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THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

Marine Notice

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TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: Requirements for Private Yachts Limited Charter

References:
(a) **RMI** Maritime Act 1990
(b) **RMI** Maritime Regulations (MI-108)
(c) **RMI** Yacht Code 2021 (MI-103)
(d) **RMI Marine Notice** 2-011-43, *Registration of Tenders and Issuance of Tender Statements of Compliance*
(e) **RMI Marine Notice** 5-034-6, *Scheduling Requirements and Process for Compliance Verifications and Inspections*
(f) **RMI Marine Guideline** 2-11-15, *Organizations Acting on Behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator*

PURPOSE

This Marine Notice (MN) outlines the revised requirements for conducting surveys and issuing international convention and national certificates by or on behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator").

It supersedes Rev. Aug/2023. The document has been amended throughout to address the change of the RMI yacht inspections program.

APPLICABILITY

This MN applies to all Private Yachts Limited Charter (PYLC) regardless of size.

DEFINITIONS

This MN uses terminology defined in the RMI Maritime Regulations and the RMI Yacht Code 2021 (the "Yacht Code").

REQUIREMENTS

1.0   PYLCs Chartering in Foreign Jurisdictions

1.1   Owners, managers, and Captains of private yachts with a PYLC compliance are responsible for verifying that charter operations of private yachts are permitted in the jurisdiction where they plan to charter.

1.2   They must consult with the local port State control (PSC) and other relevant authorities, such as the customs and tax authorities, and seek permission to charter under the RMI PYLC compliance.

2.0   International Statutory Convention Certificates

2.1   Classed PYLCs

Classed PYLCs must have their international convention statutory certificates issued by their Classification Society. However, the audits, surveys, and inspections along with issuing the relevant certification may be carried out by the Administrator, a Classification Society, or an Appointed Representative (AR) where the PYLC voluntarily complies with the following:

.1   International Safety Management (ISM) Code;

.2   International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, or

.3   Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006).

2.2   Unclassed PYLCs

All unclassed PYLCs must have their applicable international convention statutory surveys and certification carried out by Class or an AR.

3.0   Flag State Inspections and Compliance Verifications

Flag State inspections and Compliance Verifications must be conducted by one of the following individuals acting under the authority of the RMI:

3.1   a RMI Yacht Inspector (YI); or

3.2   an Appointed Representative (AR), see MG 2-11-15.

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4.0   Flag State Inspections and Compliance

4.1   General

.1   All private yachts wishing to obtain a PYLC compliance, regardless of gross tonnage (GT), must be certified to comply with the Yacht Code and carry a valid Compliance Certificate issued by or on behalf of the RMI.

.2   A short-term Compliance Certificate will be issued, provided that the yacht has undergone an initial or renewal Compliance Verification and found to be in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Yacht Code.

.3   A full-term certificate with a validity of up to five years and subject to annual endorsements will be issued once the yacht has fully satisfied the Yacht Code requirements.

.4   All newly registering private yachts of less than 400 GT wishing to obtain a PYLC Compliance Certificate, may, at the discretion of the Administrator, initially register as a private yacht for no more than 30 days before the initial Compliance Verification is completed and the Compliance Certificate is issued. Under these circumstances, a separate pre-registration inspection is not required and a Certificate of Registry valid for 30 days will be issued.

.5   Failure to complete the initial Compliance Verification within 30 days of registration could lead to the invalidity of the Certificate of Registry and may result in deletion of the yacht from the RMI Registry.

.6   For PYLCs of 400 GT or more, the initial Compliance Certification must be carried out prior to registration under the RMI flag.

.7   For further clarification on scheduling and Compliance Verification processes refer to MN 5-034-6.

.8   PYLCs that carry a tender must comply with §5.0 of this Notice.

4.2   Re-Registration

.1   On re-registering a yacht with PYLC compliance, where the new owner wishes to maintain the same (mandatory or voluntary) compliance, the previously issued Compliance Certificate may be carried forward. To carry the compliance forward, the yacht must be in good standing with the required compliance level, have valid statutory certificates, and the annual Compliance Verification must be within the annual window (See MN 5-034-6).

.2   If a re-registration occurs after the anniversary date and the annual Compliance Verification has not yet occurred, it must be completed within 30 days, but not later than the end of the annual window.

.3   Yachts that are within their renewal window must complete the renewal Compliance Verification before re-registration.

.4   Any active or outstanding deficiencies from the last Compliance Verification must be closed prior to re-registration.

.5   Inspections, surveys, and audits relating to the international convention statutory certificates must be carried out as required by the respective conventions.

.6   Yachts carrying a Compliance Certificate wishing to re-register as a private yacht without maintaining any further PYLC compliance, may, at the discretion of the Administrator, do so without a pre-registration inspection, provided the applicable international statutory convention certificates are valid.

5.0   Tender Registration and Compliance

Tenders carried on board any size PYLC must be issued a *Tender Statement of Compliance* per MN 2-011-43.

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