



Porto Cervo, 2 – 8 September 2018

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS No.2
Clarification on crew number/IRC

Dear MYRC competitor

Further to our previous communication we should like to allay some fears and explain this initiative.

We are glad to have worked with the IRC Rating Authority to develop a means of reducing crew numbers giving rating compensation. Many modern racer-cruisers can easily sail effectively with reduced crew. However many teams feel that for best performance they must 'fill the rail' with the maximum crew number given on the IRC certificate. The OA and IRC recognize that for some teams fewer crew could be better, for a variety of reasons.

This year we have made this alternative available **but only** for the Mini-Maxi Racer-Cruiser division 2. The option is to race the entire week with a maximum crew number of 60% of the normal IRC value (rounded as necessary) with an IRC calculated reduction in TCC in line with the predicted performance reduction. The modified TCC will be printed on the IMA certificate of each yacht that selects to use it. It will not appear on the original IRC certificate, so trials will not be available through your IRC Rule Authority. A trial can be requested from the IMA Technical Office contacting: technicaloffice@internationalmaxiassociation.com

The principle is to encourage a wider variety of boats to compete by levelling out the performance effect of sailing with fewer crew for boats not designed to carrying the theoretical IRC maximum. There is no intention of this being used in the Racer divisions or other areas of the fleet populated by high performance boats. It will also only be available when preselected for the entire event. Ideally we would have liked to introduce this idea earlier but were still in negotiation with IRC.

We feel it is worth starting experimentally this year so that all can learn from the experience.

We will be very interested to hear what owners think is the ideal crew number for their boat.

Best regards,

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