IRC Equipment Inspection Checklist

The most effective event equipment inspection checks are those that verify whether the boat physically matches its IRC certificate rather than attempting full re-measurement. It is important to ensure that any inspections undertaken are practical, proportionate, and deliver meaningful value contributing to the overall safety, compliance, and success of the event.

The checklist below is designed for use by owners and event equipment inspectors. It focuses on items that can be checked quickly on the dock or ashore and that are specifically tied to IRC compliance requirements. This checklist is not exhaustive, and boats may be subject to further scrutiny to determine compliance with their certificate as permitted by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions.

Event organisers may choose to use this form in full for owner declarations or select sections for inspection by an equipment inspector.

This checklist does not cover the applicable provisions of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) or any event organiser specified safety requirements, which may require additional inspections.

Please complete all questions. Submission of an IRC certificate alone does not constitute a completed declaration.

Documentation *(IRC Rule references: 8.2, 8.2.3, 8.5, 8.8.)*	**Yes / No / N/A**
Current IRC certificate on board (digital copy is acceptable)	
Correct certificate declared to the organiser before the rating deadline.	
If using a secondary certificate, confirm that certificate has been declared and is valid.	
ENDORSED certificate presented (if required by the Notice of Race).	
Sail numbers match the certificate.	
Equipment *(IRC Rule references: 3.1, 22.1.)*	
Equipment required to remain aboard under IRC is carried.	
Bunk cushions on board and in their normal positions?	
Hull *(IRC Rule references: 17.2,17.6,18.1, 20.1, 22.1, 22.2, 22.3, 22.6.)*	
Interior configuration and furniture remains installed as declared. Examples include but not limited to: doors, tables, cookers, floorboards.	
Accommodation systems properly functional. Examples include but not limited to: heads, sink, stove.	
Internal ballast (if any) bolted or glued down.	
Ballast configuration matches certificate declaration.	
Engine & propellor remain installed as declared.	
Overhangs appear consistent with the certificate.	
OSR-compliant lifelines fitted	
Rig *(IRC Rule references: 21.1, 21.5.)*	
Only one band visible on boom and top of mast -painted (not tape) and in the correct place	
E measurement does not exceed certificate value.	

J measurement does not exceed certificate value.	
Bowsprit/deck tack or spinnaker pole configuration matches certificate.	
SPL not greater than certificate value.	
STL not greater than certificate value. Bowsprit / deck tack STL measured to the extremity, not to a tack point	
Retracting bowsprit is limited in its extension, especially if STL less than maximum possible.	
Rig configuration matches certificate.	
Aft rigging number matches certificate *(The total number of stays and/or sets of stays connected to the mast spar above the top of the boom set horizontal providing aft support and/or control.))*	
Sails *(IRC Rule references: 21.4, 21.6, 21.7,21.8.)*	
HLUmax and HSA not greater than certificate values.	
If single furling headsail, complete operational furling system fitted	
SPA not greater than certificate value.	
Measurement stickers on sails if certificate is Endorsed.	
Number of headsails/spinnakers carried on board does not exceed certificate declaration.	
Correct sail number displayed.	
Heavy weather jib OSR compliant in size and other technical requirements.	
Storm jib OSR compliant in size and other technical requirements.	

Additional Notes/Comments

Declaration *It is a breach of the Rules of IRC for any owner or individual to intentionally supply false information. Attention is drawn to Rule 8.7 and to RRS 69, Allegations of Gross Misconduct (IRC Rule 13.4).* *For disputed or technical matters, refer to the Rating Authority, Organising Authority, Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions and relevant IRC Rule provisions as appropriate.* *This declaration does not replace the owner's responsibility for compliance, seaworthiness or safety.*
I declare that the above checks have been completed to the best of my knowledge. Any noted discrepancy has been recorded and, where required, referred to the Rating Authority/Organising Authority. I confirm that the information provided is accurate and that the yacht is presented in accordance with its current IRC certificate.
Signed by: Owner / Owner's Representative / Equipment Inspector **Name:** _____ **Role:** _____
Signature: _____**Date/time:** _____