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In countries outside the UK and France, IRC administration is through the local Rule Authorities around the world.

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IRC logo updated!

It is now 24 years since CHS was rebranded as IRC and with the new developments in IRC it was also time to modernise the logo. You will notice the updated version on certificates, websites and

documents, and in IRC issues of Seahorse Magazine. We have a lot of information and documents on our website and we will be gradually changing the logo as they are updated.

Secondary certificates

With the secondary certificate being rolled out worldwide in January we are seeing an increased number of owners taking advantage of this opportunity and we hope that it will help owners configure their boats appropriately for different race types. The secondary certificate can only differ from the primary certificate in certain respects, as detailed

in IRC rule 8.2.1; for instance, sails, rig, moveable and variable ballast can change between certificates. Note that the boat weight cannot vary unless it is a change in internal ballast (ERS defined), so if you have your boat weighed and measured remember you will also need to amend your primary and secondary certificate for it to remain valid.

Guidance updates on ircrating.org

The IRC Race Management Guidelines have been updated to include the importance of setting a suitable rating deadline for owners who hold both primary and secondary certificates to declare which certificate they will be using. If you hold a Secondary certificate for your boat it is important that you know the relevant deadlines for the events you are entering.

Advice about including the use of auto-pilots has also been included in the latest guidelines.

The IRC Measurement Manual, which is a comprehensive guide to help ensure good and consistent measurement practice by IRC measurers around the world, was also updated last November.

Keep up to date

Follow IRC on social media @ircrating to read about events happening around the world, including the

IRC European Championship which will be held in June in Cannes, France.



François Goubaut's First 47.7 MOANA - IRC 2022 European Champion in Breskens

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Nice shape...



Among the oceanic racing community Eric Tabarly's daughter Marie is today fast becoming famous in her own right. Seen with her immaculately repainted *Pen Duick VI*, Tabarly has been piling up thousands of miles in preparation for Don McIntyre's 2023 Golden Globe around-the-world race to be run under IRC. A tad uncharitably – but in admiring tones – McIntyre himself describes Tabarly as half-buccaneer half-Amazonian; certainly with her loyal and youthful crew Tabarly is keeping well-occupied racing the socks off her father's dauntingly powerful 1973 Whitbread entry

The hull factor that appears on our IRC certificates is sometimes viewed with caution by owners and designers alike. This is most likely due to its very nature. While it is fairly easy to correlate the geometric data of a boat with the rating obtained (the dimensions of the hull, weight, dimensions of the sails and so on), it is less obvious when it comes to determining to what extent

a boat is a pure racing yacht or, on the contrary, a cruising boat with a more general profile.

The hull factor is interested in data that is not easily quantified, and at most is only partially measured. Unquantified data is, for example, the presence of a cooker with an oven; we can say that the equipment is present without knowing precisely its weight, nor the

IRC 2023 Rules and Definitions

IRC 2023 Rules and Definitions are available to download at ircrating.org



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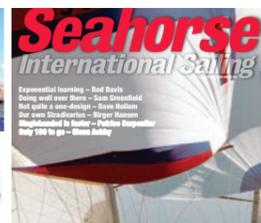
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