



## RORC Rating Office

RE: GBR IRC Committee – Rating Office Report 2018

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### INTRODUCTION

IRC continues to have good numbers in the UK with the greatest number of certificates in any of the IRC countries. We continue to see good support for the strong racing areas in the UK, but the drop in the Central South Coast is concerning. The UK based IRC Classes such as the HP30, Performance 40 and Fast 40+ have a good programme of races. Attendance at events has been good with particular good entries in the offshore racing. The IRC Europeans in Cowes had lower entries than expected and the number of GBR boats attending the Combined ORC/IRC Worlds was disappointing.

### GBR IRC Statistics

To avoid confusion all numbers listed are to the end of August each year. In general we see this value increase by approximately 40 boats between that date and the end of the year.

In 2018 we have seen a slight decrease of 46 boats (3%) in the number of boats holding full IRC certificates at the end of August. Details are shown in the table below.

Area	Code	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Number Change 2018-17	% Change 2018-17
Central S. Coast	101	686	698	700	666	656	603	-53	-8%
Dorset	102	35	40	88	94	73	66	-7	-10%
Sussex	103	50	50	63	57	53	60	7	13%
East Coast: Kent, Essex, Ipswich & Norfolk	104	130	139	140	144	133	117	-16	-12%
South West	105	149	171	191	187	204	214	10	5%
Midlands (sailing area unknown)	106	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0%
South/Mid Wales	107	31	30	36	40	33	44	11	33%
North Wales	108	27	33	34	36	36	36	0	0%
Liverpool/ Blackpool & Fleetwood	109	26	27	28	26	24	17	-7	-29%
Yorkshire/ Lincolnshire	110	13	7	38	29	34	40	6	18%
Northern Eng: Lake District/ Newcastle	111	5	4	5	8	8	5	-3	-38%
Isle of Man	112	5	3	8	5	6	7	1	17%
Scotland	113 & 114	45	37	41	42	39	39	0	0%
Channel Islands	115	54	60	46	60	58	57	-1	-2%
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Northern Ireland	117	44	46	48	43	54	60	6	11%
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>1328</b>	<b>1379</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>1437</b>	<b>1411</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>-46</b>	<b>-3%</b>



The total number of shorthanded certificates issued this year was 16, 13 of these are in the Central South Coast region where there is strong support for single- and double-handed racing. Also a total of 37 boats had SERs issued (a reduction from 53 in 2017). This brings the total number of boats racing IRC up to 1402 for the year to the end of August.

The following table shows the total number of boats with full IRC certificates, including those issued under the Start Up Scheme, to 31 Dec 2015, 2016 & 2017. 2018 figures are to the end of August and also show number of Short-Handed certificates in each area, and Single Event Ratings. **See below for more about Start Up and SER.**

Area	Area code	Total full 2015	Total full 2016	Total full 2017	31-Aug-18			
					Full	inc Start Up	SH	SER (by race area)
		inc start up	inc start up	inc start up				
Central S. Coast	101	744	696	690	603		13	36
Dorset	102	92	95	76	66	38	0	0
Sussex	103	65	57	53	60	16	0	0
East Coast: Kent, Essex, Ipswich & Norfolk	104	150	150	137	117		0	0
South West	105	193	187	208	214	76	2	0
Midlands (sailing area unknown)	106	0	0	0	0		0	0
South/Mid Wales	107	36	41	34	44	11	0	0
North Wales	108	37	41	39	36		0	0
Liverpool/ Blackpool & Fleetwood	109	33	31	26	17		0	0
Yorkshire/ Lincolnshire	110	40	30	35	40	28	0	0
Northern Eng: Lake District/ Newcastle	111	8	13	13	5		0	0
Isle of Man	112	8	5	6	7		0	0
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Scotland	114	42	44	40	39		0	1
Channel Islands	115	49	62	60	57	12	1	0
Northern Ireland	117	54	45	55	60	6	0	0
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>1551</b>	<b>1497</b>	<b>1472</b>	<b>1365</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>TOTAL SER</b>		133	110	50	37			
<b>TOTAL IRC RATED BOATS</b>		1684	1607	1522	1402			



Start Up and the Club Loyalty Scheme (CLS) continues to deliver good results year on year. In 2018 Start Up and CLS equated to **13%** of the total GBR boats rated and this year again Start Up has exceeded last year's total. This is primarily down to the excellent relationships we have with the Clubs and the passion they share for IRC. We never underestimate the efforts the individuals in the clubs put in and appreciate their drive and commitment.

The total number of boats issued certificates under this scheme has risen from 154 in 2017 to 187 in 2018 so far. The distribution is shown below:

Club	Contact	Certificates Issued
<b>Club Loyalty Scheme</b>		
Scarborough Y.C.	Pete McIntyre	16
Weymouth S.C.	Mike Street	38
Flushing S.C.	Bob Chapple	11
Southern Devon Cruiser Racer Club Royal Dart Y.C.	Michael Webster	47
<b>Start Up</b>		
<b>Year 3</b>		
Windermere Cruising Association	David Priestley	0
St Helier Y.C.	James Kent / Chris Parlett	12
Sussex Y.C.	Antony Tomkins	16
<b>Year 2</b>		
Carlingford Lough Racing	Kieran Cranley	6
Penzance S.C.	Allen Spencer Smith	13
Teignmouth Corinthian Y.C.	Steve Pocock	5
<b>Year 1</b>		
New Quay Y.C.	Chris Seal	11
Royal Yorkshire Y.C.	Crispin Blyth	12
Torpoint Mosquito S.C.	Jamie Watts	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>187</b>

The Rating Office is considering the best way to proceed with the future of the Start Up and Club Loyalty Schemes and would be pleased to hear the thoughts of the Committee.



As last year, the SER scheme has been limited to a few specific events. The number of SERs issued for each event in 2018 was:

- Round the Island Race 26 (2017: 30)
- Cowes Week 4 (2017: 8)
- Panerai British Classic Week 5 (2017: 13)
- Three Peaks Yacht Race 1 (2017: 2)
- Little Britain Challenge Cup 2 (2017: 2) at 31 Aug

### **Winter Weighing and Measuring Discount Scheme**

The winter weighing and discount scheme was continued in October to December in 2017. The scheme is for boat owners to get their boat measured wishing to obtain an IRC Certificate in the following year. There is a 35% discount for a boat measurement in this winter period and the data is then saved and applied to the rating in the following year. This scheme is also good as it spreads the workload for the measurer throughout the year. The uptake for 2017 saw a good number weighed and measured, and we are reviewing whether we continue the scheme in 2018.

### **IRC Application Process and MyIRC**

This year has seen successful continued use of the MyIRC online application portal. A new service to owners not now includes upload of their IRC certificates (including trials) to their MyIRC account so they can login and acquire them at any time.

The MyIRC system continues to look at options for use by Rule Authorities in other countries.

### **Rating Office Staff**

2018 has seen the departure of Charlene Jackson from the rating office and a new member of the Technical Team will be employed to ensure they are ready and trained for the beginning of the season next year.

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