

Q&A – Transition from SRS to ORCi



Why is MBBR moving from SRS to ORCi?

Marstrand Big Boat Race is evolving into a more international and performance-driven event. ORCi is a globally recognized rating rule that provides higher technical accuracy, better fairness at the top end of the fleet, and stronger alignment with other major big boat regattas in Europe.

Why is ORCi better suited for big boats?

ORCi is designed around measured data and Velocity Prediction Programs (VPP), making it particularly well suited for modern racing yachts and professionally prepared teams. It delivers more accurate performance predictions across a wide range of conditions and configurations—something that becomes increasingly important as boats get larger and faster.

Does ORCi favour certain boat types?

No. ORCi is fundamentally a measurement-based system that evaluates each boat on its actual geometry, weight, stability, rig and sail plan. This reduces subjective adjustments and helps ensure that results are decided by sailing performance rather than rating distortions.

Will this make the regatta more international?

Yes. Many international teams already hold valid ORC certificates and regularly race under ORCi. By adopting ORCi, MBBR lowers the entry barrier for foreign competitors and becomes directly comparable with other leading European events.

Is ORCi more complicated than SRS?

ORCi involves more detailed measurement, but it also offers greater transparency. Owners and teams gain access to polar data, predicted performance numbers and clear class structures. For serious racing teams, this information is considered a competitive advantage rather than a complication.

Will ORCi increase costs for teams?

Some teams may need to obtain a new ORC certificate. However, for most big boats actively racing at a high level, ORCi is already part of their annual campaign. The long-term benefit is a more stable, predictable and internationally valid rating.

How will classes be structured?

The regatta will use established ORCi class divisions, based on performance characteristics rather than boat type alone. This ensures close racing and competitive fleets across the event.

Will this change the character of MBBR?

The character of Marstrand Big Boat Race remains the same: competitive, high-quality racing in one of the best sailing arenas in Scandinavia. The move to ORCi simply raises the sporting standard and strengthens the regatta's international profile.