



REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

Marine Notice

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**TO: COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE YACHT MASTERS, OWNERS,
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES AND APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES**

SUBJECT: Yacht “Mini-ISM”

References: (a) [RMI Maritime Regulations](#) (MI-108)
(b) [RMI Yacht Code 2021](#) (MI-103)

PURPOSE

This Marine Notice (MN) addresses the minimum requirements for the compliance verification, review, and evaluation of a simplified International Safety Management System (“Mini-ISM”) for certain yachts. It supersedes Rev. Jan/2021 and has been amended to further clarify the responsibilities for the annual review of a yacht’s Mini-ISM.

APPLICABILITY

This MN applies to:

- a. Commercial yachts of less than 500 Gross Tons (GT);
- b. Yachts Engaged in Trade (YET) of less than 500 GT; and
- c. Private Yachts Limited Charter (PYLC).

Yachts, regardless of their gross tonnage, that have been issued a Yacht Engaged in Trade Compliance Certificate (YETCC) allowing them to carry up to 36 passengers, must comply with SOLAS Chapter IX.

REQUIREMENTS:

1.0 General

A Mini-ISM is required under the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Yacht Code 2021 (the “[Yacht Code](#)”) and must be implemented to the satisfaction of the RMI Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”). (See the Yacht Code, Annex 1).

2.0 Compliance Verification, Review, and Evaluation

2.1 Yacht Company/Owner

- .1. Every company/owner must undertake a review of the management system onboard its yacht at intervals not exceeding 12 months to verify that safety and pollution-prevention activities comply with the Mini-ISM. The individual assigned to perform this annual review must be recorded within the Mini-ISM document of the yacht.
- .2. Where there is no shore-side management company for a yacht, the annual company review of the Mini-ISM system may be performed by:
 - a. competent external third party engaged by the owner; or
 - b. the yacht's Captain, provided that the owner is satisfied with the Captain's competence to fulfill this task.
- .3. In exceptional circumstances, upon approval from the Administrator, the 12-month interval may be exceeded by not more than three months. In such circumstances, a company or operator must make a written request for an extension, detailing the reason why the 12-month interval cannot be met to: Yachttec@register-iri.com.

2.2 Recordkeeping

- .1. The results of the review must be brought to the attention of all personnel affected by them, including those having responsibility for resolution of deficiencies or action items.
- .2. The date and results of the review must be recorded onboard in the appropriate log of the Mini-ISM document.

3.0 Flag State Compliance Reviews

During initial, annual, and renewal Compliance Verifications, the Mini-ISM system is subject to review by the attending RMI Yacht Inspector to ensure that it has been implemented in accordance with all applicable requirements, including the [Yacht Code](#), Annex 1.