

Micro Compass cue card



Switching on/off

On: cover, then uncover the solar cell
Off: press and hold the *MODE* key (for 2 seconds).

Micro Compass displays

Micro Compass has three display modes; Compass, Timer and Tactics. To change display mode, press the *MODE* key.

Using the compass display

To switch to compass mode, press the *MODE* key (either once or twice) until you see the "compass" annunciator at the top of the display.

Operating the Timer

To set the timer, first use the *MODE* key to select the timer mode. You will see the start time (usually 6 minutes) displayed, and the countdown will start when you press

the *SET* key. If you are slightly late at the gun, simply resynchronise the counter by pressing the *SET* key at the next gun (usually 3 minutes).

If your race officer is working on a different start time (e.g. 10 minutes), "stab" both *MODE* and *SET* keys together, then adjust the start time up or down using the *SET* or *MODE* key respectively. When you have the correct start time, pause for 5 seconds (after which the numbers will stop flashing), then press the *SET* key at the gun.

Taking advantage of wind shifts

Press the *MODE* key to see the Tactics display. When you are beating, you will now see the same number, whichever tack you are on. If the number increases when you are on port tack, you should tack. If the number decreases when you are on starboard tack, then you should tack.

If the number appears to be different on starboard tack than on port tack, then you need to adjust your Micro Compass, to match your tacking angle. To do this, press the *SET* key and adjust the displayed number by pressing the *SET* key to increase it, and the *MODE* key to decrease it.

From the factory, the tacking angle is set to 90°, if you are finding the number is higher on starboard tack than on port, then you need to decrease the tacking angle. If it is higher on port tack, then you should increase the tacking angle.