

## CERTIFICATE RENEWAL ELECTRONIC FORM

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### **PROPOSAL**

To modernize the certificate management process, minimize the administrative workload on National Rating Offices, reduce human error in data transmission, and provide boat owners with a seamless, secure, and user-friendly self-service experience.

We propose that ORC HQ develops and implements a standardized, centralized Electronic Request Form (e-form) on the ORC platform. This portal would allow boat owners to directly submit administrative or minor technical revisions to their respective National Rating Offices.

Examples of requests that could be streamlined through this electronic form include:

- Crew weight revisions (updating the declared crew weight limitation)
- Sail inventory updates (adding a new spinnaker or removing an existing sail from the certificate)
- Standard certificate renewals with no structural or measurement changes.

### **RATIONALE**

Currently, when a boat owner requests a certificate renewal or minor modifications that do not strictly require an official measurer, the communication with National Rating Offices relies heavily on fragmented channels such as emails or instant messaging apps (e.g., WhatsApp).

This decentralized approach is highly inefficient, difficult to track, and prone to communication errors or data entry mistakes.