

Japanese Rule Authority Report to the IRC Congress 2021

- Valid IRC certificates at the end of 2020: **228** (-59 from 2019)
- Valid IRC certificates on 31/08/2021: **231** (+13 from 2020)
- New applications as of 31/08/2021 : **14 (6%)** (-1 from 2020)
- Re-validations as of 31/08/2021: **217** (+14 from 2020)
- Endorsed certificates as of 31/08/2021: **132 (57%)** (same as 2020)

Comments:

All major national and local events have been canceled in JAPAN through the end of September. After lifting the state of emergency on 1st of October, it looks events are coming back all over JAPAN.

The pandemic made the number of valid certificates for 2020 and 2021 reduced by 20% than average in the last 5 years.

It is also evident unfortunately that sailing popularity has still been on a moderate downward trend. We need some kind of intermediate system between full IRC and local performance handicap. We will see if IRC GO! may be introduced.

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