Marine Safety Advisory No. 12-21

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: AREAS TO BE AVOIDED – TRISTAN DA CUNHA

Date: 30 August 2021

On 1 April 2020, the Government of Tristan da Cunha (TdCG) designated two Areas to be Avoided (ATBA) within its Marine Protection Zone. The boundaries for the ATBA are detailed [here](#) but are basically a 25-mile radius around each island.

These voluntary ATBA are applicable to ALL ships of 400 gross tonnage and above solely in transit.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator has been asked to bring these protected areas to the attention of RMI-flagged vessel operators. The TdCG’s monitoring of its maritime limits have shown merchant vessels, including those registered in the RMI, transiting the ATBA.