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YACHT CODE SUPPLEMENT No. 01-18

TO: Yacht Owners/Captains, Managers, Agents, Recognized Classification Societies, and Appointed Representatives

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT TO YACHT CODE AMENDING CHAPTER IV, SECTION 8.2.6

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In accordance with Chapter I, §2.12 of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Yacht Code (the “Code”), this supplement amends Chapter IV, §8.2.6 of the Code as follows:

8.2.6 Additional Fire Appliances

- .1 The following additional appliances are required:
 - (a) two (2) fireman’s outfits including an approved breathing apparatus for each outfit; and
 - (b) one (1) fire blanket in the galley.
- .2 **PYLCs less than 24 meters in length:** Where it can be demonstrated that carrying the required two (2) fireman’s outfits including the approved breathing apparatus is impractical and does not contribute to the safety of the vessel and/or the persons onboard, the PYLC is exempted from the requirements of §8.2.6.1a.
- .3 **PYLCs 24 meters or more, but less than 300 GT:** Where it can be demonstrated that carrying the required two (2) fireman’s outfits including the approved breathing apparatus is impractical and does not contribute to the safety of the vessel and/or the persons onboard, the requirement to carry the additional fire appliance listed in § 8.2.6.1a may be exempted. The Administrator will determine any exemption on a case-by-case basis, considering the provisions of Chapter I, §2.4.2.
- .4 Proposals for any alternative arrangements to the requirements of §8.2.6.1a will be considered by the Administrator or its representative provided the PYLC has in place mitigating measures to ensure safe escape from the yacht’s interior in case of fire or smoke. Mitigating measures may consist of, but are not limited to:

- (a) placing of sufficient additional Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBDs) in all cabins for all inhabitants; or
- (b) the provision of a fixed firefighting installation (meaning a sprinkler or water mist system); or,
- (c) a clear demonstration that there is clear and direct access to the outer decks from the yacht's cabins and other accommodation spaces.

This supplement is deemed to be incorporated into the Code and will take full force and effect from the Publication Date listed above.