



ORC SAILOR SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE

All new feature for self-serve test certificate access

17 January 2011 -- The **Offshore Racing Congress (ORC)** is pleased to announce its new **Sailor Services** section is accessible to the public, where anyone may now access any ORC Club or ORC International certificate in the 2009 and 2010 databases for the nominal fee of €10. Certificate measurement data is also accessible through this service, and changes in some of these measurements can then be used to generate test certificates run using the 2011 ORC VPP, also for the nominal fee of €10 per test certificate.

This new service will be of value to anyone interested in viewing a boat's rating certificate under the new 2011 VPP, as well as to understand how changes in some parameters, such as rig and sail dimensions, will affect their 2011 ratings.

Test certificates are **not** valid for racing, and valid 2011 ORC Club and ORC International certificates will still be offered only through each country's ORC Rating Office.

"Besides our continuing commitment to providing a framework for the offshore community with the ORC rules and guidelines," said **Bruno Finzi**, Chairman of ORC, "the advent of this new Sailor Services feature is a huge step forward and a powerful tool in making the ORC rating system more easily accessible to the offshore sailing public."

Those interested in doing more comprehensive rating investigations are asked to contact their designers, who can then use the **2011 ORC VPP Designer's version (DVP)** to make changes to appendages, hull forms and related measurements to run test certificates through their local rating offices. This DVP is available for download at the ORC website for €500. The ORC DVP is a Windows-based software programme, easy to use, with user-friendly interface and standard Windows functions.

The new Sailor Services joins two other features offered to the sailors with ORC certificates, the **Stability and Hydrostatics Datasheet** and the **ORC Speed Guide**, which includes polar diagrams as well as theoretical speeds in various wind conditions for every possible sail combination. This is available on the ORC website.

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