



Hello Bacardi sailors!

We're reaching out with some pre-event logistics to make sure RaceSense runs as smoothly as possible at this year's Bacardi Winter Series, Bacardi Cup, and Bacardi Invitational Regattas.

**For all teams:**

- Each team must check in with Vakaros with their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge in hand.
- Check-in should take five to ten minutes and will be open in the same vicinity of regatta registration booth all times registration is open.
- For J/70, Melges 24, VX, and Viper, Atlas instruments must be mounted aft facing, on the mast, above deck, at least 6 inches clear of other instruments.
- For Stars, Atlas instruments must be mounted as specified by the ISC/YRA - more details to follow.

**If you already own an Atlas:**

- [Purchase an Annual RaceSense Pass](#). **THIS IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT IF YOU ARE NOT RENTING AN ATLAS.**
- Update your unit to the latest firmware version via the Vakaros Connect App. For a video on how to update your firmware, see here: [Atlas 2 Firmware Update Tutorial](#).
- **Calibrate your compass by following these steps:** [Atlas Compass Calibration](#)

**If you do not own an Atlas, you may rent one here:** [Atlas 2 Rental](#). **All rentals must be reserved at least 14 days in advance of a given event. Rentals reserved 7-13 days out will incur a late fee. Rentals reserved with 7 days are not guaranteed and must be booked by email to [doug@vakaros.com](mailto:doug@vakaros.com).**

In the meantime, check out our [RaceSense Sailor Manual](#), and our tips for your [First RaceSense Event](#).

We can't wait for this great event! Find some RaceSense FAQs on the next page, and we'll see you on the water. If there's anything we can help with in the meantime, reach out to [doug@vakaros.com](mailto:doug@vakaros.com).

Best,

Doug Wake  
RaceSense Director



## **2026 Bacardi Series FAQ**

### **Q: What functions will RaceSense perform automatically?**

A: Units will display all available Atlas features. Timer, pings, and OCS notifications will be automatic.

### **Q: Will RaceSense clear the start line?**

A: Yes! When you've cleared the line, or an infinite extension of the line, the device will show green lights and say "clear". It is still your responsibility to restart, as per the rules, if you clear the extension of the line beyond the RC Signal or Pin boat. For boats that have not yet cleared their OCS, the Atlas 2 will display "OCS" for 4 minutes, after which point, clearing is no longer an option.