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YACHT TECHNICAL CIRCULAR

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Change of Flag -- Private Yachts less than 24m in Length

1.0 Purpose

The Circular clarifies the requirements for private yachts of less than 24m in length changing flag from another registry into the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Registry.

2.0 Pre-registration inspection

Private Yachts of less than 24 meters in length and more than 20 years of age must undergo a pre-registration inspection as required per RMI Marine Notice (MN) [2-011-55](#).

3.0 Markings

- 3.1 The name of the yacht and port of registry must be permanently marked on the yacht's stern in a contrasting color and distinctly visible. The letters or symbols must not be less than 150 millimeters (mm) in height.
- 3.2 Each lifebuoy must be marked with the yacht's name and port of registry.
- 3.3 If tenders are provided these must be clearly marked with:
 - .1 the number of persons that can be safely carried; and
 - .2 the tender's name and that of the associated yacht, except when:
 - a. the tender name is "T/T [Yacht Name]" or similar reference is made, or
 - b. the tender is registered separately in another jurisdiction.

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4.0 Programing Radio Transmitting and Receiving Equipment

4.1 Radio transmitting and receiving equipment (including the applicable Life Saving Appliances) must have been re-programmed with the correct RMI details, including:

- .1 the name of the yacht;
- .2 call sign; and
- .3 MMSI number.
- .4 the IMO number, where applicable.

4.2 Particular attention must be given, but is not limited to:

.1 Inmarsat Terminals

Refer to MN [4-033-1](#) for the procedures on activating, deactivating, and updating Inmarsat mobile earth station information. See MN [4-033-4](#) for a list of Accounting Authorities Identification Codes (AAIC).

.2 Other Radio Transmitting Devices

- a. Any other transmitting radio devices, including equipment as part of the GMDSS (e.g., VHF DSC, MF/HF-DSC), must be reprogrammed by an authorized service provider with the allocated RMI Call Sign, MMSI number and, where applicable, the registered name of the yacht.
- b. Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs), Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) and Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs) must be reprogramed per MN 4-033-5 and a copy of a programming certificate must be sent to radio@register-iri.com.

.3 Automatic Identification Systems

For yachts fitted with Automatic Identification Systems (AIS), the equipment must be reprogrammed by an authorized service provider with the allocated RMI Call Sign, MMSI number and, where applicable, the new registered name of the yacht. See MN [2-011-17](#).

- .4 For yachts provided with tenders or other watercraft fitted with AIS or other radio equipment which require programming, a daughter craft MMSI number must be requested from radio@register-iri.com. This must be done for each such craft, provided that these tenders or crafts are not otherwise registered in another jurisdiction.

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4.3 Deletion Requirements

When a yacht is deleted from the RMI Registry, the equipment above must be reprogrammed with the new details of the gaining flag.

5.0 Amendments to Documentation

All logbooks, plans, procedures, and other relevant documentation must be amended to reflect the correct details and reference the RMI particulars.

6.0 Designated Persons

- 6.1 The owner or managers of a private yacht must appoint a shore-based Designated Person (DP) and Alternate DP as a point of contact with whom the Administrator may establish direct and immediate contact for communications in case of an emergency or other important matters.
- 6.2 DPs and their alternates must provide 24/7 coverage for the yacht.
- 6.3 The required contact details must be supplied at registration with any updates to them emailed to the Administrator at: yachts@register-iri.com.
