

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*.