



2023 IRC RATING FORMULATION CHANGES

This is not an exhaustive list of every development in the IRC rating formulation but covers the main changes and has been produced to help owners understand changes to IRC ratings. These are applied automatically in the rating software which is applied across the whole IRC fleet.

See <https://ircrating.org/irc-rule/> for the full IRC Rule text and Appendix A Definitions, and details of Rule changes.

AGE ALLOWANCE

Age allowance has been extended beyond 20 years, giving a small amount of additional credit to boats built pre-2000.

FLYING HEADSAILS

The rating formulation for flying headsails has been updated such that flying headsail rating effect will be lower for both with and without a spinnaker.

SPINNAKER POLES WITH NO SPINNAKER

Following the rule change allowing a headsail to be poled out to windward with no rating effect, an inconsistency was found in the calculation of non-spinnaker TCC for boats rated with a spinnaker pole (whisker pole to windward). The formulation has now been updated so that the spinnaker pole is ignored for the non-spinnaker rating.

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