The exclusion in this sub-clause does not extend to radioactive isotopes, other than nuclear fuel, when such isotopes are being prepared, carried, stored, or used for commercial, agricultural, medical, scientific or similar peaceful purposes;
- (c) suicide or attempted suicide or intentional self injury or the Insured Person being in a state of insanity;

- (d) deliberate exposure to exceptional danger (except in an attempt to save human life), or the Insured Person's own criminal act;
- (e) illness or disease;
- (f) being under the influence or effect of alcohol or drugs (other than drugs taken under medical supervision and not for treating drug addiction or solvent abuse).

## 5. Medical expenses

In addition to the benefits set out herein and subject at all time to any limits, conditions and exclusions, this insurance shall extend to cover doctors' or surgeons' fees (subject to a limit of £500 for any one accident) for the attendance upon the Insured Person or his family or crew incurred as a direct result of personal injuries caused by the vessel sinking, being in collision or on fire.

## 6. Claims

- (a) Notice must be given to the insurers as soon as possible of any accident, which causes or may give rise to a claim within the meaning of this insurance.
- (b) The Insured Person must, as soon as possible, place himself under the care of a duly qualified medical practitioner.
- (c) It is a condition of this insurance that all medical records, notes and correspondence referring to the subject of a claim or a related pre-existing condition must be made available on request to any medical adviser appointed by or on behalf of insurers and that such medical adviser and advisers shall, for the purpose of reviewing the claim, be allowed so often as may be deemed necessary to examine the Insured Person.
- (d) Any fraud or concealment or deliberate mis-statement by an Insured Person if unknown to the insured in relation to any matter affecting this insurance or in connection with the making of a claim under this insurance shall render this insurance null and void insofar as it relates to the Insured Person in question but any such fraud, mis-statement or concealment by or known

to the insured shall render the whole insurance null and void and all claims hereunder shall be forfeited.

## Complaints

If you have a complaint about your Saga Boat Insurance policy, please contact the Customer Relations Department, Saga Services Limited, Middelburg Square, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1AZ or call 0800 0923 700, fax on 01303 771347, or e-mail us at [services.customer-relations@saga.co.uk](mailto:services.customer-relations@saga.co.uk)

If you have a complaint about a claim (other than legal expenses, see separate Policy Book), please contact the Saga Boat Insurance Claims Department, 11 Tower View, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4UY or call **0800 027 1345** (from the UK) or **+44 1732 233 702** (from abroad), or e-mail us at [sagaboatclaims@saga.co.uk](mailto:sagaboatclaims@saga.co.uk)

If you are not satisfied with the response, you can ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to review your case.

The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9SR

Telephone: 0300 123 9123 or 0800 023 4567

E-mail: [complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

The Financial Ombudsman Service will only consider your complaint if you have already given us the opportunity to resolve the matter.

## Law

The parties are free to choose the law applicable to this insurance contract. Unless specifically agreed to the contrary this insurance shall be subject to English law and jurisdiction.



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