

IRC Congress 2017

Proposals For 2018

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Reason for change

The history of rules has shown that what weakens them is mainly the discrepancy that develops between Cruisers and Racers over the years.

IRC has sought to guard against this by keeping the rule a secret, with a fair amount of success. However, recent developments mean that fewer Cruisers are racing with IRC.

Currently, IRC takes into account the different types of boat using a certain number of characteristics.

Changing techniques, the imagination of architects, owners and the increasing skills of crews are not reflected in the basic characteristics required by IRC.

Visually and technically, Racers are growing apart from the Cruiser concept, which represents the majority of current and potential IRC fleets.

Amendments

- 1- Improve the identification of technical characteristics that distinguish Racers from Cruisers
- 2- Use these new characteristics to assess a boat's performance.
- 3- Among the parts that distinguish these types of boats (cockpit, coachroof, generous freeboard, etc), find the criteria that enable a boat to be classified as a Cruiser or Racer, if possible without increasing the number of measurements and the cost of a measurement session.

The simple use of digital technologies should enable us to do it.

Form a Working Group that includes members of the Technical Committee to discuss and study this architectural environment, in charge of issuing recommendations to the PSG and the Congress.

Effect of change:

- Improve fairness within the sport, without impacting the development of new boats.
- Send out a strong signal to Cruiser owners, enabling Clubs and organisers to distinguish Cruiser and Racer rankings.

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