

# Republic of the Marshall Islands

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### YACHT SAFETY ADVISORY No. 08-24

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

**Subject: UNITED STATES ENFORCEMENT OF MARPOL ANNEX VI, TIER III NITROGEN OXIDES LIMITS**

**Date: 17 June 2024**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) would like to bring attention to the United States Coast Guard’s (USCG) current policy change regarding enforcement of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) Annex VI Regulation 13.5.1.2, *Tier III Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Limits*. This policy is that:

engines at or above 130 kW installed on recreational vessels above 24 meters in length and less than 500 gt must meet the Tier III performance standards of MARPOL Annex VI, Regulation 13.5.1.2.

An exception to this policy is qualifying large recreational vessels constructed from 1 January 2021 through 31 December 2023. These vessels will be permitted to operate engines within the US portion of the North American and US Caribbean Sea NOx Emission Control Areas without future USCG enforcement action even though the engines do not meet the MARPOL Annex VI Regulation 13 Tier III NOx emission standard. Their engines must, however, be certified to US Clean Air Act Tier 3 emission standards **and** MARPOL Tier II NOx standards. Applicable vessel records for engine status determination must be kept.

Refer to USCG [Policy Letter 21-01 \(Change 1\)](#) and Commercial Vessel Compliance (CVC) Work Instruction (WI) [CVC-WI-014\(1\)](#) for further details.

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is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.