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**TO: COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE YACHT MASTERS, OWNERS,
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES AND APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES**

SUBJECT: Yacht “Mini-ISM”

References: (a) **RMI Publication [MI-108](#), *Maritime Regulations*, §2.11**
(b) **RMI Publication [MI-103](#), *Yacht Code***

PURPOSE:

This Notice establishes the minimum requirements for the compliance verification, review, and evaluation of a simplified International Safety Management System (“Mini-ISM”) for certain yachts. It also clarifies the responsibilities for the annual review of the “Mini-ISM” of a yacht.

APPLICABILITY:

This Notice is applicable to all commercial yachts of less than 500 Gross Tons (GT), Yachts Engaged in Trade (YET) of less than 500 GT, and all Private Yachts Limited Charter (PYLC).

REQUIREMENTS:

1.0 General

A “Mini-ISM” is required in accordance with the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Yacht Code (MI-103), and must be implemented as specified in Annex 1 of the Yacht Code to the satisfaction of the Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”), or its representative.

2.0 Compliance Verification, Review and Evaluation

2.1 Compliance verification, review and evaluation of the “Mini-ISM” rests with both the yacht company or owner, and the Recognized Organization (Class Society or Appointed Representative (AR), as appropriate), and is as follows:

2.2 Yacht Company/Owner

2.2.1 Every company/owner shall undertake a review of the management system onboard its yacht at intervals not exceeding 12 months, subject to §2.2.5 below, to verify that safety and pollution-prevention activities comply with the “Mini-ISM”.

- 2.2.2 The individual who is assigned by the company/owner to perform this annual review must be recorded within the “Mini-ISM” document of the yacht.
- 2.2.3 In cases where there is no shore-side management company for a yacht, a competent external third party may be engaged to perform the annual company review of the “Mini-ISM” system. The Administrator may accept that the Captain of the yacht performs this task, provided that the owner is satisfied with the competence of the Captain to fulfill this task.
- 2.2.4 In no case shall the AR that has issued the commercial yacht, YET, or PYLC Compliance Certificate be engaged to perform the annual review.
- 2.2.5 In exceptional circumstances, upon approval from the Administrator, the 12 month interval may be exceeded by not more than three (3) months. In such circumstances, a company or operator must make a written request for an extension, detailing the reason why the 12 month interval cannot be met to: Yachttec@register-iri.com.
- 2.2.6 Recordkeeping
- .1 The results of the reviews are to be brought to the attention of all personnel affected by the results of the review, including those having responsibility for resolution of deficiencies or action items.
 - .2 The date and results of the review shall be recorded onboard in the appropriate log of the “Mini-ISM” document.

2.3 Recognized Organization

- 2.3.1 During an initial Compliance Verification, the “Mini-ISM” system and documents shall be subject to review by a Class Society or AR.
- 2.3.2 During the annual and renewal Compliance Verifications, the AR shall review the “Mini-ISM” to ensure that it has been implemented in accordance with all applicable requirements and Annex 1 of the Yacht Code.
- .1 As part of this review, the AR is to verify that the company or owner has undertaken a review of the “Mini-ISM” of the yacht at least once every 12 months, or that the yacht has approval for an extension granted by the Administrator.