

2026 LIPTON CHALLENGE CUP

Question & Answer Service – 2026.09

Question 1:

If a boat's Vakaros device experiences an issue before or during a race, what should that boat do?

Answer 1:

If a boat experiences an issue with their Vakaros at any stage before or during a race's starting sequence, they should immediately inform the Race Committee. The Race Committee will exercise their discretion in deciding to postpone/delay the start of a race or display Flag 'W'. If a boat experiences an issue with their Vakaros after the starting signal they are not expected to inform the Race Committee mid-race, but shall inform the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible after finishing the race.

Question 2:

What actions will the race committee take to ensure that the issues are not the boat's fault?

Answer 2:

The Race Committee's Vakaros Tablet displays every device that is currently connected to the RaceSense Network. Should a competitor's device be displayed as 'not connected', the Race Committee will communicate via the designated VHF channel to that boat and request that you power off your device, wait 10s and then power it on again.

To make this as efficient as possible, upon being called, please proceed promptly towards the vicinity of the Race Committee Starting Vessel.

Question 3:

If the issue impacting the competitors Vakaros is found to be by fault of the boat, what course of action will the race committee take?

Answer 3:

If the device is found to be faulty through the fault of the competitor (eg, no charge, didn't purchase a RaceSense pass, badly calibrated etc), the competitor would be in breach of the Notice of Contest (6.3 and Addendum A: 1, 3, 4, 8). As a result, the race would go ahead as scheduled and that boat will not be able to race until they have resolved their issue.