



Fact sheet on ORC Rating Systems

General:

- Transparent and open VPP-based system capable of rating most all monohull boat types
- Certificates issued in two levels: **ORC Club** for local and regional racing, based on measured and/or declared data; and **ORC International (ORCi)**, based on all-measured data. Also, a new Superyacht product introduced this year: **ORCsy**.
- Ratings offered in numerous formats: Time-on-Time, Time-on-Distance, triple number, Offshore, Inshore, etc. Choice of use made by race managers
- Web-based system with easy access to all rules, published certificates, measurement guidelines, event calendars, etc: www.orc.org
- ORC Club certificates can be applied for online at www.orc.org/clubapplication.
- Test certificates available online through self-serve, free-access **ORC Sailor Services** portal, with >83,000 measurement records available and translations in 9 languages. Copies of all valid certificates issued since 2009 available for free
- Professional tech and admin staff, with rating offices in 32 countries (incl. US)
- Recognized by ISAF as an International Rating System, with the authority to conduct annual Regional, Continental and World Championship events
- governed by a Management Committee w/ reps from ITA, GER, FIN, GRE, ARG & USA, and the ORC Congress with reps from 31 countries (incl. US) that meet annually

Technical basis:

- Published VPP, open & available for purchase online, improved periodically by the Int'l Technical Committee, who meet 3x yearly, and also with input from users
- Rating system and measurement rules (IMS) updated yearly with user input
- ORC embraces UMS concept of full and open measurement of boats
- Offers multiple scoring options in ratings: ToT, ToD, inshore, offshore, etc.
- Scoring software available online or through systems such as Yacht Scoring, Altura, etc
- ORC Club and ORCi test certificates (€12, \$14 each) can be run on any measurement record available in database, and **ORC Speed Guide** performance package (€50, \$60) and **Target Speeds** (€10, \$12) also available

Popularity:

- Most popular measurement-based rating system in the world: 9416 certificates issued to boats from 37 countries in 2014...has been growing >10% per annum in last 3 years
- Enquiries made monthly from new regions and countries
- ISAF-sanctioned **ORC World Championship** events have attracted >100 entries from 15-20 countries each year since 2011, is now having to be restricted
- Used in world's major ocean races: Sydney-Hobart, Middle Sea Race, Giraglia, etc.

Cost:

- Retail pricing on certificates varies with each rating office, but ORCi levy is €70 (\$84)/certificate, and ORC Club is €42 (\$50)/certificate.
- US Sailing is agreed to issue ORC Club certificates for US Sailing members at \$50.