



SNIFE CLASS INTERNATIONAL RACING ASSOCIATION

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Re: Statement from the Technical Committee regarding the use of electronic devices

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With effect from **15 January, 2026** Class Rule C.5 (Portable Equipment) has been amended in terms of both wording and permitted devices.

The rule establishes that multi-function electronic compasses are permitted provided they are capable of displaying only specific data.

- heading
- heading +/- tacking angle
- time
- race timing information
- device status information.

In addition, electronic compasses shall not store or transmit this information.

According to the rule, GPS or multi-function wrist watches (other than timers or chronographs) are not allowed on board.

However, devices with additional functions may be authorized, provided that:

1. The Notice of Race includes the use of the device; **AND**
2. The Organizing Authority (Yacht Club, etc.) can provide devices for those who do not have one; **AND**
3. The Technical Committee has authorized the use of the device.

According to the rule, Vakaros (or similar) devices can only be used if all three of the above criteria are met.

Therefore, any device capable of functions other than those listed above is not permitted, even if the additional functions are disabled.

Should you require further clarification, feel free to contact me.



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