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Novasail NS360RC arrives

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It's designed to be an affordable, lightweight electronic tactical tool for sportsboat racers, but the Novasail NS360RC could be useful to small boat cruisers, too.

The "complete racing system" not only includes a GPS speedo, magnetic compass, windshift indicator and lots of other useful race functions (VMG, distance to start line etc) it also offers wireless, real time communication with an onboard laptop.



This enables on board use of tactical and navigational software – the NS360RC claims to be the only product in this price range with a wireless dongle, as well as an integrated, real magnetic compass.

So you can record up to 100 hours of racing or cruising (one point every 30 seconds) and replay your track on Google Earth. There's also computer management of 99 waypoints, plus routes, and automatic online update to new features.

"All this with one single standard AA battery for 30 hours of use!" says Novasail. The company claims the unit, which measures 125mm x 80mm x 26mm and weighs 260 g is fully waterproof – above the IPX7 standard – and offers excellent accuracy: speed to 0.1 kts and heading to a single degree.

The NS360RC will be available from selected retailers from November 1 at a promotional introductory price of 550 euros.

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