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### **Spinlock continues support of GBR IRC Championships**

Sailors in the UK are enjoying spring racing and looking forward to the summer season, including the varied selection of International Rating Certificate (IRC) Championships which will again be supported by hardware experts Spinlock, now in their 6<sup>th</sup> season as sponsor of IRC.

As well as enjoying the great racing and social programmes, competitors will be competing for IRC Champion status and the exciting Spinlock special prize package. James Hall, Spinlock Sales and Marketing Manager, is enthusiastic about the IRC Championships:

*“Spinlock are pleased to support the IRC Championships again in 2018 and encourage competitive IRC racing around the regions. We are thrilled to provide a trophy, £250 Spinlock Voucher and a Deck Pack for each Championship winner.”*

Regional IRC Championships are held all around the British coast from Scotland to the Channel Islands, as well as a specific event for Double Handed crews, providing a large variety of venues, racing conditions and social events to be enjoyed both on and off the water. Some events will incorporate other classes racing in IRC, for instance the HP30 class will hold its National Championship at Poole Regatta; Scottish Series is a major event in the RC35 annual class championship, and along with the Welsh National IRC Championship is also part of the Celtic Cup incorporating events in Wales, Scotland and Ireland.



*The IRC fleet enjoying great racing at Poole Regatta 2017 (image: David Harding)*

The 2018 GBR IRC Championships programme is as follows:

- Solent – 4 events (May-Sept)
- Scottish – Scottish Series (May)
- Southern – Poole Regatta (May)
- Sussex – Sussex Regatta (June)
- South West – Falmouth Race Week (June)
- East Coast – Ramsgate Week (July)
- Welsh National – Cardigan Bay (August)
- Double Handed - Cowes (September)
- Channel Islands - Jersey (September)
- Autumn - Hamble (October)
- Inland – Windermere (November-March)

Cowes-based Spinlock is an independent company widely acknowledged as the world expert in ropeholding. The innovative company also designs and manufactures personal protection equipment such as harnesses and the award winning Deckvest Lifejacket. All Spinlock IRC members worldwide, holding a current IRC certificate, benefit from a 25% discount off all Spinlock products.

Full details of the GBR Championships are on <https://www.rorcrating.com/irc-rating-gbr/irc-regional-champs> For news and information about the IRC European Championship to be held in Cowes in 2018, please see <https://www.ircrating.org/racing/europeans-news>