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YACHT CODE SUPPLEMENT No. 04-17

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

Subject: SUPPLEMENT TO YACHT CODE REPLACING CHAPTER IV, SECTION 12.1

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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 IV, section 12.1 of the Code as follows:

12.1 General

All PYLCs, 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 PYLCs shall be equipped with, but need not be limited to, the requirements shown in the table below.
- .2 For PYLCs of category 0 or 1 which frequently navigate outside of Sea Area A2, the Administrator recommends full compliance with SOLAS Regulation IV.
- .3 On PYLCs 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 PYLCs certified for navigation in Sea Area A4, at least two (2) of the methods referenced in 12.1.3 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 PYLCCC.
- .6 All PYLCs shall be able to transmit a maritime distress alert by two (2) individual means, as suitable for the actual Sea Area the PYLC 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 9, Table 21 of this chapter.
- .8 The Table below illustrates the minimum radio installations to be carried by all PYLCs. This fulfils the distress and safety communication functions for navigation in Sea Areas A1, A2, A3, and A4.
- .9 For PYLCs less than 300 GT, alternative arrangements for the radio installations shall be considered by the Administrator on a case-by-case basis.

PYLC Radio Equipment Requirements				
A1	A1 + A2	A1 + A2 + A3		A1 + A2 + A3 + A4
		Either	Or	
Navtex ¹	Navtex ¹	Navtex ¹	Navtex ¹	Navtex ¹
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 ³	MF(DSC) Radio Telephone Or App. GMDSS sat. serv. provider ³	MF/HF(DSC) ² Radio Telephone	MF/HF(DSC) ² 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 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 PYLC is operating.
3. For PYLCs 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 PYLC is required to be equipped with an approved GMDSS satellite service provider.

* As the PYLC 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.