



2024 REPORT OF THE NETHERLANDS

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.

The general trend where high level regatta's have been attracting less boats seems to have stabilized. Our IRC1 class (>1.050) seems very steady. Our IRC2 class has also stabilized. We will have to rethink whether we still want to maintain an IRC3 class (<1.000) which only exists at Breskens Sailing Weekend.

The large regatta's had good attendance. Several smaller regattas had to be cancelled due to lack of entries or race committees. Several more local and around the can races where well attended but mostly with our local Yardstick SW as the system.

2024 is ofcourse not a Fastnet year so our total number of certificates always drops:

2024 (as per moment of reporting)	112 certificates
2023	188 certificates
2022	98 certificates

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.

We are starting to see discussions in our local yardstick races as it is clearly not designed for the more competitive and fully equipped ORC/IRC competitors.

Handicap systems in general should try and aim more with rules and regulation for the majority of the fleet rather than 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:

IRC 1 - Stand Noordzee Club Competitie Verbondsbezem 2024



Nr	Evenement	Nr	Evenement
1	Stellendam Regatta	6	Delta Weekend
2	Vuurschepenrace	7	CAM-Race
3	North Sea Race	8	Damen Breskens Sailing Weekend
4	North Sea Regatta - Inshores	9	Medemblik Regatta
5	Veronica Race	10	Antwerp Race

Plaats	Zeilnummer	Bootnaam	Type	Schipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	Totaal	Hoogste 3	
1	NED 7084	Olympix	Landmark 43 mod	Hugo Gommers		27	27	24		23		27		128	81
2	NED 17001	Van Uden	Ker 46	Gerd-Jan Poortman	21	24	26	25				29		125	80
3	NED 14545	Emotions	Swan 45	George Westerkamp	22	25	28	23				23		121	76
4	NED 8935	Moana	J-122E GP	Frans v Cappelle		28	24	22		22		24		120	76
5	MLT 47	Otra Vez	J-122	Uneco de Meester		26	23	21						70	70
6	BEL 7111	Raquero	Grand Soleil 45	Karel Verhulst	23					21		25		69	69
7	NED 9102	Narwal	J-122E	Ubbo Neisingh		29	25							54	0
8	NED 20002	Boudragon	Open 60	Hans Bouscholte		22	22							44	0
9	NED 66	RED66	Class 40	Hans Brouwer		23	21							44	0
10	NED 1112	Jack Rabbit	J-122E	Rutger Krijger								30		30	0
11	NED 8135	Bateleur	Bashford 41	Marco de Bat								28		28	0
12	BEL 4701	Moana	First 47.7	Francois Goubau								26		26	0
13	BEL 16500	Snelle Vliet	Grand Soleil 43	Emile van Hemeldonck								22		22	0
14	BEL 4343	Antilope	Grand Soleil 43 BC	Luc Feremans								21		21	0

IRC 2 - Stand Noordzee Club Competitie Verbondsbezem 2024



Nr	Evenement	Nr	Evenement
1	Stellendam Regatta	6	Delta Weekend
2	Vuurschepenrace	7	CAM-Race
3	North Sea Race	8	Damen Breskens Sailing Weekend
4	North Sea Regatta - Inshores	9	Medemblik Regatta
5	Veronica Race	10	Antwerp Race

Plaats	Zeilnummer	Bootnaam	Type	Schipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	Totaal	Hoogste 3	
1	NED 9060	Warp 5	J-99	Jan Scholtes	27	25	24	24		24		30		154	82
2	NED 7935	Flying Dolphin	Dufour 40	Willem Ellemeet	26	24	26	27						103	79
3	NED 7307	Rosetta	Dehler 36	Radboud Crul	24	26	25	25				25		125	76
4	NED 7800	Jump'around	J-109	Max Houtzager	22	22	22	23						89	67
5	NED 6428	Griël	Dehler 39	Robert Jockin	21	21	23							65	65
6	NED 5146	Zeebeer 3	Waarschip 1076	Ad van Wijgaarden						26		26		52	0
7	NED 3313	Xpectations	XP-33	Willem Johannesma	23							21		44	0
8	NED 8276	Joule	J-109	Arjen van Leeuwen								29		29	0
9	GBR 362T	Extra Djinn	X-362 s	Michiel Dorsman								27		27	0
10	NED 1409	Il Corvo	JPK 10.30	Astrid de Vin								24		24	0
11	BEL 35080	Njord	A35	Paul Jonckheere								23		23	0
12	NED 8146	Camelot	First 40 SD	Nils Bouwman						21				21	0
13	BEL 356	Wireless	Sunfast 3600	Patrick Bleukx								20		20	0

IRC 3 - Stand Noordzee Club Competitie Verbondsbezem 2024



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1	Stellendam Regatta	6	Delta Weekend
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1	GBR 362T	Extra Djinn	X-362 s	Michiel Dorsman	25	27	27	26		25				130	80
2	NED 8118	CSI Rakker	A 31	Kees Keetels				21		27		28		76	76
3	BEL 7712	Zarafa	Hod35	Ivan Vermeirsch		23	21	22				23		89	68
4	NED 7696	Easy Living	First 34.7	Rinus de Jonge						22		22		44	0
5	NED 9136	Mavi	Grand Soleil 37 BC	Don de Raad						23				23	0
6	NED 9700	Jai Ho	J/97	René van Quekelberghe								22		22	0
7	BEL 147	Juggernaut	J105	Dimitri Vanvyve								21		21	0