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Bill Gallagher, President, International Registries, Inc. (IRI) explains how the Republic of the Marshall Islands Registry remains focused on progress and opportunity through the pandemic.

Advances in sustainability and technology, some of which the industry has never seriously considered previously, have been realized during the COVID-19 pandemic. By the end of December 2020, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) had conducted more than 900 remote inspections with the assistance of a wide variety of advanced tools...

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At the outset of the pandemic, as global travel restrictions prevented seafarers, port workers, and nautical inspectors from transiting borders to board vessels, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Registry quickly recognized the need for flexibility in conducting inspections and surveys. That flexibility led to protocols and procedures for remote inspections, which began 25 March 2020. While remote inspections are not...

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With a significant number of the world's seafarers coming from the Philippines, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Registry's Manila office stepped in to support owners, operators, and seafarers with crew change challenges, seafarer documentation, and protecting safe vessel operation during the pandemic. The human element of shipping, often forgotten, became a focal point of pandemic operations as the world recognized the critical...

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