



2023 REPORT OF THE NETHERLANDS

In general the trend where high level regatta's have been attracting less boats continued, with the exception of the NorthSea Regatta that was very well attended – in part because it is a qualifier for the Fastnet but also in general. We did see good attendance at events where more 'adventurous'/not W/L character where you would see boats come out for one race only.

In the Netherlands IRC is run mainly as dual scoring with ORC, except for 'Damen Breskens Sailing Weekend' in the south of the Netherlands where IRC is the primary system – also because part of their market is the Belgium racing community.

There also is a substantial number of Dutch boats that is mostly active around the Solent.

A lot of Dutch boats entered into the Fastnet. Unfortunately not many finished. There was a lot of discussion whether sending the fleet out was a wise decision or whether the start should have been delayed by 24 hours for the majority (non pro) part of the fleet.

Because it was a Fastnet year we saw a lot more certificates issued in comparison with last year. This number represents certificates, not the number of boats.

<i>ProductFamily</i>	Count 2023	Count 2022
Certificaat IRC	182	98

The trend that more and more boats are preferring the local Yardstick solution is also continuing. A lot of owners and potential participants rightly or wrongly perceive racing under a handicap system, whether IRC or ORC as complicated, because you have to get your boat measured and you need to comply with safety regulations. Also we see more and more former owners moving to one design racing with boats like J/80 and Finn. Double Handed sailing seemed less popular, the Dutch national championship had to be cancelled due to lack of participation.

Handicap systems in general should try and address this, and maybe focus less on the top end of the fleet.

Below is an overview of the major dutch events and participation. It should be noted that the Antwerp Race still needs to be held, and that participation of the Breskens weekend and the Medemblik Regatta was considerably less, maybe in part because boats participated in the Fastnet or ORC World Championship

IRC - Stand Noordzee Club Competitie Verbondsbezem 2023



Nr Evenement

- 1 Stellendam Regatta
- 2 Vuurscheperace
- 3 North Sea Race
- 4 North Sea Regatta - Inshores
- 5 Delta Weekend

Nr Evenement

- 6 Scheveningen 500
- 7 Damen Breskens Sailing Weekend
- 8 Medemblik Regatta
- 9 Antwerp Race

Plaats	Zeilnummer	Bootnaam	Type	Schipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Totaal	Hoogste 3
1	NED 17001	Van Uden	Ker 46	Gerd-Jan Poortman	26	29	30	23			30			138	89
2	NED 8935	Moana	J-122E GP	Frans v Cappelle	24	30	29							83	83
3	GBR 362T	Extra Djinn	X-362 s	Michiel Dorsman	22	27	27	27	27			25		155	81
4	NED 7935	Flying Dolphin	Dufour 40	Willem Ellemeet	24	27	27	26						104	80
5	NED 7307	Rosetta	Dehler 36	Radboud Crul		25	26	25				26		102	77
6	NED 8844	Olympix	X-4	Hugo Gommers		28	26		22					76	76
7	NED 9102	Narwal	J-122E	Ubbo Neisingh	22	26	25	24						97	75
8	NED 8118	CSI Rakker	A 31	Kees Keetels	23			22	25		24			94	72
9	NED 101	SailSelect	Varianta	Jeroen Koninkx		23	24	21				22		90	69
10	NED 7030	T Heiner II	Maxfun 35	Ivar Elstrodt	21	23	19	22						85	66
11	NED 8427	First 40	Vesper	Eveline Heijning-Nederhof		21	24	21						66	66
12	BEL 7111	Raquero	Grand Soleil 45	Christopher Van Den Haute					28		27			55	0
13	NED 1112	Jack Rabbit	J-122E	Rutger Krijger				26			29			55	0
14	GBR 4512R	People	Farr 45	Joost Smits		25	27							52	0
15	NED 9469	Fever	J/35	Simon Tienpont		26	26							52	0
16	NED 7104	White Rabbit	SJ320	Laurent Vercammen					24		27			51	0
17	NED 8530	Letitgo3	X-40	Willem Johannesma		26	24							50	0
18	NED 7696	Easy Living	First 34.7	Rinus de Jonge					26		24			50	0
19	GBR 4909	Majic	J/109	Arnout Jorritsma		24	25							49	0
20	NED 9060	Warp 5	J-99	Jan Scholtes							25	24		49	0
21	NED 20002	Open 60	Boudragon	Hans Bouscholte		20	28							48	0
22	NED 8244	JallaJalla!	J/105	Michel P Visser		25	23							48	0
23	NED 14545	Emotions	Swan 45	George Westerkamp				25			23			48	0
24	BEL 4343	Antilope	Grand Soleil 43 BC	Patrick Nuyens	23						25			48	0