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Yacht Code Compliance Reviews and Surveys for New Construction and Conversions

1.0 Introduction

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) has delegated certain plan reviews, surveys, and certifications required by international instruments and national regulations to its Classification Societies or Appointed Representatives (ARs)¹ This Yacht Technical Circular outlines the delegation scope for new construction and conversions of yachts that are registered or intend to be registered in the RMI.

2.0 Compliance to the RMI Yacht Code

- 2.1 The Administrator considers the RMI Yacht Code 2021 (the “[Yacht Code](#)”) and its application to yachts to be an equivalent arrangement to certain aspects of the applicable international conventions’ provisions.
- 2.2 The Yacht Code applies to commercial yachts (CYs), private yachts limited charter (PYLCs), Yachts Engaged in Trade (YETs), and passenger yachts (PAXYs).
- 2.3 The Yacht Code (mandatory and non-mandatory provisions) should be applied to Private Yachts (PYs)² to the extent reasonable and practical.

3.0 Delegation of Authority

3.1 Classed Yachts

- .1 Under the Yacht Code, classed yachts must be certified for compliance to the applicable international statutory conventions.
- .2 Classed yachts, under construction or undergoing a major conversion, must appoint a Classification Society for plan review, survey, and certification of the applicable international statutory conventions’ requirements. The Classification Society must also perform the plan reviews and surveys for the applicable Yacht Code sections.

1. Refer to Marine Notice [2-011-29](#), *Entities Acting on Behalf of the Maritime Administrator and their Roles in Ensuring Compliance with Mandatory Instruments and National Regulations*.

2. As defined in the Code.

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- .3 On successful completion of the construction or major conversion, the Classification Society must issue a Statement of Compliance (SoC) confirming that the yacht has been constructed or has undergone a major conversion that meets all applicable requirements of the Yacht Code and international conventions to which the RMI is party.
- .4 RMI yachts registered or intending to be registered as a CY, PYLC, YET, or PAXY, must also have a Compliance Verification conducted by a flag-State representative. Refer to the RMI Marine Notice (MN) [2-011-53](#) (for CYs, PAXYs, and YETs) and MN [2-011-54](#) (for PYLCs).

3.2 Unclassed Yachts

- .1 Unclassed private yachts (24 meters or more in length), under construction or undergoing a major conversion, must select an AR if they are not under Classification Society supervision. The AR is required to supervise the project, perform plan reviews, survey, and provide certification services as needed. The AR can be selected by the shipyard, the owner, or their representative. Contact details of the ARs can be found in RMI Marine Guideline [2-11-15](#).
- .2 The AR must be selected at an early stage of the construction or conversion. The Administrator must be informed in writing of which AR has been chosen to do the work.
- .3 On successful completion of the construction or conversion in accordance with all applicable requirements, the AR must issue a Statement of Compliance confirming that the yacht has been constructed or has undergone a major conversion following the applicable requirements of the international conventions to which the RMI is party, and to the applicable Code Chapters, as applicable.

4.0 Exemptions and Equivalencies

All requests for exemptions and equivalencies from specific requirements must be made in writing to the Administrator at: yachttec@register-iri.com.

- 4.1 Requests must follow the procedure for equivalent standards outlined in the [Yacht Code](#). This includes providing supporting documentation with a recommendation from the Classification Society (classed yachts) or AR (unclassified yachts) conducting the plan approval and survey.

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- 4.2 Requests must, as practicable, be submitted for consideration during early stages of design or construction to prevent construction complications should the Administrator reject the proposed exemption or equivalency.
- 4.3 The Administrator will authorize an exemption or equivalency, at its sole discretion, when it is considered appropriate.
