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Operating Requirements In The Event Of Loss Of Anchor

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 It has been noted by the Administration, based on recent loss of anchor occurrences on Marshall Islands registered vessels, that some inconsistencies exist with regard to the reporting and follow-up actions taken by the Owners and Classification Societies after such instances. It is the stance of this Administration that such occurrences not only affect the Classification status of the vessel, but impact the validity of the Safety Construction certificate as well.
- 1.2 In order to demonstrate safe operation of ships with the above mentioned condition, and to ensure consistent response in the handling of cases of this nature, the Marshall Islands Administration is instructing its Recognized Organizations (ROs) involved in the Statutory survey and certification of Marshall Islands registered vessels to comply with the following outlined procedure.

2.0 Procedure

- 2.1 At the time when such an occurrence is brought to the attention of the RO, a notification in writing shall be made to the Administration requesting authorization for issuance of a Short Term Safety Construction Certificate, providing relevant recommendations with regard to the term of validity of the certificate, special operational or construction considerations, and the Owner's corrective action plan.
- 2.2 Upon receipt of the above notification, the Administration will provide the requisite authorization to the RO for the issuance of a Short Term Safety Construction Certificate, on the basis of the recommendations provided.
- 2.3 The following notations shall be included on the Short Term Safety Construction Certificate when issued:
 - 2.3.1 Tug assistance is to be provided, at the discretion of the Master, while entering & leaving port and while navigating in confined waters, and;
 - 2.3.2 Main Engine / propulsion is to be kept on "Stand By" at all times while at anchor.
