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Marine Notice

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TO: ALL COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE YACHT MASTERS, OWNERS, YACHT MANAGERS, AGENTS, CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES AND APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

SUBJECT: Requirements for Yachts Taking Part in Races.

References: (a) RMI Maritime Act, 1990, as amended ([MI-107](#)) § 103
(b) RMI Maritime Regulations ([MI-108](#)) § 2.11.7
(c) RMI Yacht Code ([MI-103](#)) §2.10

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Notice is to address the procedures for Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) flagged yachts taking part in races and compliance with the RMI Yacht Code.

APPLICABILITY:

This Notice applies to all RMI flagged yachts. All RMI flagged yachts shall comply with the below requirements when participating in, practicing for, or in passage directly to and from a race.

REQUIREMENTS

1.0 Yachts Taking Part in Races

- .1 For the sole purpose of racing, yachts do not need to comply with the requirements of the RMI Yacht Code or their Compliance Certificate, where applicable, while racing, practicing for a race, or in passage directly to or from a race, provided that the yacht:
 - (a) complies with the racing rule provisions of either the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) or the Union Internationale Motonautique (UIM), as applicable;
 - (b) complies with the racing rules and requirements of the country where the race takes place;
 - (c) complies with the safety rules and requirements of the race organizing authority;

- (d) complies, when racing offshore, with the appropriate parts of the ISAF Offshore Racing Committee's special regulations or the similar requirements of the affiliated race organizing authority; and
 - (e) when on charter and in passage to and from the race, shall maintain the required race or equivalent safety coverage otherwise the yacht is to be in compliance with the RMI Yacht Code for the passage.
- .2 Any person on board other than the owner, seafarers, and crew is to be advised of the status of certification of the yacht for the duration of the race, passage, or practice.
 - .3 It remains the responsibility of the owner or manager of the yacht to have the persons on board covered by a valid insurance policy for the duration of the race, passage, or practice.

2.0 Chartering of Private Yacht Solely for Race Purposes

- .1 Private yachts may be chartered or operated commercially for the sole purpose of racing, practicing for a race, or passage directly to or from a race, provided that it is registered and licensed by an ISAF or the UIM affiliated Member National Authority as a vessel chartered or operated commercially for the exclusive purpose of racing and provided the vessel also complies with the provisions of 1.0 above. When a private yacht is registered or licensed by an ISAF or the UIM affiliated Member National Authority as a vessel chartered or operated commercially for the exclusive purpose of racing, the private yacht does not need comply with the requirements of the RMI Yacht Code.
- .2 The ISAF or UIM affiliated Member National Authority shall only register and license such a private yacht for World, Continental, National, Open or other race events of similar status and shall advise the Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator accordingly. Private yachts shall not be chartered or used commercially for any purpose other than as outlined herein.