

Laser Rule Changes - Digital Compasses now permitted

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At the recent ILCA World Council meeting the voting results on the class rule changes were provided and all four have been approved. The rule changes have also been approved by World Sailing and will now come into effect on Jan. 1st, 2018.

This may be of interest to sailors planning to enter regattas in the new year who might want to buy/try a digital compass. As far as we can tell from researching product availability there are currently two products on the market that meet the new rule (available through retailers):

- Nautalytics: <http://nautalytics.com/alloy-compass/?category=Compass>
- TackTic Micro: <http://www.raymarine.eu/view/?id=1772>

I tried the Nautalytics compass and like it (link to article in The Laser Sailor, page 10):
<http://www.laser.org/pdfs/Summer2017%20LOW%20RES%20PROOF%201.pdf>

Nautalytics has added an optional integral countdown timer that auto switches to heading at "0", and also a backlight function.

Here is the wording on all 4 class rule changes:

http://www.laser.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1183:vote-on-2017-ilca-rules-changes&catid=21:official&Itemid=250

Let me know if you have any questions.

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