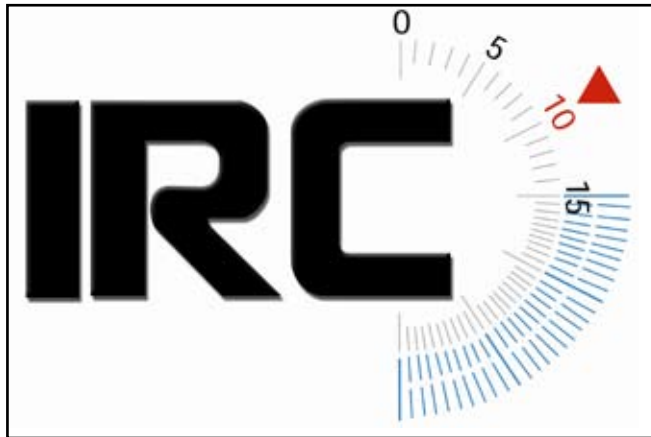


Following 5 years of successful sponsorship working with the Royal Ocean Racing Club, Ocean Safety has just increased their commitment by sponsoring the IRC RATING SYSTEM.



Ocean Safety previously sponsored the RORC mid-Channel racing mark and their range of specialist safety products and services now makes them a perfect partner for the RORC IRC programme, both in the UK and worldwide.

The IRC rating system has gone from strength to strength over the last few years and is now going into a third decade of operation. Proving to be the leading international rating system for yacht racing, the IRC will be rebadged as the 'Ocean Safety IRC'. However, there are many other activities where Ocean Safety will become involved over and above the normal literature and certification.

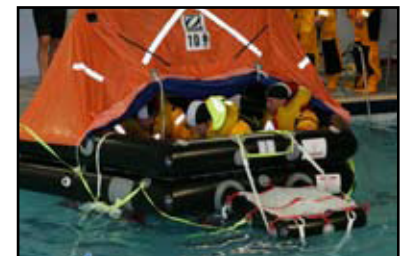
Ocean Safety has very recently completed another year of compulsory Sea Survival Training Courses and safety equipment supply for the Volvo Ocean Race Teams ahead of the start in Alicante, in addition to many other training and safety courses.



Charlie Mill, Managing Director of Ocean Safety, said of their sponsorship of IRC, *“We are delighted to increase our involvement in yacht racing, and support the good work which the RORC achieve. We work closely with the RORC in terms of legislation and regulations over safety equipment and aim to offer a fresh new approach to safety at sea. We are looking forward to working more closely over the next few years with racing sailors at every level. Our experience and knowledge in other areas of yacht racing, such as the Volvo Ocean Race, illustrates our firm commitment to the sport.”*



Eddie Warden Owen, Chief Executive at the RORC said, *“We are very pleased to have Ocean Safety sponsoring IRC and to continue the close working relationship we have enjoyed over the last 5 years. Their support allows the rating office to continue to provide the most efficient service to all IRC rated yachts. Safety at sea is one of RORC’s main concerns when organising offshore racing so this is a perfect match for sailors and event organisers.”*



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