Reporting committee: ITC

RATING OFFICERS COMMITTEE

CRUISER/RACER REQUIREMENTS

PROPOSAL

Review IMS Appendix 1 Cruiser/Racer requirements, display these requirements on test certificates.

RATIONALE

IMS Appendix 1 needs a review of its requirements because the current generation of popular dual-purpose yachts are not always in conformance to these standards. There are numerous designs in the marketplace now that are designed, built and sold to be comfortable cruiser/racers yet still fail to meet all of the IMS Appendix A standards.

For example, popular designs such as Sun Fast 3300's and First 36's have cockpit seat lengths that are too short to the current standards because the Accommodation length table in rule 206.1 may be over-predicting the number of berths the marketplace supports for the interior layouts of these boats.

Another example is fuel tank volume: boats that have electric propulsion should not need to have rule 212 apply.

In addition, adding a button to the ORC Manager software to generate a report which lists the C/R requirements for a given boat would greatly help making these requirements easy to understand for rating officers, measurers and owners. Presently the system requires changing a boat to C/R from Performance in the Manager software and running it through the VPP.

There are frequent queries about the computed requirements for C/R, such as bunk numbers, cockpit seating, fuel capacity etc. Being able to run a report outside of the certificate VPP would be very helpful.

This feature should also be considered for running tests in Sailor Services as well.