

THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS REGISTRY

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THE MARSHALL ISLANDS FLEET

VESSEL TYPE	NO. of VESSELS	% of FLEET	GROSS TONS	% of FLEET GROSS TONS
BULK CARRIER	1,624	35%	67,815,123	39%
CONTAINER	347	7%	19,070,746	11%
GAS CARRIER	191	4%	13,509,524	8%
GENERAL CARGO	170	4%	5,068,142	3%
MISCELLANEOUS	79	2%	442,552	0.25%
MOU	169	4%	7,021,602	4%
OSV	266	6%	517,879	0.30%
PASSENGER	16	0.34%	528,885	0.30%
TANKER	1,247	27%	59,671,883	34%
YACHT	592	13%	180,974	0.10%
TOTAL FLEET	4,701		173,827,310	

As of 31 January 2020

COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

- The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) ship registry related services are ISO 9008:2015 certified and audited by the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
 - RMI maintains a permanent representative at the IMO and participates in all major committee and subcommittee meetings
 - RMI joined the International Labour Organization (ILO) in 2009 and is an active participant in its meetings
 - The Marshall Islands Quality Council, an independent, consultative body, provides advice and guidance to the RMI Registry
 - RMI takes its treaty obligations as port, coastal, and flag State seriously:
 - ratification
 - implementation
 - enforcement
- IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)

RMI PROOF OF QUALITY

- Only major registry to be included for 15 consecutive years on the United States Coast Guard's Qualship 21 roster
- Paris Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) White List
- Tokyo MoU White List
- IMO Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) White List
- Holds all positive performance indicators on the International Chamber of Shipping Annual Flag State Performance Table 2018/2019
 - Port State control (PSC)
 - Ratification of major international maritime treaties
 - Use of Recognized Organizations (ROs) in compliance with the RO Code
 - Age of fleet
 - Reporting requirements
 - Attendance at IMO meetings
 - IMO Member State Audit

STRONG NATIONAL LAWS AND REGULATION

- 1986 – Independent and Sovereign Nation
 - Blend of United Kingdom (UK) parliamentary and United States (US) styles of government
- 1991 – Full United Nations (UN) Membership
- Integration of IMO and ILO Conventions
 - RMI Revised Code
 - RMI Maritime Act
 - RMI Regulations
 - RMI Marine Notices
 - RMI Marine Guidelines
 - RMI Safety Advisories



RMI AS A SIGNATORY TO AND ENFORCES

- International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974/78, as amended
- International Convention on Load Lines (ILLC), 1966
- International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), 1973/78, as amended
- International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, as amended
- Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS), 1972
- International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships (ITC), 1969
- International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (CLC), Protocol, 1992
- International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001
- International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001
- Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea (PAL), 2002
- International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWMC), 2004
- Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 (WRLC)
- International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code)
- Seafarer Identity Documents Convention (C. 185)
- Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006)

DECENTRALIZATION

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DECENTRALIZED REGISTRY SERVICES

A worldwide expert team works to implement and enforce RMI treaty obligations throughout the lifecycle of the vessel.



- Vessel Registration
- Vessel Administration
- Marine Safety / Inspections
- Regulatory
- Technical
- Seafarers' Identification
- Radio Station Licensing
- Ship Security
- Investigations

VESSEL VETTING PRIOR TO REGISTRATION

- Technical vessel vetting (age, condition, certifications, etc.)
- Owner / operator vetting
- PSC record



WORLD-CHECK TRADE COMPLIANCE

- Combines international lists of special concern, including US Specially Designated Nationals list and UN Security Council Resolution listings
- Offices vet all known persons and entities involved in any known transaction through World-Check
 - Vessels
 - Seafarers
 - Nautical Inspectors
 - Corporate Entities and Officers
 - Corporate Formation Specialists / Qualified Intermediaries
 - Beneficial Owners
 - Any other known individual, such as the Company Security Officer (CSO), Ship Security Officer (SSO), Designated Person Ashore (DPA), etc.
- Additionally vets individuals and entities that are considered high-risk, including known or suspected politically exposed persons (anti-bribery), human or drug traffickers, money launders, and suspected terrorists



CLOSING REMARKS

- The RMI Maritime Registry program was initiated by the RMI Government in 1988.
- The RMI maintains a comprehensive legislative and regulatory framework which ensures that the RMI Registry fully complies with internationally agreed upon standards.

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