

BULGARIAN IRC OWNERS ASSOCIATION

REPORT 2023

1. IRC CERTIFICATES 2023.

In 2023, twenty-nine boats took IRC certificates for competing in different regattas in the country and region near Bulgaria. Compared to the period of the last three years, the issued certificates are as follows:

Year	2021	2022	2023
Numbers of boats	23	26	29

It is significant that this year we have registered 4 new racing boats in the fleet as follows:

- X-41 – 1 pc. newly registered yacht or a total of 3 of these yachts;
- Grand Soleil 42R - 2 pcs. newly registered yachts or a total of 3 yachts this yacht;
- MAT 1220 - 1 pc.

Thus, in the basic class of racing yachts with a TCC above 1.08, ten boats out of 29 boats compete in this class, which made the regattas very attractive.

2. COMPETITIONS 2023.

In Bulgaria:

- Five regattas were organized in the period from June to September. The regattas are of a different format of races in both the IRC and ORC Club systems.

Many of the regattas within 3-4 days usually have a coastal race of up to 50 miles the other days some inshore races.

But there was already a regatta with an offshore 200-mile race and the day of the inshore race.

- Outside of Bulgaria:

Four Bulgarian boats took part in the Greece regatta - Aegean 600 miles; Seven boats participated in the Turkey regatta Bosphorus Cup 2023; One boat in Rolex Middle Sea Race 23.

One boat FARR 45 participated in the Global Solo Challenge 23 single-handed without assistance around the world.

In 2023, the IRC system restored the normal number of issued certificates from the pre-crisis period from 2016 when the ORC entered Bulgaria.

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