

## Eligibility rules - IRC VINTAGE

### A. Purpose

The below rules, established by the Pôle Course du Yacht Club de France (YCF), are intended to promote the organization of friendly yacht races and other competitive regatta under the IRC Rule for the typical fleet of RORC and IOR racing sailboats.

### B. Eligibility

A boat meeting the criteria below is eligible for the “IRC VINTAGE Class”:

- Boat whose first in the series was built between January 1965 and December 1994 (inclusive) and whose hull is inspired by the RORC or IOR architecture in force during this period. The series date shall prevail.
- A boat with a series date prior to 1965 may be eligible, provided that the building of the series extended beyond 1965. The age date shall prevail.
- Prototypes (boats built by the unit) shall have been measured under the IOR rule. A participation to at least one race under the IOR rule prevails.
- For the series boats, at least one of the boats of the series or the prototype which the series is derived from shall have been measured under the IOR rule. A participation to at least one race under the IOR rule prevails.

### C. Application of the IRC Rule

The IRC Rule, effective 01/01/2023 for the Northern Hemisphere and 01/06/2023 for the Southern Hemisphere, applies in its entirety to boats eligible for the IRC VINTAGE Class.

Provided that a boat has not been modified, the measurements on the IOR certificate are an acceptable source of data for the issuance of an IRC certificate.

### D. Authorized modifications of the initial IOR configuration of the boat

For any IRC certificate application (new, renewal, amendments during the year), the Rating Authority (Centre de Calcul IRC of YCF or the RORC Rating Office) shall be duly informed of all the changes made to the boat.

The following is allowed:

- Modifications to subassemblies excluded from the hull shell as defined by IRC Rule 2023, Appendix A – IRC Measurement Definitions and Abbreviations.

**Hull Shell** The hull shell excluding all of the following: any transom, the deck, any superstructure, the internal structure including any cockpit, **fittings** associated with these parts and any **corrector weights**.



- Modifications and/or replacements of the spars and the rigging provided that they comply with the Chapter E. The use of a retractable bowsprit secured on the deck and in the boat axis is allowed.
- Modifications or replacement of the rudder and the keel.
- Modifications of the internal layout to improve the boat comfort without aiming to reduce the displacement. The builder's information or the data available for example on <https://sailboatdata.com> represent potentially acceptable references.
- The upgrade of the propulsion system to one of superior or equal power is allowed.

## **E. Unauthorized modifications compared to the initial IOR configuration of the boat**

When considering any major change, it is recommended to submit it beforehand to the IRC Rating Authority. .

The following is not allowed:

- Changes to the hull shell as defined in the IRC Rule 2023: Appendix A – IRC Measurement Definitions and Abbreviations.
- Any change in the position of the footing of the mast(s).
- The addition of a spar, including an orientable or fixed bowsprit, a bow nose, a jigger boom or any similar setup.
- Any significant change which wouldn't be in the original IOR rule spirit of the boat. The right to refuse a modification based on this criterion rests solely with the IRC Rating Authority.

## **F. Sails**

Sails are measured in accordance with the IRC Rule.

## **G. Racing**

Boats wishing to compete in the IRC VINTAGE class shall hold a valid IRC certificate.

Race courses are defined by the organizer of the event.

For IRC VINTAGE Class races, it is recommend to the race organizers the use of a number of crew members equal to 80% (nearest whole number) of the number of crew members printed on the IRC certificate (modification by Notice of Race as allowed by IRC Rule 22.4).

## **H. Class rules modifications**

The IRC VINTAGE Class rules will be revised annually by the IRC Rating Authority before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the next year.



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