



Important information if you did not hold a 2022 IRC Certificate

Poles, bowsprits and whisker poles

From January 2022 there was a change to IRC Rule 21.3.6 so that only whisker poles used to pole out a headsail or flying headsail to leeward need to be declared.

21.3.6 A boat shall declare using any spar as a whisker pole set to leeward to set a headsail or a flying headsail.

If YES, you will need to declare this again, as all boats have been reset to 'No'.

You do not need to declare a whisker pole set only to windward.

IRC 2021 rules included changes to the rating of spinnaker poles and whisker poles. These are intended to rate poles more equitably. To benefit you will need to declare what you use, and the length of your spinnaker pole if applicable.

If spinnaker pole length SPL is not declared STL measurement will be used by default for SPL.

Spinnakers

Remember that there is now a rating benefit if you carry fewer than 3 spinnakers. If this applies OR if there is a change to the number of spinnakers you carry, please make sure you declare this as a change on the Spinnakers page.

Flying headsail

A new IRC sail type was introduced for 2021 – flying headsail - as defined in IRC Appendix A Definitions; IRC rules 21.3 & 21.7 also apply (see link to rule below) If you carry a sail that complies with these rules and definitions you must declare it on the Mainsail & Headsail page of the revalidation.

If you subsequently tell us that these details are in error an amendment fee will be charged.

Current IRC Rules and changes: <https://ircrating.org/irc-rule/>