



**REPUBLIC OF
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**
MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

Marine Notice

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**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: Scheduling Requirements and Processes for Yacht Compliance Verifications
and Inspections**

References: (a) **RMI [Maritime Act 1990](#)**
(b) **RMI [Maritime Regulations](#) (MI-108)**
(c) **RMI [Yacht Code 2021](#) (MI-103)**

PURPOSE

This Marine Notice (MN) outlines the requirements and process for scheduling the initial, annual, and renewal flag State Compliance Verification and other inspections (pre-registration, special, etc.) required by the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (“the Administrator”) in the Yacht Code 2021 (the “[Yacht Code](#)”). It does not address any other statutory surveys or audits required under international conventions.

APPLICABILITY

This MN is effective as of 1 April 2024. It applies to yachts subject to a flag State Compliance Verification and other inspections under the Yacht Code. This includes yachts voluntarily complying with the Code.

DEFINITIONS

This MN uses terminology defined in the RMI [Maritime Regulations](#) and the Yacht Code.

REQUIREMENTS

1.0 Compliance Verifications and Inspections

- 1.1 Commercial yachts, passenger yachts (PAXYs), Private Yacht Limited Charter (PYLCs), and Yachts Engaged in Trade (YETs), regardless of Gross Tonnage, must be certified and comply with the Yacht Code.

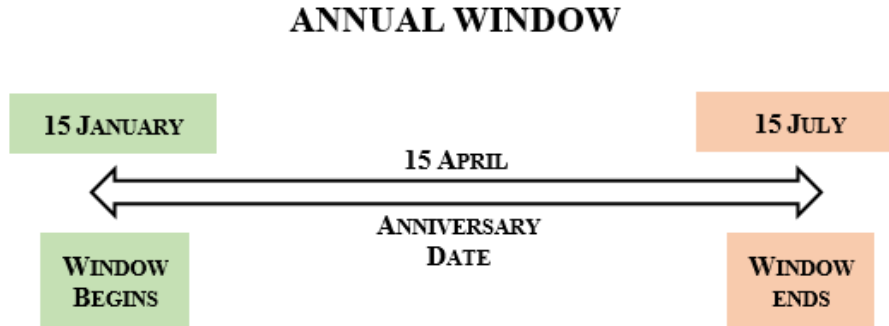
- 1.2 Flag State inspections and Compliance Verifications must be conducted by one of the following individuals acting under the authority of the RMI:
 - .1 a RMI Yacht Inspector (YI); or
 - .2 an Appointed Representative (AR). (See RMI Marine Guideline MG [2-11-15](#)).
- 1.3 Annual and renewal Compliance Verifications must be scheduled and completed within the appropriate range dates outlined in §3.0, below.
- 1.4 Failure to comply with the requirements of this notice that results in an overdue status of a certificate or endorsement may lead to the invalidity of the Compliance Certificate and/or the Certificate of Registry.
- 1.5 It is the responsibility of the owner or manager to present the yacht ready for the Compliance Verification or inspection and to ensure that the inspector is given full access to the yacht, its equipment, and documentation.

2.0 Scheduling Processes and Fees

- 2.1 To schedule Compliance Verifications or other inspections, the owner or representative of the yacht must contact the Administrator directly to make the necessary arrangements for the requested services. Requests for the scheduling of Compliance Verifications or any other inspections must be done with [MI-128](#), *Compliance Verification and Inspection Request*.
- 2.2 For initial, annual, or renewal Compliance Verifications and pre-registration inspections, the yacht's owner or representative may choose a RMI YI or an AR to carry out the requested services.
 - .1 It is the Administrator's policy to rotate inspectors.
 - .2 The Administrator may appoint a different inspector than the one originally requested and retains the sole discretion to appoint another for any other reason.
 - .3 In such cases, the owner or representative will be informed accordingly.
- 2.3 Where an AR is requested, the Administrator will forward the request to the AR. The AR will then communicate directly with the yacht's representative for further scheduling and the associated fees and costs.
- 2.4 Where the owner or representative requests the services to be carried out by a RMI YI, the Administrator will communicate about further arrangements and associated fees as per MN [1-005-2](#).

3.0 Window for Compliance Verification Completion

- 3.1 The window for completing the annual Compliance Verification is within the three-month period before or after the anniversary date. For example, if the initial Compliance Verification was on 15 April the annual window would be between 15 January and 15 July.



- 3.2 Renewal Compliance Verifications must be carried out within three months before expiration of the full-term Compliance Certificate.
- 3.3 If a yacht is unable to undergo the required Compliance Verification within the annual window, the owner or representative must apply to the Administrator for an extension. The application must be in writing and state the reason the certificates cannot be renewed or the reason the Compliance Verification cannot be conducted as required.
- 3.4 If no extension is granted resulting in an overdue certificate or Compliance Verification, the yacht is immediately prohibited from engaging in any charter activities. If the Compliance Verification or the certificate remains overdue for more than 30 days without an approved extension, the Administrator will revoke the Compliance Certificate **without** any prior notification. The Administrator may, at its discretion, downgrade the yacht to a private yacht.
- 3.5 Once the yacht has been downgraded to a private yacht or the Compliance Certificate has been revoked, the yacht must undergo a renewal Compliance Verification to reinstate the Compliance Certificate.

4.0 Special or Unscheduled Compliance Verifications

The Administrator may require a yacht to undergo a special or unscheduled Compliance Verification. This may be required where the yacht has been subject to a port State control examination or detention, or where an additional verification by the Administrator has been deemed necessary. Additional charges may apply for these special or unscheduled Compliance Verifications.