



2025 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. Where we last year concluded that we needed to rethink what we should do with our IRC3 in Breskens. This year the IRC 2 and 3 classes were scored combined with both winners combined and per class. It did not bring forward a Dutch national champion (only in IRC1) because our rules state that you need at least 15 boats in the class or at least 75 crew.

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.

2025 was a Fastnet year which normally means that the number of certificates is usually higher. This year is the same but considerably lower then in 2023. This needs to be further analyzed but would suggest that the decline of racing yachts at a higher level is continuing:

2025 (as per moment of reporting)	123 certificates
2024	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. This year the Dutch National Championship was combined with the North Sea Regatta and was sailed.

Next year Scheveningen will host the ORC Double Handed Worlds and we look forward to welcoming boats from many countries. We realize that ORC and IRC are commercial rivals but we also believe that the biggest threat is the decline of participation across the board.

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.

We also see more Belgium boats competing in our races and there was also some Dutch boats competing in the Belgium regatta's. We would encourage to see more cooperation to promote the success of regattas in the Belgium and Dutch area's.

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 2025																																							
																																							
					Nr	Race														Nr	Race														Nr	Race			
					1	Stellendam Regatta														7	North Sea Regatta														13	Pampus Regatta			
					2	Y-Toren Race														8	Ronde om Noord-Holland														14	Bruine Bank Race - 100 Mijs			
					3	Flevoland Regatta														9	Delta Weekend														15	Zuiderzee Regatta			
					4	Almere Haven Race weekend														10	Scheveningen 500														16	Lelystad Regatta			
					5	Vuurschepen Race														11	Open Belgian Sailing Week														17	Antwerpen Race			
					6	North Sea Race														12	Breskens Sailing Weekend																		
Plaats	Zeilnummer	Bootnaam	Type	Schipper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Totaal	Hoogste 3																
1	NED 17001	Van Uden	Ker 46	Gerd-Jan Poortman	22				28	25	26					30						131	84																
2	NED 8935	Moana	J-122E GP	Frans v Cappelle	24				23	29	24					28	22					150	81																
3	NED 1112	Jack Rabbit	J-122E	Rutger Kriger	26								24			29						79	79																
4	NED 14545	Emotions	Swan 45	George Westerkamp	23				29	22	25					24						123	78																
5	NED 7084	Olympix	Landmark 43 mod	Hugo Gommers	25				25	27	23	23				25						148	77																
6	NED 9102	Narwal	J/112e	Ubbo Neisingh					24	30	21											75	75																
7	NED 8427	Vesper	First 40	Eveline Heijning-Nederhof					30	23	22											75	75																
8	NED 3040	Spitfire	J/121	Frederic de Visser	21				27	24												72	72																
9	NED 8254	Barcarolle 2	Salona 42	Jaap Gelling					20	20			23									63	63																
10	GER 7759	GINGKO	H 39	Dirk Clasen					26	26												52	0																
11	BEL 9112	Njord	J/122e	Paul Jonckheere											23	28						51	0																
12	SWE 33	Barracuda	Dehler 41	Harry Rek					19	28												47	0																
13	BEL 5355	Pinta 42	Rodman 42	Dirk Hellemans					21	19												40	0																
14	NED 4416	Xantho	XP44	Remco Schilderink					16	21												37	0																
15	NED 8489	Windshift	Varianta 44	Zeezeilers v Marken					18	16												34	0																
16	GER 443	Phantom	ONE TON Farr	Jussi Rissanen					17	15												32	0																
17	NED 66	RED66	Class 40	Hans Brouwer					14	18												32	0																
18	NED 8135	Bateleur	Bashford 41	Marco de Bat												27						27	0																
19	BEL 16500	Snelle Vliet	Grand Soleil 43	Emile van Hemeldonck											27							27	0																
20	BEL 4701	Moana	First 47.7	Francois Goubau												26						26	0																
21	BEL 9852	Ragazza (4)	Mills 37	Jan Gabriel											26							26	0																
22	BEL 9982	Anne Bonny	Swan 46 MkII	Sigrid Huyghe											25							25	0																
23	BEL 2400	Jsoif	J/111	Nicolas Boel											24							24	0																
24	BEL 4343	Antilope	Grand Soleil 43 BC	Luc Feremans												23						23	0																
25	NED 8900	Karma	Agile 42	Maarten Jan Reijnders								22										22	0																
26	MLT 47	Otra Vez	J/122	Uneco de Meester				22														22	0																
27	BEL 1517	Rayo	Comet 45	Wouter Borghijs											22							22	0																
28	BEL 2729	Athoma	Dehler 300D	Laurent de Kerckhove											21							21	0																
29	GBR 1513L	Euphoria	Grand Soleil 43	Menno Vercouteren												21						21	0																
30	NED 20002	Boudragon	Open 60	Hans Bouscholte						17												17	0																
31	SA 2371	Zeus	Fast 42	Martin Lossie					15													15	0																
32	BEL 3901	Alegria	Grand Soleil 39R	Tibor Janssens																		0	0																
33	BEL 450	Aquavit		Franklin Wagemans																		0	0																
34	BEL 4050	Byron II	First 40	Nathalie de Keyser																		0	0																
35	NED 66	Class 40	RED 66	Hans Brouwer																		0	0																
36	BEL 11111	Djinn	J/111	Sylvain Duprey																		0	0																
37	BEL 299	Independent Bear		Eric Van Campenhout																		0	0																
38	BEL 333	Just Fine		Florent Oosterynck																		0	0																
39	BEL 1802	MonAqua	Prima 38	Jan Alleman																		0	0																
40	GBR 4512R	People	Farr 45	Joost Smits																		0	0																
41	BEL 7111	Raquero	Grand Soleil 45	Karel Verhulst																		0	0																
42	BEL 4528	Samantaga		Dries Van Den Abeele																		0	0																
43	NED 8910	SK-01	Waarschip 1012 LD	Do Tetteroo																		0	0																
44	NED 7030	T Heiner II	Maxfun 35	Lies de Rouw																		0	0																
Aantal deelnemers per wedstrijd en in groen het aantal unieke deelnemers					5	0	0	0	16	15	5	0	4	0	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	30	8																

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				1	NED 9060	Warp 5	J/99	Jan Scholtes	26				26	23	24					24			123	76			
				2	NED 7307	Rosetta	Dehler 36						24	26	22								72	72			
				3	NED 7800	Jump'around	J/109	Max Houtzager					23	24	23								70	70			
				4	NED 3313	Xpectation	XP-33	Willem Johannesma	23								22			23			68	68			
5	NED 6428	Griël	Dehler 39	Robert Jockin					22	22	21								65	65							
6	BEL 356	Wireless	Sunfast 3600	Patrick Bleukx	21								21			21			63	63							
7	NED 9469	Fever	J/35	Simon Tienpont					25	25									50	0							
8	NED 5146	Zeebeer 3	Waarschip 1076	Ad van Wijgaarden	24								23						47	0							
9	BEL 164	Soulmate	Salona 38	Frank Vancanneyt											22	22			44	0							
10	BEL 372	REBEL	Centurion 47	Dominique Binamé					21	21									42	0							
11	NED 7935	Flying Dolphin	Dufour 40	Willem Ellemeet	25														25	0							
12	NED 8276	Joule	J/109	Arjen van Leeuwen											25				25	0							
13	GBR 7735R	Downbeat	Archambault A35	Patrick Gaspersz											24				24	0							
14	BEL	Tapataï	J/109	Arne de Bruycker											23				23	0							
15	NED 8146	Camelot	First 40 SD	Nils Bouwman	22														22	0							
16	BEL 6659	Mr Sandman 5	Grand Soleil 40 V2002	Christiaan Pottiez											21				21	0							
17	BEL 12345	Azawakh	MC34	Willemart Vincent															0	0							
18	BEL 5030	Breeze	ILC30	Philip Trouwen															0	0							
19	NED 9168	Dansen aan Zee		Giovanni Imponente															0	0							
20	NED 9675	Frans Duvel II		Coen Piccardt															0	0							
21	BEL 222	Gente di Mare	Grand Soleil 40	Roel Ysewyn															0	0							
22	BEL 55555	High Five		Laurent Verbeeck															0	0							
23	NED 1409	Il Corvo	JPK 10.30	Astrid de Vin															0	0							
24	BEL 262	J-Sea	J/112e	Stan Jesse Logghe Vanhove															0	0							
25	SUI 2193	Lallekonig	J/99	Jorg Sigg															0	0							
26	NED 8530	Letitgo3	X-40	Willem Johannesma															0	0							
27	GBR 4909	Majic	J/109	Arnout Jorritsma															0	0							
28	BEL 455	NRJ-Ball	Elan 400	Emile Jacobs															0	0							
29	BEL 1888	Propaganda 3		Benoit Cornet															0	0							
30	BEL 1611	Xtrmly	X-40	Arnaud van Schoote															0	0							
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