

Rule Authority Report to the IRC Congress 2018 Japan

- Number of valid IRC certificates as of 31/08/2018: 266 (-23 from 2017)
- Number of new boats as of 31/08/2018 : 22 (+1 from 2017)
- Number of re-validations : 244 (-24 from 2016)

Comments

Because of the wide spreading sailing areas, local races tend to have their own rating systems. Famous regattas even with more than 100 entrants use local handicap and those entrants are hardly racing in different area. JSAF IRC committee started working on introducing IRC single event rating which had been introduced and succeeded in UK 2015. However for race organizers without current problem, it is not easy to decide system change. This year we do not see yet any races adopting IRC single event rating. We will continue to work on to find the best way to attract more local race organizers to the IRC.

MyIRC is easy to use online application system. I believe Language is only issue to Japanese users.

Two topics among measurers and sailmakers are as follows.

According to ERS for mainsail measurements, height of the head point must be equal to the highest point of the sail including any attachments. Mainsails of the photos below, for example, have attachments extended above body of the sail so that the head point is to be located at imaginary point at the square's corner.



a)



b)



One of the problems is that while racing it is hard to recognize if the head point is below the mast upper limit mark or not. Another problem is that head point moved higher like this can make sail width dimensions smaller. I would like to ask people here how to deal with this.

Another topic is concerning FL which has been used for unique IRC input data different from similar ERS definition, Foretriangle Height. As most people including sailmakers and designers are familiar with “I” or Foretriangle Height, there are opinions that Foretriangle Height may be used instead of FL to simplify the definition and for term consolidation in UMS.

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