

Information on Short-handed IRC Certificates

A boat must first have a valid "full crew" primary certificate.

Short-handed certificates are applicable only for events for which the Notice of Race has designated short-handed classes for no more than two crew.

A short-handed certificate is not required to enter such events. A primary certificate can be used to race short-handed.

The short-handed TCC will vary from the boat's primary certificate TCC only if the configuration is changed in consideration of racing with fewer crew.

The specific configuration items are:

1. Mainsail widths
2. Headsail dimensions
3. Single furling headsail allowance
4. Use of stored power
5. SPA
6. STL
7. Spinnaker pole/bowsprit configuration
8. Moveable ballast
9. Variable ballast.

These are items that might be down-sized or otherwise changed for single/double-handed racing.

In other words, if no configuration changes as above are made, the TCC on the short-handed certificate would be identical to that for the primary certificate.

Since a short-handed certificate is not required to enter designated short-handed events, there is no reason to get a short-handed certificate if the configuration is not changed.

Crew number/crew weight is not a factor in IRC rating calculation.

Sail certificates for the smaller sails, measurement of a shorter STL, etc. are needed to apply for a short-handed certificate.