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MARPOL Annex IV and V - Determining Number of Persons Onboard for Certification

1.0 Introduction

The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) Annexes IV (Sewage) and V (Garbage) base the application of certain requirements on the number of persons carried onboard; specifically to “ships ...which are certified to carry more than 15 persons” or “every ship ...which is certified to carry 15 or more persons.”

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) recognizes that these criteria are not always applicable to all yachts due to non-mandatory requirements of certain safety certificates to base these number of persons on.

2.0 Administrator’s Policy

2.1 Where the applicability of MARPOL Annex IV/2 and MARPOL Annex V/10 are based on the number of persons carried onboard, the figure that must be used is the one shown on the yacht’s safety certificate as “total number of persons for which life saving appliances are provided for” The relevant safety certificates are:

- **Commercial Yachts and Yachts Engaged in Trade (YET) of 500 GT and more:** *Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate (Supplement form E);*
- **Commercial Yachts and YETs of less than 500 GT:** *Commercial Yacht Compliance Certificate (Supplement Form E – MI-289);*
- **Passenger Yachts and YETs regardless of GT:** *Passenger Ship Safety Certificate (Supplement Form P); or*
- **Private Yachts Limited Charter (PYLC):** *Private Yacht Limited Charter Compliance Certificate (Supplement Form E – MI-289).*

2.2 For yachts that do not hold any of the above certificates, the figure must be determined by the number of persons for whom permanent overnight accommodation is provided. The Administrator considers pullman berths as permanent overnight accommodation when determining the total number of berths.
