

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 headsail dimensions, single furling headsail allowance, SPA, STL/SPL, spinnaker pole/bowsprit, moveable ballast and 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.