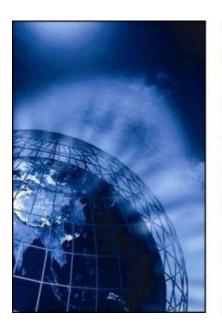
# AN OVERVIEW OF REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (RMI) BUSINESS ENTITIES

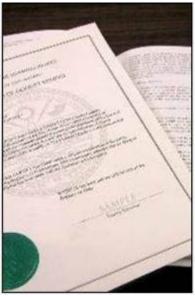
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### THE CORPORATE REGISTRY























#### THE RMI ASSOCIATIONS LAW

- Includes the Business Corporations Act,
   Revised Partnership Act, Limited Partnership
   Act, and Limited Liability Company Act
- Primarily modeled after the corporate laws of the United States (US) state of Delaware
- Allows US or British style corporate management (Managing Director)
- Frequent updates of the RMI Associations
   Law in order to meet the ever changing
   needs of the international financial and
   shipping communities













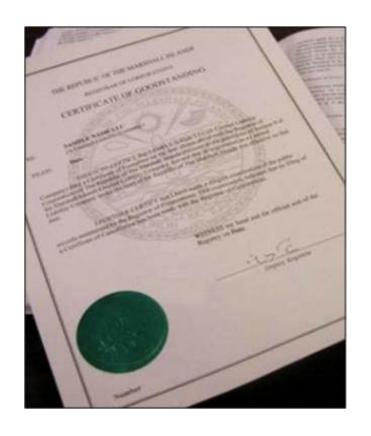




#### **TYPES OF ENTITIES**

#### RMI Business Entities

- International Business Corporation (IBC)
- Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- General/Limited Partnership
- Foreign Maritime Entity (FME)

















#### **ADVANTAGES**

- Ease of formation and maintenance
- Corporate documents may be issued and delivered within 24 hours
- Modern corporate laws
- Political stability
- Low cost
- Zero tax
- Free redomiciliation from other jurisdictions
- Consularization never required

















#### **UTILIZATION OF BUSINESS ENTITIES**

- Vessel/yacht ownership
- Real estate investment
- Holding securities and bank accounts
- Trust and estate planning
- Asset protection
- Joint ventures
- Public offerings for raising capital in world markets
- International trade
- Holding patents and trademarks

















#### **IBC OVERVIEW**

Type of Entity

Common or Civil Law

Migration of Domicile Permitted

Tax on Offshore Profits

Language of Name

IBC

Common

Yes

No

Roman Characters, in Any Language

Minimum Number of Shareholders One Minimum Number of Directors One Requirements Secretary Required Yes Corporate Yes Individuals and/or Corporate Directors Individuals and/or Corporate Officers Yes Yes Registered Agent Provided Directors Anywhere in the World Yes Yes Meetings Anywhere in the World

Annual Return No
File Audited Accounts No

Mandatory Filing of Directors,
Officers and/or Shareholders No















#### **LLC OVERVIEW**

Type of Entity

Common or Civil Law

Migration of Domicile Permitted

Tax on Offshore Profits

Language of Name

Language

Type of Entity

Common

Yes

No

Roman Characters, in Any Language

Minimum Number of Members

Corporate Members Permitted

Registered Agent Provided

Yes

Meetings Anywhere in the World

Members Anywhere in the World

Filing of an LLC Agreement

No

Annual Return No
File Audited Accounts No
Mandatory Filing of Members
and/or Managers No















#### **GENERAL/LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW**

General	Type of Entity	General/Limited Partnership
	Common or Civil Law	Common
	Migration of Domicile Permitted	Yes
	Tax on Offshore Profits	No
	Language of Name	Roman Characters, in Any Language
Requirements	Registered Agent Provided	Yes
General	Minimum Number of General Partners	One
	Minimum Number of Limited Partners	One
Requirements	Annual Return	No
	File Audited Accounts	No
	Mandatory Filing of Partners	No















#### **FMEs**

- Any foreign corporation, partnership, or LLC may be registered as an FME
- Allows entity to own an RMI-flagged vessel/yacht
- Entity remains in original jurisdiction

















#### **VOLUNTARY FILINGS/RECORDINGS**

- Any entity may choose to file or record the following to suit the needs of the entity:
  - Minutes
  - Bylaws
  - Certificate of Officers, Directors, Shareholders, Members, and/or Managers
- Operating Agreement (LLC) and Partnership Agreements may be filed or recorded
- Certificates of Goodstanding and Certificates of Incumbency are also available











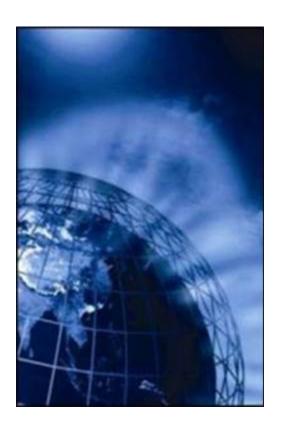






#### REDOMICILIATION

- Free redomiciliation into the RMI
- Entity name and original corporate formation date remain in effect
- Merger into an RMI entity where redomiciliation is prohibited by current jurisdiction

















## REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANIES

#### NYSE (New York Stock Exchange)

Aegean Marine Petroleum Network Inc. (ANW)

Ardmore Shipping Corporation (ASC)

Costamare Inc. (CMRE)

Danaos Corporation (DAC)

DHT Holdings, Inc. (DHT)

Diana Shipping Inc. (DSX)

Dorian LPG Ltd. (LPG)

Dynagas LNG Partners LP (DLNG)

GasLog Partners LP (GLOP)

Genco Shipping & Trading Limited (GNK)

Gener8 Maritime, Inc. (GNRT)

Global Ship Lease, Inc. (GSL)

Höegh LNG Partners LP (HMLP)

KNOT Offshore Partners LP (KNOP)

Navios Maritime Acquisition Corporation (NNA)

Navios Maritime Holdings Inc. (NM)

LSE (London Stock Exchange)

Goldenport Holdings Inc. (GPRT)

Navios Maritime Midstream Partners L.P. (NAP)

Navios Maritime Partners L.P. (NMM)

Nordic American Offshore Ltd. (NAO)

Safe Bulkers, Inc. (SB)

Scorpio Bulkers Inc. (SALT)

Scorpio Tankers Inc. (STNG)

Seadrill Partners LLC (SDLP)

Seaspan Corporation (SSW)

Teekay Corporation (TK)

Teekay LNG Partners L.P. (TGP)

Teekay Offshore Partners L.P. (TOO)

Teekay Tankers Ltd. (TNK)

Transocean Partners LLC (RIGP)

Vale S.A. (VALE)

ISDX (ICAP Securities & Derivatives Exchange)

Geo Global Group Limited (GEOP)

NASDAQ (National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations)

Capital Product Partners L.P. (CPLP)

Diana Containerships Inc. (DCIX)

DryShips Inc. (DRYS)

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (EGLE)

Euroseas Ltd. (ESEA)

FreeSeas Inc. (FREE)

Globus Maritime Limited (GLBS)

Golar LNG Partners LP (GMLP)

KBS Fashion Group Limited (KBSF)

Ocean Rig UDW Inc. (ORIG)

Paragon Shipping Inc. (PRGN)

Seanergy Maritime Holdings Corp. (SHIP)

Star Bulk Carriers Corp. (SBLK)

StealthGas Inc. (GASS)

TOP SHIPS Inc. (TOPS)









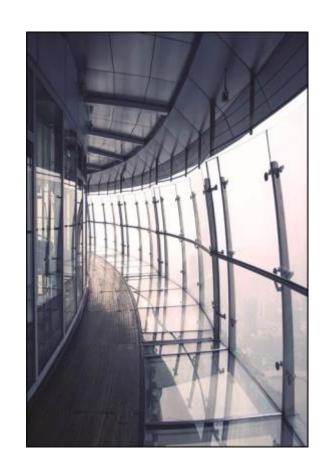






#### INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)/Global Forum on Tax Transparency
- Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and Asia
   Pacific Group (APG)
- US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)

















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