

**Circular 289/ 2024**

**To:** DRs, Agents, Surveyors, Ship Owners, Ship Managers and all other interested parties.

**Subject:** Small Yacht Code Version 5.

**Date:** 14th February 2024

**Attachments:** Small Yacht Code Version 5

**Summary**

Maritime Cook Islands (MCI) would like to inform all interested parties that a review of the Small Yacht Code (SYC) has been conducted.

Main amendments have been made to:

- Chapter 1 – determination of load line length;
- Chapter 3 – pre-inspection and coding requirements;
- Chapter 4 – survey requirements;
- Chapter 19 – Maritime Labour Convention - definitions of floor area and gross tonnage, inspection requirements and accommodation requirements.

The new version (Ver. 5) of the SYC will enter into force from 1st March 2024.

A copy of Ver.5 is available on the Cook Islands Legislation page of MCI website: <https://maritimecookislands.com/wp-content/uploads/cook-islands-small-yacht-code-ver5.pdf>

The amended survey and inspection requirements in the revised Chapters 4 (survey, certification, inspection and maintenance) and 19 (Maritime Labour Convention, 2006) of Ver. 5 will apply to all dual and commercial yachts under 24 meters in load line length registered with the Cook Islands.

Dual and Commercial Yachts under 24 meters in load line length, currently registered with the Cook Islands are required to comply with the amended survey and inspection requirements of the revised Chapters 4 and 19 at the first available survey/inspection but no later than 31 December 2024.

MCI will contact owners and managers of Dual and Commercial Yachts under 24 meters in load line length in order to arrange the necessary survey/inspections to ensure compliance with the SYC Ver. 5.

All interested parties are invited to note the information provided in this circular and be informed that the requirements detailed herein are to be considered in force from the date of issue of the present circular.

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