

## Japan Rule Authority Report to the IRC Congress 2024

- Valid IRC certificates at the end of 2023: **267** (+1 from 2022)
- Valid IRC certificates as of 31/08/2024: **259** (+14 from 2023)
  - New applications as of 31/08/2024 : **10** (-9 from 2023)
  - Re-validations as of 31/08/2024: **209** (-17 from 2023)
- Endorsed certificates as of 31/08/2024: **133 (51%)** (-9 from 2023)

### Comments:

We seem to keep a fleet of close to 300 boats recently.

Numbers of headsails carried affecting TCC is thought to be aiming more accurate performance at a race and the owners understand.

Some owners may tend to declare less number to get lower TCC and carefully examine sails for the race.

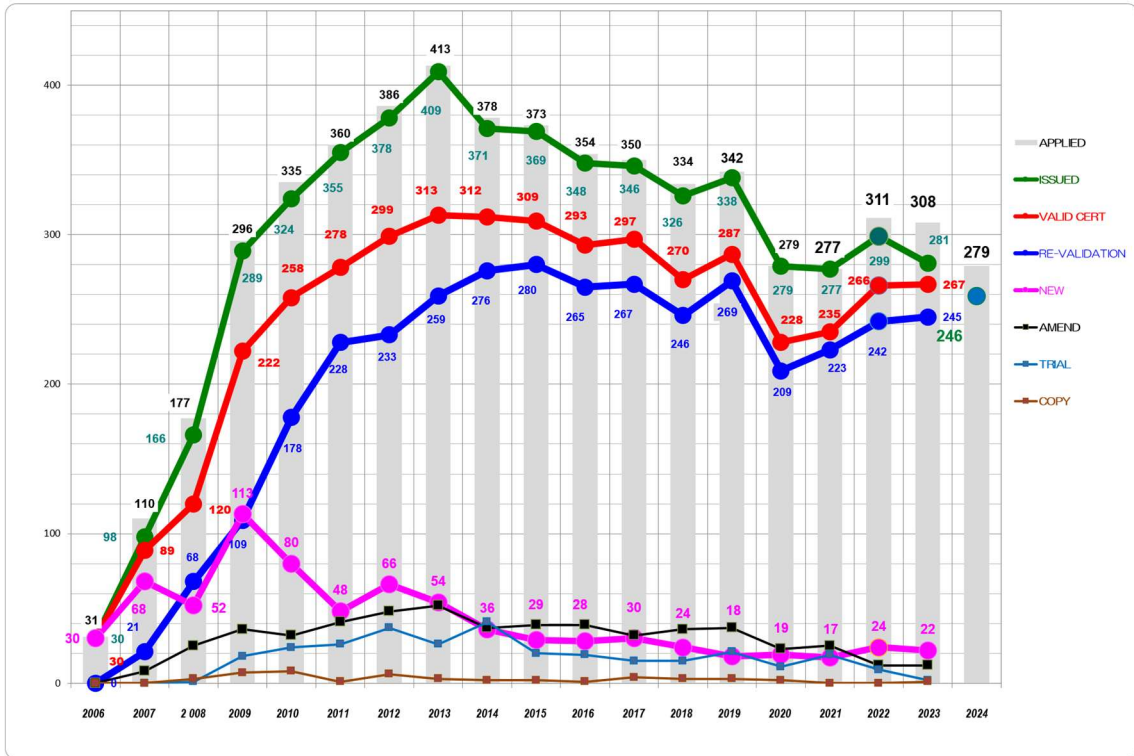
We had long history in Japan that most regatta race organizers have been allowing yachts to change sail wardrobe during the regatta so the new rules have an impact on the fairness of the race more than before.

With carrying sail numbers all affecting TCC now, 21.1.5(d) prohibiting change of sails on board is more important, this is something race organizers have to be familiar with.

Secondary certificate is another good tool to adjust sail numbers for races but owners have not yet utilized it enough.

Application procedure, administration and measurement practice are all going well.

We will have measurement seminars early next year in a couple of places in Japan with ERS 2025-2028 taking into account.



Haru-hiko Kaku  
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