This Circular emphasizes the requirements for the carriage and operation of LRIT systems on Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged yachts. It must be read in conjunction with RMI Marine Notice 2-011-25, *Long-Range Identification and Tracking of Ships*, with particular attention paid to §8.6 and §10.0 of that Notice.

1.0 LRIT Operational Requirements

1.1 The RMI Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) requires the following yachts to be fitted with and operate a LRIT system in accordance with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), Chapter V/19-1:

   1. all Commercial Yachts of 300 gross tons (GT) and above;
   2. Yachts Engaged in Trade (YETs) of 300 GT and above;
   3. Private Yachts Limited Charter (PYLCs) of 300 GT and above, assigned category 0 (unrestricted service) and category 1 (150 nautical miles); and
   4. Passenger Yachts (PAXYs) of any GT.

1.2 PYLCs assigned Category 2 and Private Yachts may transmit LRIT information on a voluntary basis. See RMI Marine Notice 2-011-25, §8.6.5.

1.3 The Administrator understands that a yacht may enter into seasonal lay-up, long-term shipyard periods, or similar long-term periods of lay-up. In these periods, the yacht’s radio station, including the LRIT terminal, may be powered down.

1.3.1 When the unit is to be powered down, the procedures in RMI Marine Notice 2-011-25, §10 are to be strictly followed and the following entities notified:

   1. the Administrator’s Radio Service Area by email at: radio@register-iri.com; and
   2. the local authority (as permission may be required).

1.4 If an LRIT system ceases transmission due to the terminal being powered down intentionally and not in compliance with RMI Marine Notice 2-011-25, an administrative fee, as provided in RMI Marine Notice 1-005-2, will be imposed for each occurrence.

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