

# Republic of the Marshall Islands

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### YACHT CODE SUPPLEMENT No. 03-17

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

**Subject: SUPPLEMENT TO YACHT CODE REPLACING CHAPTER II, SECTION 20.1**

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In accordance with Chapter I, Section 2.12 of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Yacht Code (the "Code"), this supplement replaces Chapter II, section 20.1 of the Code as follows:

#### **20.1 General**

All Commercial Yachts, regardless of GT, shall carry radio transmitting and receiving equipment adequate for the area and range of operations. The Sea Areas as defined in SOLAS Regulation IV/2.1.12, 2.1.13, 2.1.14, and 2.1.15. shall be taken into account.

- .1 All Commercial Yachts shall be equipped with, but need not be limited to, the requirements shown in the table below.
- .2 For Commercial Yachts of category 0 or 1 which frequently navigate outside of Sea Area A2, the Administrator recommends full compliance with SOLAS Regulation IV.
- .3 On Commercial Yachts of 300 GT and above, the availability of radio installations shall be ensured by using methods such as duplication of equipment, shore-based maintenance, or at-sea electronic maintenance capability.
- .4 On Commercial Yachts certified for navigation in Sea Area A4, at least two (2) of the methods referenced in 20.1.3 are required to be in place.
- .5 If equipment is provided only for Sea Area A1, this shall be noted as an additional operational limitation on the CY CC.
- .6 All Commercial Yachts shall be able to transmit a maritime distress alert by two (2) individual means, as suitable for the actual Sea Area the Commercial Yacht navigates in. One of the individual means of transmitting a marine distress alert may be satisfied by operating the EPIRB.

- .7 The requirements for the carriage of two-way radiotelephone sets, EPIRBs, and SARTs can be found in Section 17, Table 13 of this chapter.
- .8 The Table below illustrates the minimum radio installations to be carried by all Commercial Yachts. This fulfils the distress and safety communication functions for navigation in Sea Areas A1, A2, A3, and A4.
- .9 For Commercial Yachts less than 300 GT, alternative arrangements for the radio installations shall be considered by the Administrator on a case-by-case basis.

<b>Commercial Yacht Radio Equipment Requirements</b>				
A1	A1 + A2	A1 + A2 + A3		A1 + A2 + A3 + A4
		Either	Or	
Navtex <sup>1</sup>	Navtex <sup>1</sup>	Navtex <sup>1</sup>	Navtex <sup>1</sup>	Navtex <sup>1</sup>
VHF DSC/RT	VHF DSC/RT* VHF RT*	2 VHF DSC/RT*	2 VHF DSC/RT*	2 VHF DSC/RT*
---	MF(DSC) Radio Telephone Or App. GMDSS sat. serv. provider <sup>3</sup>	MF(DSC) Radio Telephone Or App. GMDSS sat. serv. provider <sup>3</sup>	MF/HF(DSC) <sup>2</sup> Radio Telephone	MF/HF(DSC) <sup>2</sup> Radio Telephone
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Notes:

1. If the yacht is navigating in an area where an international NAVTEX service is not provided, then the NAVTEX receiver shall be supplemented by an additional means of receiving Maritime Safety Information (MSI) transmissions such as the Inmarsat enhanced group calling system.
2. Incorporating direct-printing telegraphy or an alternative means of receiving MSI transmissions in the Sea Areas in which the Commercial Yacht is operating.
3. For Commercial Yachts navigating in Sea Area A2, in lieu of a MF(DSC) radio installation, an approved GMDSS satellite service provider may be installed. For navigation in areas where no Sea Area A2 is declared, the commercial yacht is required to be equipped with an approved GMDSS satellite service provider.

\* As the Commercial Yacht is equipped with two (2) VHF DSC/RT units, duplication of equipment (the VHF DSC/RT installations), as required by section 12.1.3 and 12.1.4, is not required.

This supplement shall be deemed to be incorporated into the Code and shall take full force and effect as of the Publication Date listed above.