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YACHT SAFETY ADVISORY No. 05-23

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

Subject: INSTALLATION, USE, AND UPDATING OF RADIO EQUIPMENT

Date: 15 August 2023

This Yacht Safety Advisory (YSA) supersedes YSA No. 03-23.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) recently published IMO Circular [MSC.1/Circ.1676](#), *Delays Affecting the Availability of New GMDSS Equipment Compliance with the Revised Performance Standards in IMO Resolutions [MSC.511\(105\)](#), [MSC.512\(105\)](#), and [MSC.513\(105\)](#).*

Accordingly, until **1 January 2028**, the Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) will permit the continued installation of:

1. shipborne VHF radio installations conforming to performance standards not inferior to those specified in IMO Resolution [A.803\(19\)](#), as amended by [MSC.68\(68\)](#);
2. shipborne MF and MF/HF radio installations conforming to performance standards not inferior to those specified in IMO Resolutions [A.804\(19\)](#), as amended by [MSC.68\(68\)](#); and [A.806\(19\)](#), as amended by [MSC.68\(68\)](#); and
3. Inmarsat-C ship earth stations conforming to performance standards not inferior to those specified in IMO Resolution [A.807\(19\)](#), as amended by [MSC.68\(68\)](#).

The IMO has also advised all vessels to ensure that they update their VHF equipment following the first radio survey after **1 January 2028**, at the earliest, so that it meets the arrangements that will then be in force then. See IMO Circular [MSC.1/Circ.1460/Rev.4](#).

For questions about updating radiocommunications equipment, the Administrator may be contacted at: Radio@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is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.