Resolution 10 (2012)

Yachting Guidelines

The Representatives,

Recalling Resolution 1 (2003) regarding the provision of advice to yacht and vessel operators about the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty;

Recalling the work of the Antarctic Treaty Meeting of Experts on Management of Ship-borne tourism (Wellington, 2009);

Concerned about the safety of vessels in the Southern Ocean and the possible risk of accidents involving these vessels and the resulting harm to both persons and the environment;

Desiring to bring forward safety issues for yacht operators and private sailors, to promote good practices and to further protect the environment;

Recommend that:

1. consistent with their national law and as they consider appropriate, the Parties utilise the attached Checklist of yacht specific items for preparing safe Antarctic voyages when assessing proposed yacht visits to Antarctica;

2. the Antarctic Treaty Secretariat (the Secretariat) place Yachting Guidelines for Antarctic Cruises, as discussed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, on its website;

3. the Parties provide details to the Secretariat, to enable it to maintain on its website in conjunction with the Yachting Guidelines for Antarctic Cruises:
   a) contact details of national competent authorities; and
   b) details of relevant Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centres;

and

4. the Parties urge all those intending to undertake a yacht visit to Antarctica to take into account in planning their voyage the Checklist of yacht specific items for preparing safe Antarctic voyages and, as appropriate, the Yachting Guidelines for Antarctic Cruises.