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2001 – Rolex became the sponsor of the Fastnet Race. Piet Vroon's Tonnerre de Breskens achieved overall victory on his 20th attempt.

2003 – The Admiral's Cup was won by the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club team consisting of Wild Oats and Aftershock.
The International Rating Certificate (IRC) is awarded 'international' status by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).

2004 – The inaugural international IRC Congress meeting was hosted at the London clubhouse. The Congress is made up of representatives of IRC Owners' Associations and Rule Authorities worldwide.

2005 – A total of 283 boats participated in the Rolex Fastnet Race, won by the smallest boat in the fleet, Jean-Yves Chateau's Nicholson 33, Iromiguy.
The United States formally adopts IRC as an option for its clubs and owners, resulting in nearly 500 US boats being rated.
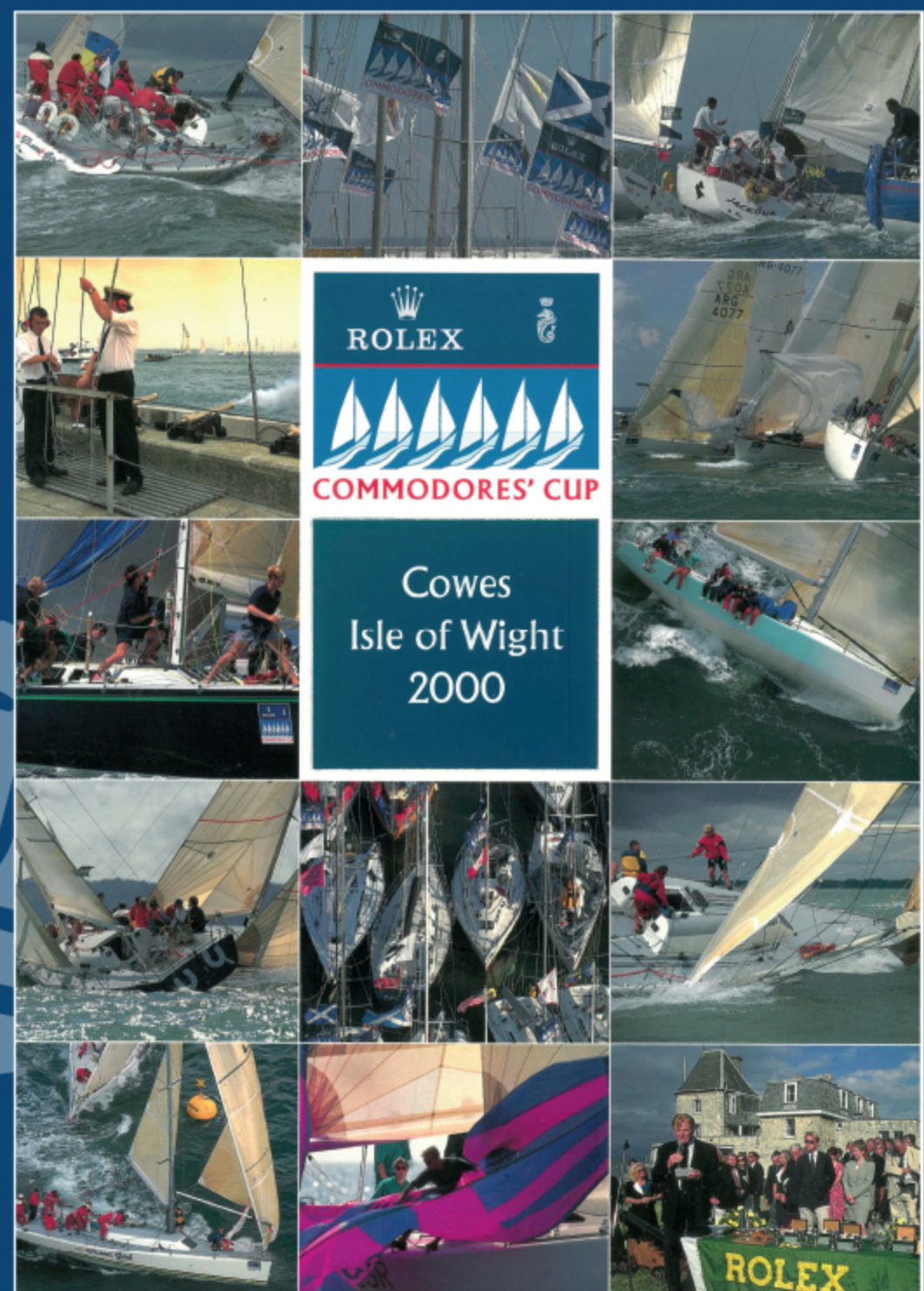
2007 – For the first time in its history, the start of the Rolex Fastnet Race was delayed by 25 hours due to a gale warning. 271 boats started the race with 54 successfully finishing the race. All of the boats that retired made safe harbour.

2008 – The number of IRC-rated boats worldwide was projected to reach 7,200.

2009 – The RORC Caribbean 600 was held for the first time.

2009 Inaugural RORC Caribbean 600: Multihull Line Honours ORMA 60 Region Guadeloupe
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2007 Rolex Fastnet Race: Leopard 3 triumphs in a thrilling duel for monohull line honours with Rambler
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2000 Rolex Commodores' Cup: Continues the tradition of high-level team competition

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2000: Launch of IR2000

2003: Wild Oats wins Admiral's Cup for Prince Alfred Yacht Club Australia along with team mate Aftershock © Rick Tomlinson