

# Republic of the Marshall Islands

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### YACHT SAFETY ADVISORY No. 07-21

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

**Subject: GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATE YACHTS OF 300 GROSS TONNAGE AND ABOVE OPERATING IN POLAR WATERS**

**Date: 12 November 2021**

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has recently issued IMO Circular [MSC.1/Circ.1642](#), *Guidelines for Safety Measures for Pleasure Yachts of 300 Gross Tonnage and Above Not Engaged in Trade Operating in Polar Waters*.

In conjunction with the new guidelines, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator amended RMI Marine Notice [2-011-52](#) to clarify that part I-A of the Polar Code does not apply to private yachts and Private Yachts Limited Charter, as defined in the 2021 RMI Yacht Code ([MI-103](#)). Instead, the new IMO guidelines which address safety measures must be applied, as appropriate.

As a reminder, all ships operating in polar waters must comply with the Polar Code part II- A pollution prevention requirements.

Any questions concerning the above may be directed to [yachttec@register-iri.com](mailto:yachttec@register-iri.com).

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is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.