

## **FINLAND IRC 2020**

This season we decided to have no IRC races and we did not order certificates for yachts racing in Finland (only certificates for yachts sailing abroad).

Our regattas were in the beginning of the season in majority postponed. All races sailed over here later in the season raced were under the Finish own new rating system (Finrating) that is borrowed/bought straight from ORC. At the same time our local rule FinLys was changed to FinRating. This procedure has caused a lot of problems as yachts measured under FinLys were just straight updated to FinRating=ORCi Club using a conversion factor. A real ORCi yacht had the benefit of using more and different sails compared with converted boats. This caused change in performance for many boats in results bigger than comparing differences between IRC/ORC rating based results.

Double Handed racing has grown over here with some 40 -50 yachts on the line. Our last race 3.10.had some 45 yachts on the line. DH can be seen as the biggest class now.

We hope to restart IRC racing for next season. Finish IRC Yachtowners Association FINIRC is continuing the work and have already started to plan the next season racing schedule. We have got some new / secondhand yachts to Finland, among them a GP42 and some JPK yachts, so there might be even new IRC yachts in our fleet.

In our neighbour country Estonia offshore racing has gone on almost as normally having more and more boats on the line. They are using only ORCi Club (local EstLys rule is not existing anymore).

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