



Tasar World Championships 2026 in Kunigami

Question for Officials

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Question No: 01

Question For: Technical Committee

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Subject: Formal Request for Technical Interpretation / Equipment Substitution – Use of Vakaros Atlas 2 in Class-Compliant Mode

Dear Members of the Race, Technical and Measurement Committees,

I am writing to formally request an interpretation and permission regarding a necessary equipment substitution for the upcoming Tasar World Championship. Due to an oversight, I left my standard class-legal magnetic compass (TackTick) behind. To ensure I can safely navigate and compete, I have secured a Vakaros Atlas 2 instrument.

While I am fully aware that the Vakaros Atlas 2 contains an internal GPS/GNSS unit—which is restricted under standard Tasar Class Rules—the device features a dedicated, factory-engineered "**Class Compliant Mode**" specifically designed to satisfy strict one-design requirements.

I am formally requesting permission to use this device **strictly in its locked, electronic magnetic-compass-and-timer mode** for the duration of this event. To assure the committee and my fellow competitors of absolute compliance and a level playing field, I submit the following technical safeguards for your consideration:

1. Hard Feature Lockdown

When the Vakaros Atlas 2 is configured via its system profile to a "Compass-Only" or restricted class profile, all GPS-based readouts (such as Speed Over Ground, Distance-to-Line, and Time-to-Burn) are completely disabled and cannot be accessed from the display while on the water. The device functions purely as a digital magnetic compass and race timer.

2. Tamper-Proof Audit Telemetry Log

The Vakaros Atlas 2 automatically generates an internal, unalterable telemetry log file. This encrypted file permanently records the exact device configuration and verifies precisely which features were enabled or disabled during any given time period. This provides definitive, auditable proof that the GPS functionality was never activated while racing.

3. Proposed Daily Verification Protocol

To ensure total transparency, I am fully prepared to cooperate with any protocol the committee deems necessary. Specifically, I offer to:

- Present the device to the Measurement Committee each morning prior to racing to verify it is locked in the approved profile.
- Surrender the device to the Measurement Committee or a designated official immediately post-racing each day to review the internal compliance log and verify that the GPS mode was never enabled.

4. Precedent in Peer International Classes

I note that numerous World Sailing International Classes (including the Lightning, Dragon, Melges, and others) have formally embraced the auditable "Class-Compliant" mode of modern instruments to manage hardware availability while strictly preserving the integrity of their class rules. Furthermore, the International Jury appointed to this World Championship likely possesses extensive experience with the exact procedural framework required to manage and audit these devices.

I kindly request that the Race Committee and Technical Committee grant a favorable interpretation allowing the use of this device under the strict daily inspection guidelines outlined above.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and dedication to ensuring a fair and successful World Championship.

Sincerely,

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Answer:
