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YACHT SAFETY ADVISORY No. 03-19

To: Yacht Owners/Captains, Managers, Agents, Recognized Class Societies, and Appointed Representatives

Subject: CORRUPTION IN PORTS

Date: 2 April 2019 (renewed 2 April 2021)

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) has joined the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) as an Associate Member. MACN’s goal and that of its members is to work towards eliminating maritime corruption, particularly in the interface between ship and port.

To support this goal the Administrator is providing the following.

1.0 Real Time Reporting

1.1 If a vessel encounters a corrupt practice in port and would like to report it to the Administrator, the Master, shipowner or ship operator may:

- .1 email: nocorruption@register-iri.com; and
- .2 for urgent situations also contact the Duty Officer by:
 - email: dutyofficer@register-iri.com; or
 - phone: +1 571 441 1885.

1.2 Information that should be transmitted is:

- .1 the country and port (or place) the incident has occurred; and
- .2 the demand being made (examples are cigarettes, soda drinks, alcohol, a small cash payment, a large cash payment, sundries, miscellaneous items, presents or unjustified fees).

This YSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.

2.0 Information Sharing

2.1 Confidentiality

In all cases, the Administrator will ensure that information is anonymized prior to sharing it with any outside entities.

2.2 Reporting after an Incident

- .1 **MACN Members:** Report corrupt practice demands directly to MACN through its anonymous incident reporting system at: <http://www.maritime-acn.org/macn-upload>. MACN provides feedback on this reporting to its members.
- .2 **Non-MACN Members:** Reports should be made to the Administrator at: nocorruption@register-iri.com, using form [MI-360](#). The information will be anonymized and analyzed for trends. Reports may also be made to MACN using their anonymous incident report system at: <http://www.maritime-acn.org/macn-upload>. MACN does not provide feedback to non-members.

2.3 Periodic Reporting

- .1 All RMI-flagged vessel owners and operators may advise the Administrator periodically (quarterly suggested) on corrupt practice demands involving their vessels. This information will be used in current and future deliberations on maritime corruption taking place at the International Maritime Organization and in continued dialog with MACN.
- .2 Reports may be provided in a consolidated spreadsheet. They should be emailed to the Administrator at: nocorruption@register-iri.com.