

Reporting committee: **MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE**
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FLOTATION DATE LIMITATION

PROPOSAL

To rewrite the IMS rules to limit the validity of a flotation measurement to 10 years.

A2.4 Flotation Date shall be the date when the most recent measurement afloat was completed. No ORC certificate will be issued to a boat with a flotation date of more than 10 years since the last valid one.

RATIONALE

It is well-recognized that boats often undergo modifications and changes—sometimes significant ones—without notifying the rating authority. This is especially true with older boats and with those not attending big events.

To ensure that boat data remains accurate and in line with the principles of the wording in the ORC Championship rules (Green Book) 4.2 that limits flotation data in ORC championship events to five years, it is proposed that the validity of flotation measurements for all ORC certificates be limited to ten years. This measure would help maintain the accuracy of ORC certificates and ensure that even the oldest boats in the fleet remain up to date.