



Swedish 505 Class Association

Suggestion to change the 505 Class rule 11 to allow for GPS sensors in the 505, while racing

After several discussions, both informal and at the latest national AGM in Sweden, the Swedish National 505 Association has decided to send this suggestion to the AGM in Cork.

Background

We believe that some people are already sailing with GPS watches, unintentionally breaking the present 505 Class Rules. Today, GPS sensors are standard in many watches and several compasses have these features included. At present, the prices for devices carrying GPS sensors are not much higher than equivalent devices without such sensors and indications are that these will continue to become both more prevalent in product ranges and lower in price with time. We believe that the 505 class should continue to be in the forefront of development as long as it does not increase the cost to race significantly and does not make older boats disadvantaged to race with. This suggestion does neither.

Suggestion to new text for rule 11.0 Equipment

11.1 Boats may carry devices incorporating GPS sensors that provide information about speed over the ground, heading, and distance to the start line provided these devices are self-contained and do not provide any other tactical or performance calculations to the crew while racing.

An electronic device must not be capable of displaying information about wind speed, wind direction, or lay lines

Self-contained electronic devices shall not use external sensors, transmitters, wired or wireless data sources, and/or power supplies whilst racing.