

Rule Authority Report to the IRC Congress 2019 Japan

- No. of valid IRC certificates at the end of 2018: **270** (-27 from 2017)
- No. of valid IRC certificates on 31/08/2019: **263** (-3 from 2018)
- No. of new applications on 31/08/2019 : **16 (6%)** (-6 from 2018)
- No. of re-validations on 31/08/2019: **247** (+3 from 2018)
- No. of endorsed certificates 31/08/2019: **144 (55%)** (+3 from 2018)

Comments

While the number of IRC boats is stable, there are many club racings around the nation. Most of these clubs use their own PHRF type handicap. Dual scoring with IRC is not yet popular approach.

There are more retrofits than new designs this year. After X35 class association in Japan closed, owners changed the mast from aluminium to carbon. New HPR boats are not seen but a couple of SWAN NY42 came back with new owners.

Talking about climate, 2019 has not been very friendly to sailors. It seems there are more events canceled by bad weather than usual. A few typhoons having come close or landed to Japanese coast in July and August is unusual.

For 2020 Tokyo Olympics, it is unfortunate offshore sailing event will not be held.

In Japan there are roughly 10000 keel boats and 700 of them are registered to JSAF for which IRC certificates can be issued. 20 years ago this number was 2000. It is quite big reduction in 20 years. Economy, way of living, aging may be the reasons.

Submissions

We have two submissions this year.

Below is supporting material for the submission.

1. Mainsail Head Point

Photos are example of ERS defined mainsail head point.



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