



# REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

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### YACHT TECHNICAL CIRCULAR

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#### Private Yacht Voluntary Compliance Levels

## 1.0 Introduction

This Yacht Technical Circular provides the levels of compliance that owners of private registered yachts may choose, when maintaining a Yacht Statement of Voluntary Compliance (SoVC).

## 2.0 General

### 2.1 Voluntary Compliance

- .1 The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) allows owners to certify and operate their private yachts on a voluntary basis to a higher standard than required by the RMI [Maritime Regulations](#) and Yacht Code 2021 (“[Yacht Code](#)”), or international conventions.
- .2 The SoVC is not a compliance certificate. Its sole purpose is to confirm that the yacht voluntarily complies fully or partially with more stringent requirements. It does not authorize a private yacht to engage in any commercial yacht activity and the requirements applicable to private yachts under the RMI [Maritime Act 1990](#) and the Maritime Regulations continue to govern.

### 2.2 Voluntary Compliance Levels

- .1 The Administrator acknowledges that some owners may not wish to voluntarily comply with all requirements of the higher standards. To accommodate this, the owner is given the choice of different compliance levels (Levels 1 thru Level 5, based on tonnage) as provided in the Appendix.
- .2 To initiate the voluntary compliance process, owners or their designated representatives must email the Administrator and request an SoVC at: [yachttec@register-iri.com](mailto:yachttec@register-iri.com). The request must specify the desired compliance level against which the yacht is to be inspected. In addition, form [MI-127PY](#), *Declaration of Use-Not for Hire*, must be filled out and submitted.

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## APPENDIX

### 500 GT or more

	Classification Certificate	ILLC	SOLAS CSSC	SOLAS CSSE	SOLAS CSSR	MSMC/Manning documents	ISM / SMC	ISPS / SSC (incl. CSRs)	MLC 2006 Certificate	DOC	MI-103 Compliance and SoVC	MI-127PY-VCC
Level 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Level 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Level 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Level 4	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X
Level 5	X	X	X	X	X	X <sup>1</sup>						

### 300 GT – 499 GT

	Classification Certificate	ILLC SoVC	CSSC SoVC	CSSE SoVC	CSSR SoVC	MSMC / RMI Crew document	Mini - ISM	MLC,2006 Certificate	MI-103 Compliance and SoVC	MI-127PY-VCC
Level 1	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Level 2	X	X			X	X	X		X	X
Level 3	X	X	X	X	X					
Level 4				X						

### Abbreviations

ILLC	<i>International Load Line Convention certification and compliance.</i>
CSSC	<i>International Cargo Ship Safety Construction certification and compliance.</i>
CSSE	<i>International Cargo Ship Safety Equipment certification and compliance.</i>
CSSR	<i>International Cargo Ship Safety Radio certification and compliance.</i>
MSMC	<i>RMI Minimum Safe Manning Certificate.</i>
SMC	<i>International Safety Management Certification.</i>
MLC 2006	<i>Maritime Labour Convention 2006 certification and compliance</i>
DOC	<i>ISM Document of Compliance</i>
MI-103	<i>RMI <a href="#">Yacht Code</a> compliance subject to annual endorsements.</i>

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1. Applies only to yachts ≥ 3,000 GT.