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MARPOL Standard Discharge Connectors on Yachts

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 MARPOL Annex I, Regulation 19 requires a standard discharge connector with a 215 mm (8 1/2") flange be fitted on vessels to enable pipes of reception facilities to be connected with a vessel's discharge pipeline for machinery bilge residues.
- 1.2 MARPOL Annex IV, Regulation 11 also requires a standard discharge connector with a 210 mm flange be fitted on vessels to enable pipes of reception facilities to be connected with a vessel's discharge pipeline for sewage.
- 1.3 As a result of this excessive size on a yacht, very few yachts are so fitted. Instead, the normal fitting is a 50.8 mm (2") Quick Lock type connection on a deck fitting.

2.0 Equivalence

- 2.1 The Administration has taken this situation into consideration and is authorizing its Recognized Organizations and Authorized Representatives involved in the survey and issuance of International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) and International Sewage Pollution Prevention (ISPP) Certificates to Marshall Islands registered yachts to accept the following equivalent arrangement.
- 2.2 Where restrictive space considerations exist, a non-standard connection may be accepted on yachts of less than 1,000 gross tons, provided it can readily connect with shore-side oil and/or sewage discharge facilities.
- 2.3 The connection under consideration should, however, still be suitable for a service pressure of 6 kg.cm².
