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YACHT SAFETY ADVISORY No. 01-21

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

Subject: CYBER RISK MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR YACHTS

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This Yacht Safety Advisory (YSA) supersedes YSA No. 11-20.

As a reminder, all Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged ships, including yachts, subject to the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, are required to integrate appropriate cyber risk measures into their safety management system (SMS) by the first annual verification of the company's Document of Compliance after 1 January 2021. See RMI Marine Notice [2-011-13](#), *International Safety Management (ISM) Code*, and IMO Resolution [MSC.428\(98\)](#).

Given the recent cyberattacks in the maritime sector, the RMI Maritime Administrator recommends that yachts which maintain a mini-ISM under the RMI Yacht Code ([MI-103](#)) also address cyber risks.

Guidance on how to include cyber risks in the SMS is available in RMI Marine Guideline [2-11-16](#), *Maritime Cyber Risk Management* and in [The Guidelines on Cyber Security Onboard Ships \(Version 4\)](#). See also Ship Security Advisory No. [13-20](#) which highlights improvements that have been made to this latest version of the Guidelines and provides information on how the United States Coast Guard will be enforcing the cybersecurity requirement on foreign-flagged vessels.

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is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.