



## **The Marshall Islands Registry's Seminar on Port State Control Inspections**

*Istanbul, 25 April 2016*

A seminar on port State control (PSC) inspections was arranged by the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") on 19 April 2016 at the Istanbul Chamber of Shipping. The focus of the seminar was PSC awareness and the role of the flag State. Presentations were given by Captain Theodore Lalas, Fleet Operations Manager (IRI Piraeus), and Ozgur Asik, Marine Manager (IRI Istanbul).

The main goal of this seminar was to provide enhanced feedback about PSC inspections onboard RMI flagged vessels. Topics included a PSC overview, information regarding RMI flagged vessel detentions in 2014, 2015, and 2016 by vessel type, location, and a discussion of the top detainable deficiencies causing detentions of RMI flagged vessels. Case studies with detailed photos were provided for accurate identification of these deficiencies in future inspections.

In addition, it was noted that the RMI has received preliminary recognition by the United States Coast Guard for Qualship 21 for the year 2016 and therefore has held Qualship 21 status for 12 consecutive years, which is unprecedented.

The RMI Registry is fully committed to the safety and security of personnel ashore and afloat, the Registry's vessels, and the marine environment. Seminars such as this, frequently held by the Administrator, provide the awareness necessary to preserve that commitment, to maintain its reputation as a quality fleet, and to save owners/operators costly delays at port.