



» Additional Guests on Private Yachts

The Republic of the Marshall Islands legislation refers to a “pleasure yacht” as per International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), Chapter I where “pleasure yachts not engaged in trade” (private yachts) are not required to comply with SOLAS and therefore not limited to 12 passengers. Private yachts are those not carrying passengers for hire, not engaged in trade or commerce, and are used solely for pleasure or recreational purposes of its owner.

The yacht must be equipped with:

- berths on overnight voyages;
- sufficient lifesaving equipment; and
- appropriate black and grey water capacity.

The yacht must demonstrate that the stability calculations have considered the total number of persons on board.

There is no maximum number of social guests on board a private yacht therefore no dispensation letter is required to be carried on board to allow additional guests.



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