



NOTES 2014

IRC certificate issued by RORC Rating Office
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Welcome to a new year of IRC racing, in this special year which marks the 30th Anniversary of IRC!

Thank you for applying for a 2014 IRC certificate, which is attached. The following notes will help you get the most from your IRC rating.

Endorsement: A reminder that this is denoted by the 'ENDORSED' stamp at the bottom right of the certificate. Non-endorsed certificates will just have the red IRC Rating Authority stamp. If you need Endorsement for an event you are entering, please contact your Rule Authority as soon as possible for advice.

Headsail data: To reflect the fact that not all the headsail measurements are limited by the IRC Rules, we have changed the certificate layout slightly so that some headsail data is shown as **for information*. There is no change to the rules, this is simply an administrative update.

Adjustable mast foot and/or forestay: The words describing moveable mast foot and/or forestay have been updated to reflect the change to treating these two aspects separately

Seahorse Magazine free issues! We are pleased to say that the extra value for your certification continues for 2014: All IRC certificate holders have an automatic subscription to every other issue of Seahorse Magazine in digital format. Activate it by clicking on the link on www.ircrating.org and use your **certificate number** and **passcode** (as it appears at the bottom your IRC certificate) to login.

- **Validity dates** are shown at the bottom of the certificate. When your certificate expires you will receive an invitation to renew it, please make sure your contact details are kept up to date!
- **Please check** the data and details on the certificate. If there is anything you think is incorrect please contact your Rule Authority; however for production designs remember some standard data may have been used which differs from that submitted (usually hull data).
- **Ratings may go up, down or stay the same** from year to year, depending on changes and developments in the maths behind the rating calculation. This is developed on an annual basis and is generic for certain design characteristics.
- **Age Allowance** is automatically applied to boats over 3 years old, but it is a small part of the calculation. (It cannot be assumed that the rating will reduce each year because of age allowance).

Amended or Trial certificates: If you need to amend your certificate, or wish to run a trial certificate(s), the relevant forms can be obtained from your Rule Authority.

Please use the appropriate form to apply for a certificate as this reduces the risk of omissions in data, or inputting errors. We cannot accept data by telephone. *Please make sure you complete the 'Source of Information' to avoid any delays, thank you.*

Note that there are limits to the number of trial certificates that are allowed, you can find details on the IRC website. <http://www.ircrating.org/technical-a-certification/certificates-extra-info>.

We reserve the right to refuse to amend a certificate if we believe its purpose is to take advantage of a forecast eg. reducing sail for a race that is forecast to be windy.

If you have an **Endorsed certificate**, remember that any amendments to rated data will require official measurement, please refer to your Rule Authority for advice if necessary.

Change of Ownership (re-registration): If you sell your boat and the new owner wishes to race it, or if you buy a boat with a current IRC certificate, then Re-Registration is required. Please contact your Rule Authority for the relevant form (it is not on the website).

Re-Registration costs just \$2.64 per metre LH!

Short-handed certificates: If you do short-handed (1 or 2 people) racing, and your boat is in a different configuration for this, you can apply for a separate Short-Handed certificate, see IRC Rule 8.2.1.

STIX and AVS Stability data : If you are planning to enter an event that is OSR Cat 3 or over you may need to have STIX & AVS (stability) data on your IRC certificate. Please check the specific events you are entering, to see if it is required. Information about STIX & AVS can be found on the IRC website: <http://www.ircrating.org/technical-a-certification/sssn-a-stix>. Once obtained, the information will be added to your certificate free of charge as long as there are no other changes.

Keeping in touch

The RORC Rating Office issues an e-mail newsletter called 'Poolside' every 4-6 weeks, you can sign up from www.rorcrating.com. This includes technical and non-technical news as well as tips and information about your rating.

They have two Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/rorcrating and www.facebook.com/ircrating and are on Twitter: RORCrating and IRCrating.