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YACHT SAFETY ADVISORY No. 07-24

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

Subject: PREVENTION OF GARBAGE POLLUTION FROM SHIPS

Date: 4 April 2024

This Yacht Safety Advisory addresses amendments to Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL).

Effective **1** May 2024, and in accordance with International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolution <u>MEPC.360(79)</u>, the following yachts must maintain a Garbage Record Book onboard:

- all yachts of 100 gross tons and above; and
- all yachts certified to carry 15 or more persons, regardless of tonnage.

In addition, as provided by IMO Resolution <u>MEPC.382(80)</u>, the discharge requirements of MARPOL Annex V, regulation 6 with respect to the Red Sea Special Area will take effect on **1** January 2025. These requirements apply to all yachts.

Please refer to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Marine Notice <u>2-013-5</u>, *MARPOL Annex V* - *Prevention of Garbage Pollution from Ships*, for further details.

Any questions concerning these new requirements may be directed to <u>yachttec@register-iri.com</u>.

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is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.