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- The proper functioning of the bathymetric system shall be demonstrated prior to final procurement.

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- Preferably, power supply is from car-batteries.
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- The helmsman shall receive steering data via a separate display. Preferably, this is a left right indicator, alternatively it may be a standard computer display.
- The data collection software shall be adequate for the application.
- The supplier shall provide training at his workshop and on site.

Remarks

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- The equipment might be purchased separately and be installed by a local workshop under supervision of a survey expert.
- As all instruments are portable, they might be mounted in a transport box (e.g. an instrument flight case) with a front and a rear lid. The front lid gives access to the instruments, the rear lid gives access to connections for data-exchange, power, antenna...
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