



2026 WASZP Games

Question for Officials

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Question For: Protest Committee

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Are the competitors allowed radios? At previous events with the 3.3 definition in the NOR they have been allowed radios.

Answer:

1. The preamble to Part II of the WASZP Class Rules 'Requirements and Limitations' states that the rules are 'Closed Class Rules'.
 2. 'Closed Class Rules' are defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing as 'class rules where anything not specifically permitted is prohibited'.
 3. The Class Rules make no mention of VHF radios.
 4. C5.1.(a)(1) does refer to 'Battery operated single or multi-function devices'. However, this rule also states 'Other than satellite positioning signals, electronic devices shall not receive information from outside of the boat'.
 5. There is no provision in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions that modifies this class rule.
 6. Therefore, it is our view that competitors may not carry a VHF radio on their boat (or on their person).
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