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YACHT SAFETY ADVISORY No. 06-24

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

Subject: REVISED YACHT COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION PROCEDURES

Date: 31 March 2024

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") has revised the procedures and requirements for yachts subject to flag State Compliance Verifications and inspections.

As per current procedures, yachts which are subject to Compliance Verifications and inspections are required to undergo their certification for flag State compliance through an Appointed Representative (AR) and schedule these inspections directly with the AR as declared on the Declaration of Use (MI-127).

Yacht Owners, Captains, and managers should be aware that, effective from **01 April 2024**, this policy will change and the initial requests for any inspection or verification must be communicated to the Administrator directly by the owner or representative. The Administrator will appoint, based on the request and availability, a yacht inspector to perform the inspection or verification. In cases where an AR or one of their inspectors has been appointed, the AR will contact the yacht's representative to further schedule the request. Where the Administrator appoints a non-AR inspector, the Administrator will communicate directly with the representative to make further arrangements for boarding.

The application for inspections and Compliance Verifications can be done utilizing the Form <u>MI-128</u>, *Compliance Verification and Inspection Request*. This completed form should be submitted to the email address listed on the document, allowing ample time for the Administrator to process the application.

For further clarification on the requirements and scheduling process, see Marine Notice <u>5-034-6</u>, *Scheduling Requirements and Processes for Compliance Verifications and Inspections.*

Yachts holding a MI-127 Declaration issued prior to 1 April 2024 that lists an AR entity in the section, *Mandatory Compliance Verification by*, are not required to resubmit this document.

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is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.