



*Turkiye Offshore Racing Sports Club*

**The 54th edition of the Turkish Naval Forces Cup International Offshore Race will take place.**

The 54th edition of the Turkish Naval Forces International Offshore Cup was organised by the Turkish Offshore Racing Club (TAYK).

In recent years, this prestigious race around the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean, renowned for its challenging course, has attracted 30 yachts registered in the IRC Maxi - 0-1-2-3 classes to compete in the 555-nautical-mile offshore race.

The race started on Monday, 14 July 2025 at 16:05 local time on the Bosphorus, and following four days of high-level competition, it concluded successfully in Gocek. The competitors crossed two straits (the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles) and three seas (the Marmara, Aegean, and Mediterranean) to reach Gocek.

The most notable highlight of this year's race was that it was won by a foreign team for the first time in its 54-year history. Rear Admiral Rafet Oktar presented the Grand Cup to BOGATYR/IGOR RYTOV and his team, who achieved the best corrected time in the IRC class.

Team LR – Tok Sailing (Onur Tok), which was the first yacht to cross the finish line, was awarded the 'Line Honour'.

The following teams were declared victorious in the IRC Division:

IRC Maxi: Mersin Sailing Academy (Oytun Calislar)

IRC 0: Beymetal Team LR – Tok Sailing (Onur Tok)

IRC 1: Queen Parts/Courrier du Coeur (Oleg Morozov/Andrei Arbuzov)

IRC 2: Bogatyr (Igor Rytov)

IRC 3: Canias-IAS/Electron (Cenk Tekkaya/Bartu Ozsoy)



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**The Göcek Yacht Club (GYC), located in Göcek where the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas meet, has become the second base for Turkey's IRC racing fleet, following its main base in Istanbul, Türkiye.**

The number of races held in Göcek has been steadily increasing. In addition to the race weeks held in May and November in previous years, a four-stage Winter Cup has been added from 2025 onwards. From January to April, yachts will now be able to take advantage of the Mediterranean's mild and race-friendly weather even during the winter months in the waters of Gocek and the Fethiye Bay.

Additionally, the Gocek Autumn Race Week, the most heavily attended event in the Eastern Mediterranean, will take place from 3 to 7 November 2025, with over a hundred yachts participating.

**The Turkish Offshore Racing Club organised the “Victory Cup” on 30 August 2025 in the Bosphorus, with 50 yachts taking part.**

The Bosphorus race, which attracted significant enthusiasm from Türkiye's IRC racing fleet, provided a spectacle that attracted thousands of witnesses from the various viewing terraces established by the Istanbul Municipality on both the European and Asian shores.

The Bosphorus, a unique geographical location where it is possible to sail between two continents via a tack, has seen a growing trend of participation in sailing activities.

**The Saint Nicholas Demre (Antalya) Cup, a collaborative endeavour between the Turkish Offshore Racing Club and the Gocek Yacht Club, pioneered a unique sailing route that traversed historical and culturally significant sites.**

In July, another notable IRC yacht race took place in the Eastern Mediterranean. A total of twenty IRC class yachts traversed the 75 nautical miles from Gocek to Demre. The competitors were accommodated overnight at Setur Demre Marina, Turkey's most recently constructed marina, which had only recently opened in Demre. The participants also visited the ruins of the ancient city of Myra, dating back to the Roman Empire, and the Church of Saint Nicholas (St. Claus), before returning to Göcek for the awards ceremony that concluded the regatta.