

# SACA proposal 1 / removal of the I.A.C.A championship rule 16

## Rule 16 in the current version

### 16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

No transmitting equipment, radio receivers and portable phones shall be carried on board of any competing boat.

*Explanations and interpretation of the current rule:*

- *Under the existing rule 16, GPS are considered to be a radio receiver.*
- *After consultation of Graeme Harbour (technical committee chairman), GPS are forbidden during continental and world championships. "Continental" as stated by ISAF means USA and Europe.*
- *As a consequence, and when not explicitly forbidden, GPS are allowed without restrictions elsewhere.*

## Proposal for the removal of rule 16

This proposal is a complete removal of the rule 16.

As a consequence, safety devices like safety radios, emergency beacons, GPS of all kinds are allowed.

## Rationale

1. Allowing safety devices : with the development of foiling boats, the number of capsizes and sailors in the water separated from their boats is increasing. Getting external help under those circumstances is crucial.
2. The A-Class catamaran is a construction class, where the openness and freedom has always been a fundamental philosophy. Under these circumstances, we see no reason to ban GPS during our races.
3. With the removal of rule 16, we still race under RRS 41(c).

## Support

The following national federations support this proposal:

- Switzerland
- ...