



# THE MARSHALL ISLANDS REGISTRY

## Gas Carriers

Seagoing vessels of any tonnage engaged in foreign trade and vessels under construction are eligible for registration in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). Vessels should be under 20 years of age at the time of registration. Waivers may be granted for older vessels depending upon their condition and classification. Applications for vessels 15 years of age or older should be submitted with a Status Report of the vessel's Statutory Survey and Certification and a copy of its latest Intermediate or Special Survey Report. Ownership of RMI registered vessels must be through an RMI business entity. Entities such as corporations, general or limited partnerships, limited liability companies, or qualified foreign maritime entities are sufficient for this purpose.

The benefits of registration for gas carriers under the RMI flag do not stop once the registration process is completed. Regulatory and technical assistance on the procedural aspects of operations are available worldwide from specialists in the gas sector, as well as from a broad spectrum of associated disciplines in the maritime and offshore industries, during the entire time the vessel is registered under the flag.

The gas carrier sector has experienced tremendous growth and innovation in recent years and the Registry has broadened its expertise to accommodate this transformation within the RMI fleet. The RMI Registry's Worldwide Gas Team was established to provide the timely and unique support that this developing sector requires. Individuals with extensive experience in the technical, operational, regulatory, and commercial aspects of gas related vessels are available worldwide.

International Registries, Inc. and its affiliates (IRI) provide administrative and technical support to the RMI Maritime and Corporate Registries. The RMI fleet reached nearly 208 million quality gross tons at the end of March 2026 and is the only of the world's three largest registries to achieve QUALSHIP 21 for the current period,<sup>1</sup> and the only registry in the world to achieve 21 consecutive years. The RMI is also on the White Lists of both the Paris and Tokyo Memorandums of Understanding. These factors, in addition to the Registry's investment in people and expertise, also contribute to the overall growth of the Registry.

The RMI fleet is committed to supporting the developing renewables energy and advanced technologies industry while also implementing new technologies to create a sustainable future. As shipping moves to achieve the International Maritime Organization's targets for greenhouse gas emissions reductions, greater awareness and concern is developing about the industry's environmental impact. As a result, sustainability criteria are playing a larger part in the financing of vessels and it is important that shipowners utilize a flag State that has the commitment and proven track record to support them in their journey toward sustainability compliance.

The most important asset to the RMI Registry is its customers, and IRI strives to provide them with full service from any of its 28 worldwide offices, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

<sup>1</sup> United States Coast Guard (USCG) 2024 Port State Control (PSC) Annual Report.



The RMI is the **only registry globally** to achieve the USCG's **QUALSHIP 21** status for **21 consecutive years**.





The RMI has one of the **youngest**<sup>2</sup> fleets overall reaching nearly **208 million quality gross tons** at the end of **March 2026**.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Clarksons Research's World Fleet Monitor, Volume 17, No. 3 (March 2026).

## Vessels Engaged in Gas Related Activities

VESSEL TYPE	NO. OF VESSELS	% OF GAS RELATED ACTIVITIES	GROSS TONS	% OF GAS RELATED ACTIVITIES GROSS TONS
LNG	141	51.27%	16,965,550	77.14%
LPG	118	42.91%	3,473,683	15.79%
FSRU	8	2.91%	791,845	3.60%
FSRU/LNG	5	1.82%	501,705	2.28%
FLNG	2	0.73%	240,341	1.09%
CO <sub>2</sub>	1	0.36%	21,422	0.10%

TOTAL GAS CARRIERS (NO. OF VESSELS)

**275**

TOTAL GAS CARRIERS (GROSS TONS)

**21,994,546**

through 31 March 2026

## Gas Related Activities Top 10 Flags (Ordered by Gross Tons)

FLAG	NO. OF VESSELS	TOTAL GROSS TONS	% GROSS TONS
RMI	261	20,815,921	16.6%
Liberia	288	16,254,399	13%
Panama	323	12,172,033	9.7%
Singapore	220	11,191,096	8.9%
Bahamas	108	10,840,125	8.6%
Malta	139	8,987,288	7.2%
Bermuda	59	6,218,845	5.0%
Greece	59	5,681,768	4.5%
Hong Kong	65	5,537,580	4.4%
France	41	4,051,103	3.2%
Other	1,059	23,663,628	18.9%



## Advantages of the RMI Registry:

- Experience with a wide variety of vessel types in the gas and offshore sectors
- Active participation at the International Maritime Organization and involvement in the development of industry regulation, including in the burgeoning field of gas as a marine fuel
- Guidance on the applicability and implementation of national and international regulation
- Close communication with Recognized Organizations, coastal State authorities, port State authorities, and local shipyards
- Ability to create timely and unique solutions in response to new technological advances in shipping, liquefaction, regasification, and offshore vessels and installations



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Source: Clarksons Research's World Fleet Register (1 April 2026).