

# Republic of the Marshall Islands

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### YACHT SAFETY ADVISORY No. 09-24

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

**Subject: IMPORTANT NOTICE BY SPANISH DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE MERCHANT NAVY REGARDING 37<sup>TH</sup> AMERICAS CUP 2024**

**Date: 1 August 2024**

The Spanish Directorate General of the Merchant Navy has published a [Resolution](#) document establishing the maximum number of persons onboard ships during the 37th America's Cup in Barcelona.

The Directorate General established that, within the permanent exclusion zone between 22 August and 27 October 2024, and within the racing program established by the America's Cup, sailing is authorized between 10:00 and 20:00 hours, exclusively during daylight hours. This applies to all yachts and spectator vessels carrying more persons than those indicated in their national certificates. The maximum number of persons on board may not exceed those established in the [Resolution](#) and sufficient life-saving equipment for all persons on board must be provided.

The [Resolution](#) also specifies that the applications for authorization to carry more persons, must be obtained from the Capitanía Marítima. All foreign flagged yachts must first have an authorization issued by their flag State, indicating the maximum number of passengers, specifically issued for the event, the dates, the maritime area of the America's Cup, and imposing any conditions or limitations that may apply. It should be noted that in any case, the Capitanía Marítima may reduce the maximum number of persons on board, according to the criteria established for recreational craft and vessels flying the Spanish flag.

For all Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged yachts, the above-mentioned authorization from the flag State may be issued by the RMI Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") following the application process.

Applications for a "No Objection Letter" can be made using the following form as published on the Administrator's website: [YTEC-01](#), *Application for No Objection Letter to Carry Additional Persons On Board*.

Kindly note that a fee for such an application applies.

Any Sailing yachts taking part in the superyacht regatta, or any other races during this time must comply with the requirements as specified in RMI Marine Notice [2-011-48](#), *Requirements for Yachts Taking Part in Races*.

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