

## Rule Authority Report to the IRC Congress 2020 Japan

- $\cdot$  Valid IRC certificates at the end of 2019: **287** (+17 from 2018)
- · Valid IRC certificates on 31/08/2020: **218** (-45 from 2019)
- · New applications on 31/08/2020 : 15 (7%) (-1 from 2019)
- $\cdot$  Re-validations on 31/08/2020: **203** (-44 from 2019)
- · Endorsed certificates on 31/08/2020: 132 (61%) (-12 from 2019)

## Comments

All major national events have been canceled in JAPAN this year. Regional and local races using IRC rating have been held as usual.

If we do not have big events then people seek some actions in local area. There must be demand for local race events that can attract boat owners in higher level now.

It may be a good opportunity to introduce IRC again to the local race organizers and boat owners who have been using their own local rating system for their events. However, they may be hesitant to adopt the system which may require extra works and costs.

IRC GO! type intermediate step before full IRC system, may be ideal for this kind of promotion.

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