NimoSail

USER GUIDE

Log your sails, keep your crew and boats together,
plan the next trip and share it with friends.

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All names, boats, photos and sails in this guide are made-up examples.

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New in this edition: the app has a new name, **NimoSail**, and a new look for its name on the Home screen. Your phone can now tell you when a friend sends you a sail, sends you a friend request or accepts yours, even when the app is closed: on Android it works by itself, and on iPhone you turn it on in Settings → Notifications (sections 1, 11, 20, 22 and 23).

SECTION 1 · UPDATED

Installing NimoSail

NimoSail runs on Android phones and tablets as an installed app, and on iPhone as a web app you add to your home screen. Either way it opens full screen from its own icon, just like any other app.

On Android (recommended: the installed app)

During testing the Android app isn't in the Play Store yet, so it comes as an app file (an **.apk**) that you download from the link you were sent.

1. On your phone, tap the NimoSail download link. If Chrome warns that the file could be harmful, tap **Download anyway** (it only says this because the app isn't from the Play Store). When it finishes, tap it (or find it in **Files → Downloads**).
2. The first time, Android asks for permission to install unknown apps. Tap **Settings**, turn on **Allow from this source** for the app you downloaded it with (usually Chrome), then go back.
3. Tap **Install**. If Google Play Protect warns that the app is from an unknown developer, tap **More details → Install anyway**. This is normal for test apps that don't come from the Play Store.
4. Tap **Open**. The NimoSail icon is now in your app drawer; press and hold it to add it to your home screen.
5. When the app asks, allow **Location → While using the app** (recording still keeps going with the screen off) and **Notifications**: for Noticeboard reminders, and to hear when a friend sends you a sail, sends a friend request or accepts yours.

Updating: when there's a new version, the app shows an **Update available** message when you open it. Tap **Download**, open the file and tap **Install**. It installs over the old one, and your sails, boats and crew are kept. You can also get the latest version any time from **Settings → Help & About → About NimoSail → Download for Android**. Your version number is at the bottom of Settings.

On iPhone (web app)

On iPhone, NimoSail runs from **Safari** and is saved to your home screen. It has to be Safari: other browsers on iPhone can't add it properly.

1. Open Safari and go to **petejackson141.github.io/nimosail** (or tap the link you were sent).
2. Tap the **Share** button (the square with an arrow pointing up) at the bottom of the screen.
3. Scroll down and tap **Add to Home Screen**. Leave the name as “NimoSail” and tap **Add**.
4. Close Safari and open NimoSail from the new icon on your home screen. From now on, always open it from the icon.
5. When it asks for your location, tap **Allow**. See section 23 for how to keep tracking going on iPhone.
6. To get notifications, go to **Settings → Notifications** in the app and tap **Turn on notifications**, then **Allow**. This needs iOS 16.4 or later, and the app opened from its home-screen icon.

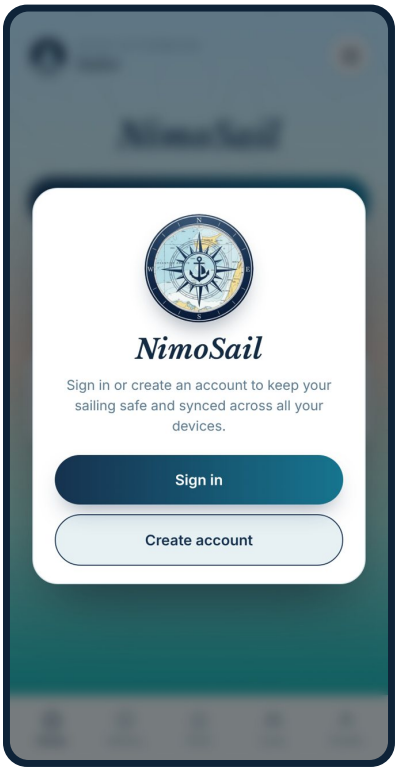
Updating: the iPhone version updates itself. Close the app completely (swipe it away) and open it again to get the latest version.

> **Good to know:** Android tablets and iPads work too, installed the same way. On Android you can also use the web version (Chrome → ⋮ → Add to Home screen), but it only tracks while the screen is on.

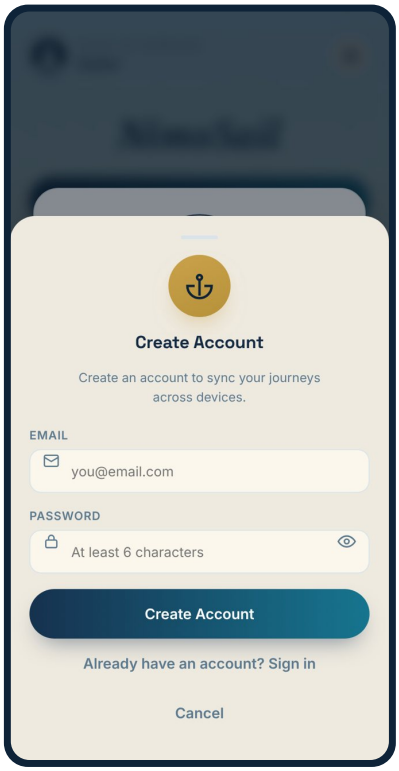
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Getting started

NimoSail needs an account. It backs up your sails, boats, crew and plans to the cloud, keeps them in sync across your devices, and lets you add friends.



Welcome screen

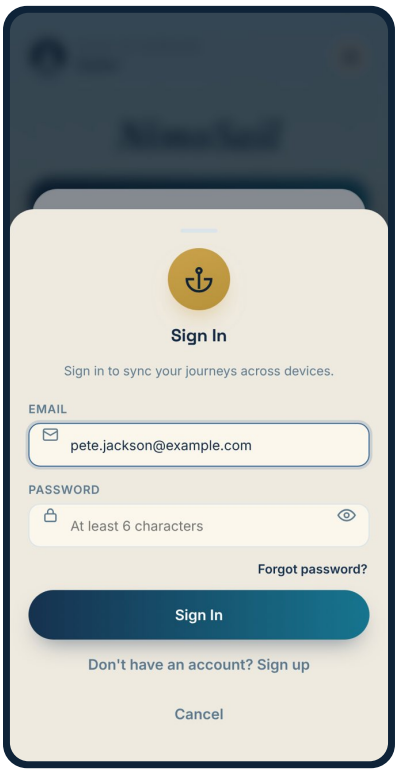


Create an account

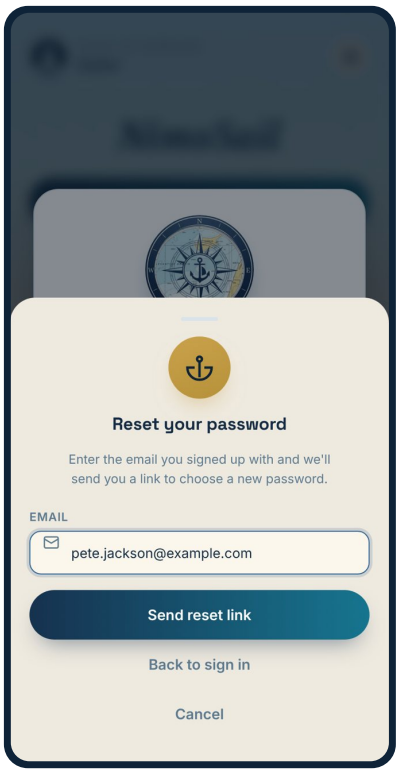
Create your account

1. Tap **Create account**.
2. Enter your email and a password (at least 6 characters). The eye icon shows the password so you can check it.
3. Tap **Create Account**. We send you an email from NimoSail to confirm your address. Open it **on the phone where the app is installed** and tap **Confirm my account**: the app opens, already signed in. No email? Check your spam folder.
4. Choose your **username** and tap **Save and continue**. Use 3–20 characters; letters, numbers and spaces are fine, for example “Pete Jackson”. It's how other sailors find you. During testing, your username, name and profile photo can be seen by everyone using the app; your sails stay private unless you share them.
5. Already have an account? Tap **Sign in** instead.

Forgot your password?



Sign in



Reset your password

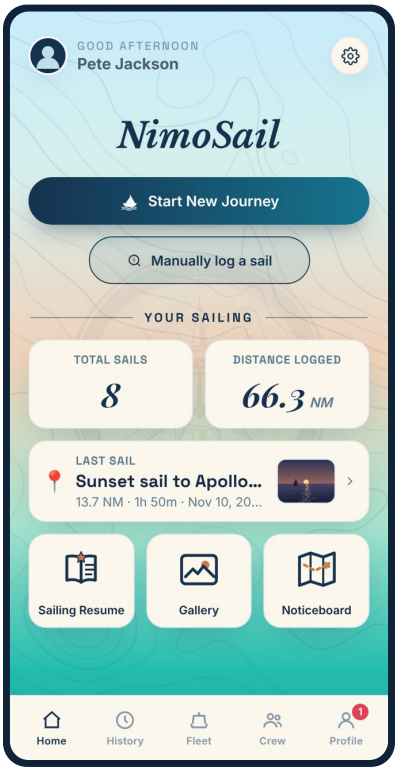
1. On the sign-in screen, tap **Forgot password?**, check your email address and tap **Send reset link**.
2. Open the email from NimoSail **on the phone where the app is installed** and tap **Choose a new password**. The link works once and only for an hour.
3. The app opens signed in. Type your new password twice and tap **Save new password**. Any other phones signed in to your account are signed out, so sign in again there with the new password.

> **Tip:** Everything you log is saved on your phone first, so the app works at sea with no signal. It syncs with the cloud automatically the next time you're online.

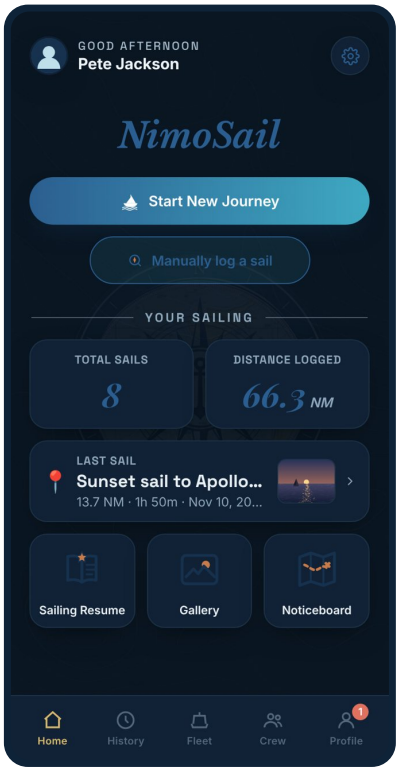
SECTION 3

The Home screen

Home is your starting point. It greets you, shows your totals and your most recent sail, and has shortcuts to everything else.



Day theme



Night theme

What's on it

Start New Journey records a sail live with GPS. **Manually log a sail** is for a sail you've already done, or a track from another app. Under **Your Sailing** you'll see your total sails and distance, then a **Last Sail** card (tap it to open that sail). The three tiles open your **Sailing Resume**, the **Gallery** of all your photos and the **Noticeboard** of planned sails.

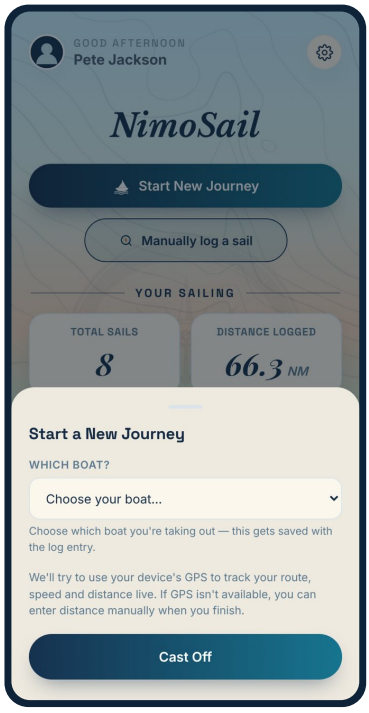
Tap your photo at the top left to go to your Profile, or the gear at the top right for Settings. The bar at the bottom is always there: **Home**, **History**, **Fleet**, **Crew** and **Profile**. A small red number on Profile means you have a new friend request.

On Android, the phone's **back button** (or back gesture) takes you back one screen, closes an open panel, photo or full-screen map, and only leaves the app from Home.

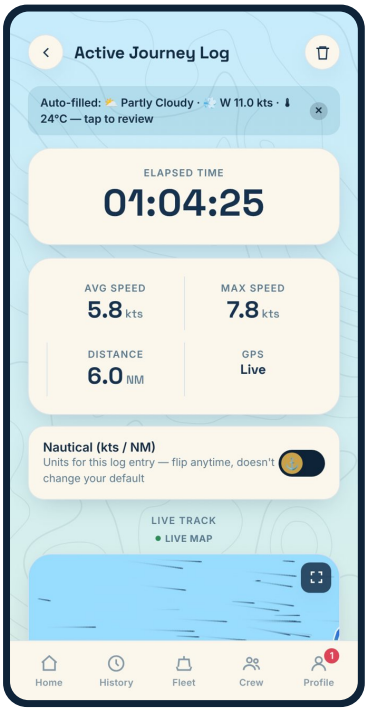
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Recording a sail live

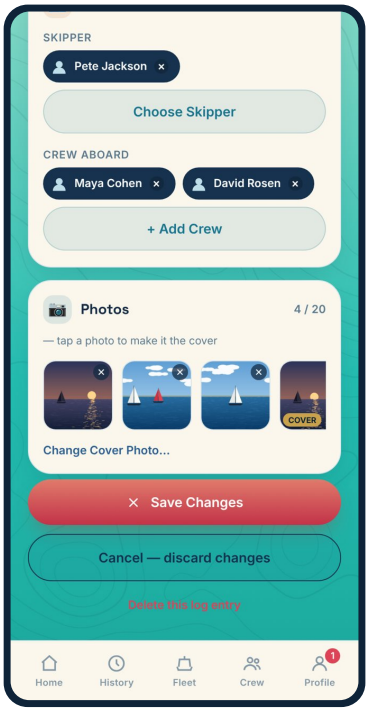
Use this when you're about to leave. The app tracks your route with GPS and times the sail, while you fill in the details as you go.



Choose your boat



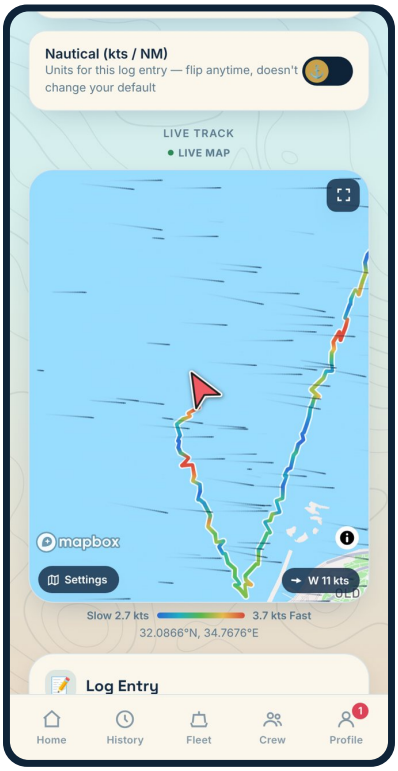
Live tracking



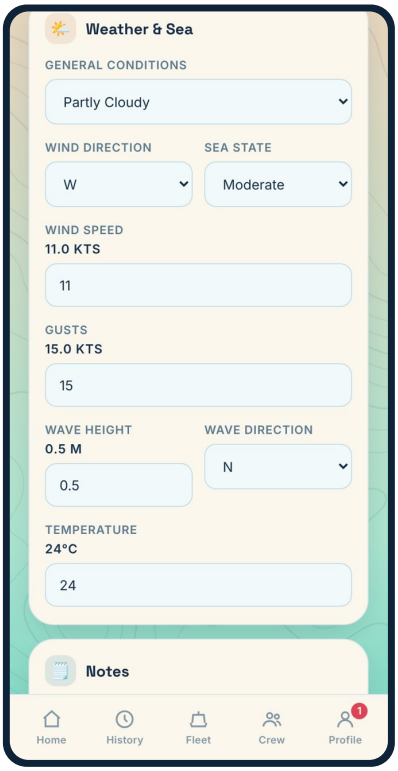
Crew and photos

Step by step

1. On Home, tap **Start New Journey**, choose the boat you're taking out, then tap **Cast Off**.
2. The log screen shows the elapsed time, average and max speed, distance and GPS status, with a live map of your route (see section 5 for the map).
3. With a signal, the weather is filled in for you when you cast off (a note at the top says what was filled in; tap it to check), and the **Place** is filled in from where you start, for example “Tel Aviv Marina”. You can change both.
4. Scroll down to add a sail name, the weather and sea state, your skipper and crew, photos and notes.
5. When you're back, tap **End Journey** at the bottom and confirm. If you added photos, pick one as the cover, then choose who can see the sail (section 9).



The live map



Weather & sea

> **Tip:** You can leave the log screen while sailing: the journey keeps recording and a red “Recording” banner above the bottom bar takes you back to it. The bin icon at the top discards the journey.

> **Units and maps:** The switch on the log screen flips between nautical (knots and NM) and metric units for this sail only. With a signal you get the live map; with no signal, the track is still drawn on a simple offline chart, and the real map comes back by itself when the signal does.

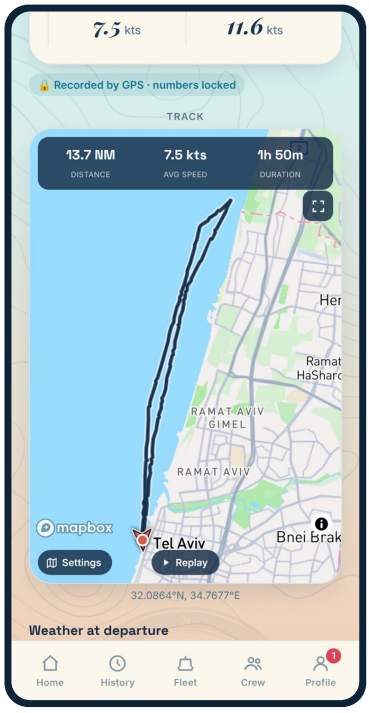
> **GPS status: Live** means all is well. **Searching...**, **Weak signal** or **No signal** mean the phone is struggling to get a fix. **Ignored bad fix** means the app threw away a GPS position that jumped somewhere impossible, so your track and distance stay clean.

When you end a journey recorded by GPS, the last few positions are collected before the GPS stops, so the end of your track isn't lost. Its date, time, duration, distance and speeds are then **locked** (“Recorded by GPS · numbers locked”), so your record can be trusted. You can still change everything else.

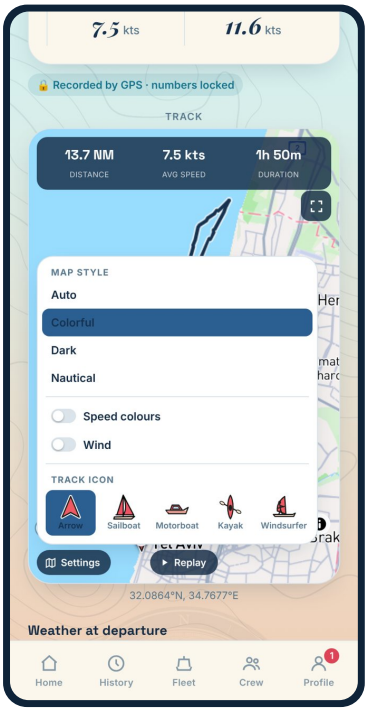
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Your maps

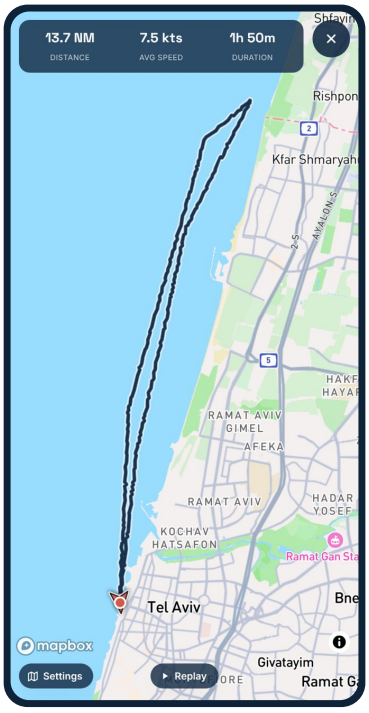
Every map in the app (the live map while recording and the map on each sail's page) works the same way, with the same Settings button.



A sail's map



The Settings button



Full screen

On the page and full screen

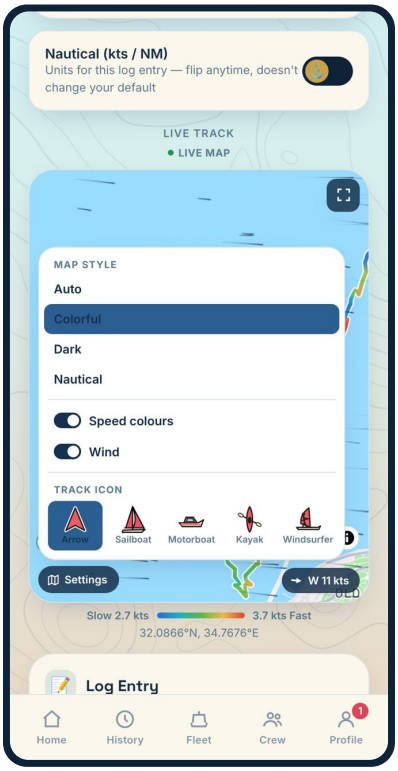
On the page, the map stays still while you scroll, so a finger on it moves the page, not the map. It sizes itself to fit the whole track. While you're recording, it follows the boat by itself.

Tap the map (or the corner button) to open it full screen. There you can drag and pinch to move and zoom, and on a saved sail the **replay** plays: the boat sails along your track and the line draws in behind it. Tap the map during the replay to skip to the end; tap **Replay** to watch it again. On the live map, if you move away from the boat, the re-centre button brings you back to it. Close full screen with ✕ or the back button.

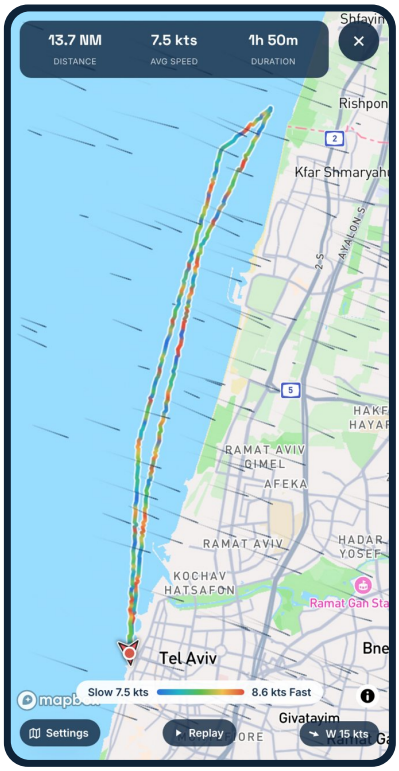
The Settings button

The **Settings** button at the bottom left of the map opens:

- **Map style: Colorful** (the detailed everyday map), **Auto** (the map's lighting follows the sun: day, dawn, dusk or night at the time and place of the sail, changing as the replay goes on), **Dark** (a night map) or **Nautical** (an outdoor map with buoys and sea marks).
- **Speed colours:** colours the track from blue (your slowest) through green and yellow to red (your fastest), with a Slow ▬ Fast key showing the real speeds. The colours are for that sail, so even a gentle day shows where you were quicker.
- **Wind:** little streaks drift across the map the way the wind was blowing, and a badge in the corner shows where it came from and how strong it was, for example “W 14 kts”. On a saved sail it changes hour by hour during the replay, from the sail's weather report (section 10). While recording, it starts with the wind at departure and, with a signal, updates every 30 minutes.
- **Track icon:** the marker that shows your boat: Arrow, Sailboat, Motorboat, Kayak or Windsurfer. The arrow and kayak turn to point where you're going; the sailboat, motorboat and windsurfer face left or right with your heading.



Settings on the live map



Wind and speed colours

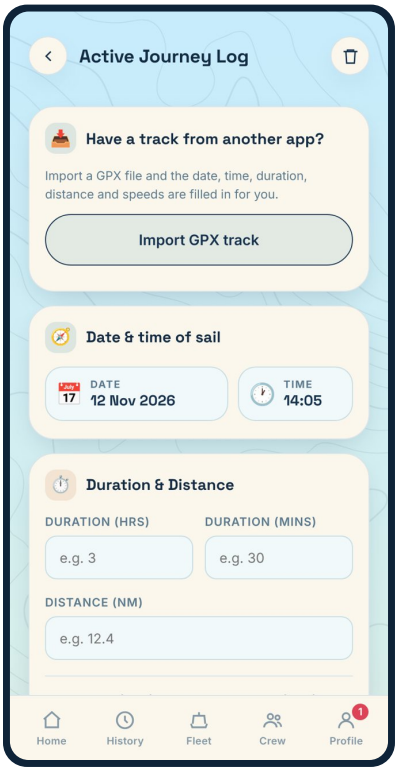
Good to know: The map starts on Colorful, with Speed colours and Wind off and the Arrow icon. Whatever you choose is remembered on this phone and used on every map, including the boats on “Everywhere I've sailed” (section 19) and in the Short reel (section 13).

Track icon and GPS: The icon also tells the app how fast you can really go, so it can ignore GPS glitches. With the Motorboat or Windsurfer chosen, speeds up to about 60 knots are accepted; with the others, about 30 knots. Pick the right icon before you cast off.

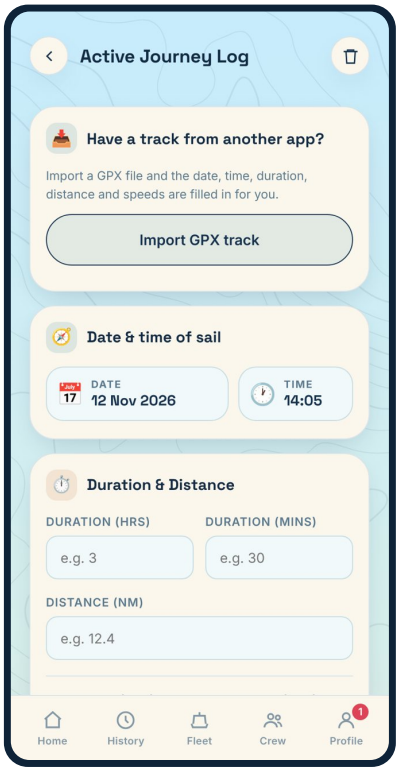
SECTION 6

Logging a past sail

Forgot to start tracking, entering old sails from a paper logbook, or recorded the sail on another app or a watch? Log it here.



Past sail form



Map image and details

Importing a GPX track

If another app or a watch recorded the sail, save its track as a GPX file, then on Home tap **Manually log a sail** and **Import GPX track**. The app fills in the date, start time, duration, distance and speeds for you, and the place from where the track starts. Check them, add the details, then save. If the file has no times in it, the app says so: fill in the date and duration yourself. Tap **Remove** to take the track off again.

Logging it by hand

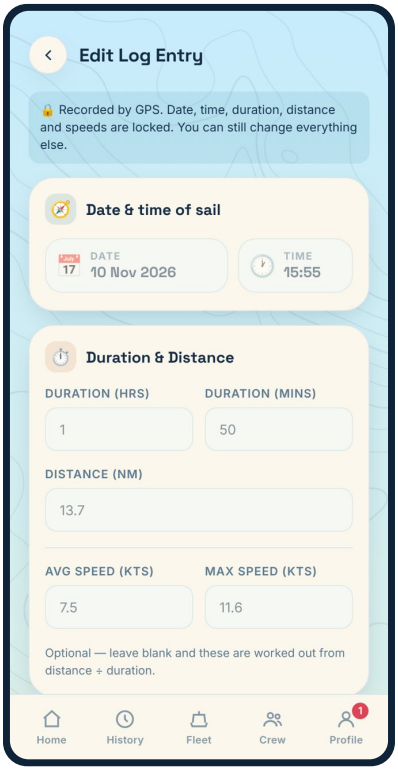
1. On Home, tap **Manually log a sail**.
2. Set the date and time, then the duration and distance. Average and max speed are optional: leave them blank and the app works them out.
3. Type the **Place** you sailed from, e.g. Herzliya Marina. It's used to look up the weather for the sail; if it's empty, the app asks **Where did you sail from?** when you save.
4. Optionally add a **Map Image** (a photo of a chart or a screenshot of your route), then the same details as a live sail: sail name, boat, weather, crew, photos and notes.
5. Tap **Save Log Entry**.

> **Tip:** A sail with an imported track is marked **Imported track (GPX)** and gets a map like a recorded sail. One typed in by hand is marked **Logged by hand**.

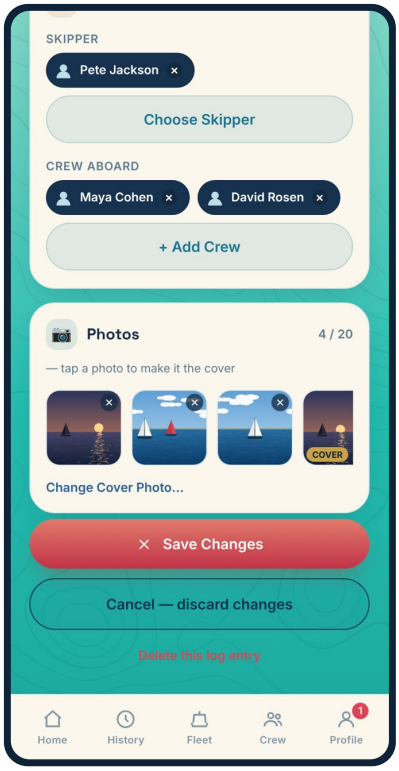
SECTION 7

Editing or deleting a sail

Open any sail and tap the pencil at the top to change it. The bin next to it deletes the sail.



Editing a recorded sail



Save, Cancel or Delete

The edit screen is the same form you logged the sail with. On a sail recorded by GPS, a note at the top says the date, time, duration, distance and speeds are **locked**: they come from the GPS and can't be changed. Everything else can.

At the bottom:

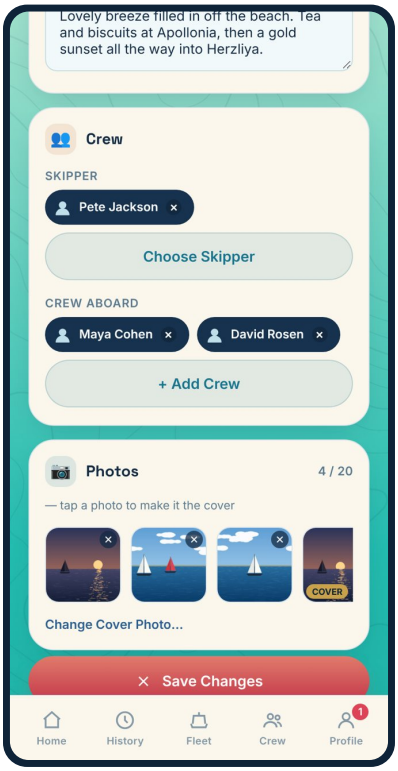
- **Save Changes** saves what you changed.
- **Cancel — discard changes** leaves the sail exactly as it was before you started editing.
- **Delete this log entry** deletes the sail, its track and its photos (you're asked to confirm). This can't be undone.

> **Tip:** If you leave the edit screen without saving, your changes are kept and a banner above the bottom bar takes you back to finish them.

SECTION 8

Photos on your sails

Add photos while you're sailing or afterwards. They're saved to the sail, backed up to the cloud and shown in the Gallery.



Photos on the log



Photo viewer

Adding photos

In the **Photos** section of the log, tap the camera to take a picture or choose from your phone. The counter shows how many you've added: each sail can hold up to **20 photos**. Tap a photo to make it the cover, or use **Change Cover Photo...** to pick and crop it. The small × removes a photo.

Photos are made smaller automatically so they upload quickly, while still looking sharp on your phone and in PDFs. They're saved on your phone first (so adding them works at sea) and uploaded to your account when you're back online.

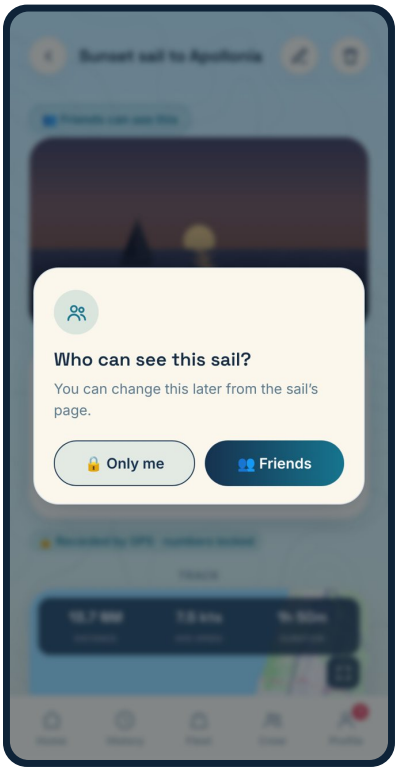
Viewing photos

Tap any photo on a sail's page or in the Gallery to open it full screen. Swipe left or right to move between photos, pinch or double-tap to zoom in, and use **Share** to send it or **Delete** to remove it (you're asked to confirm). Tap × or use the back button to close it.

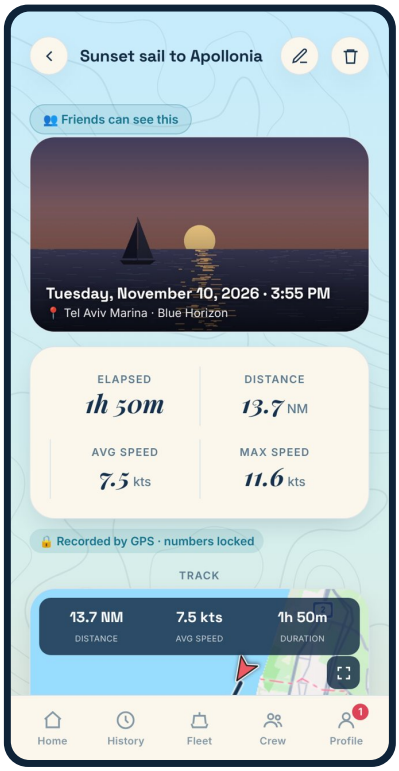
SECTION 9

Who can see your sail

Your sails are private unless you choose to share them. Every time you save a new sail, the app asks who should be able to see it.



Asked when you save



Change it any time

Only me keeps the sail private. **Friends** lets the people you've added as friends see it on your page (section 20). Tapping outside the question counts as Only me.

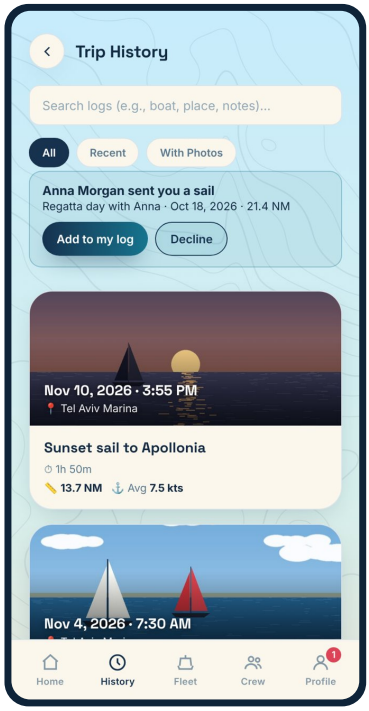
To change it later, open the sail and tap the small chip at the top: **Only me** or **Friends can see this**. Each tap switches between the two.

> **Tip:** Sails you logged before friends existed all start as Only me, so nothing is ever shared by surprise. Sending a sail straight to a friend's app is a separate thing (section 11).

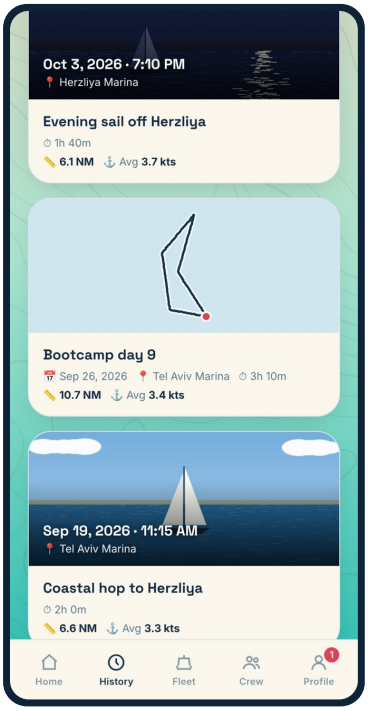
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Trip History and your sail pages

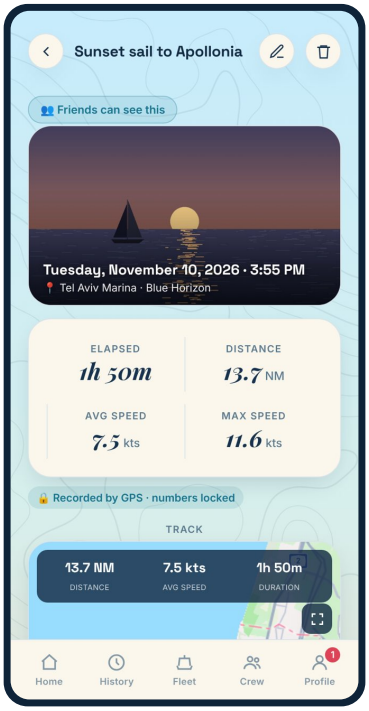
History lists every sail you've logged, newest first. Tap one to open its full page.



Trip History



Map pictures on cards



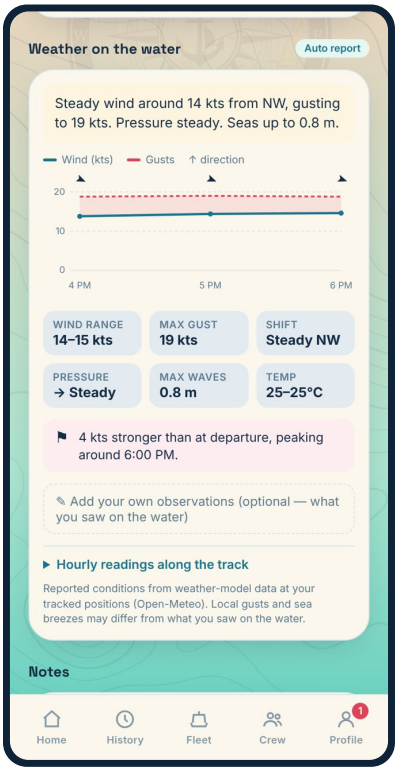
A sail's page

Finding a sail

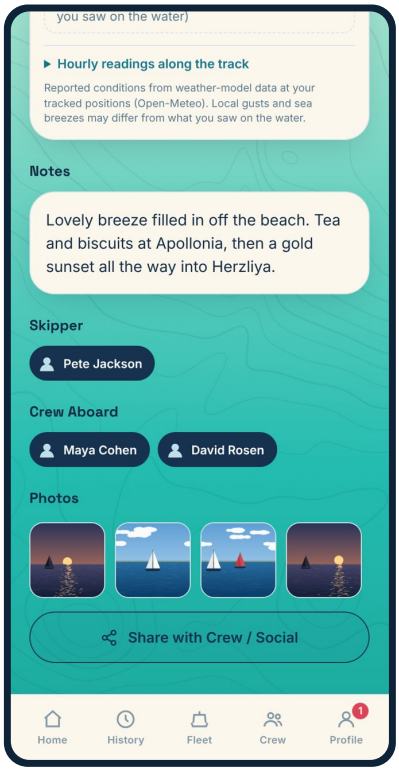
Type in the search box to find sails by boat, place or notes, or use the chips: **All**, **Recent** or **With Photos**. A sail with a cover photo shows it on its card. A sail without one shows a little map of its track instead (or the map picture you added), so you can spot it at a glance. The map pictures are kept on your phone after the first time, so they also show offline.

On a sail's page

You'll see the cover photo, date, place and boat, the time, distance and speeds, and a badge saying where the numbers came from: **Recorded by GPS · numbers locked**, **Imported track (GPX)**, **Logged by hand** or **Sent by** a friend. Below that are the map of your track (section 5), the weather, notes, skipper and crew aboard, and all the photos. At the bottom, **Share with Crew / Social** opens the sharing choices (section 11). The pencil at the top edits the sail and the bin deletes it (section 7).



Weather on the water



Notes, crew, photos, sharing

Weather on the water

Every sail gets an automatic weather report. As soon as you're online, the app looks up the wind, gusts, wind direction, pressure, waves and temperature hour by hour, and shows a short summary, a wind chart and the highs and lows. The weather you logged when you cast off stays as it was, under **Weather at departure**.

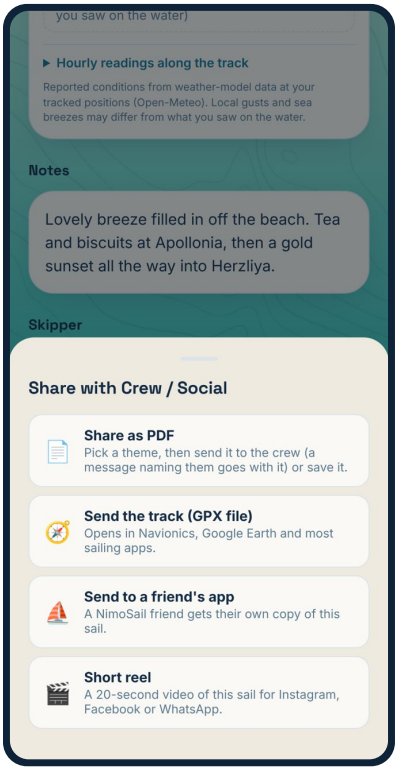
For a sail recorded with GPS, or with an imported GPX track, the report follows your route. For a sail logged by hand, it's for the **Place** you typed, over the time of the sail; if you change the date, time, duration or place, it's fetched again. No place yet? The card asks you to add one. If the place can't be found on the map, try a fuller name, e.g. Herzliya Marina, Israel.

The report comes from weather forecasts, not instruments on your boat, so tap **Add your own observations** to note what you actually saw. Older sails show a **Get weather report** button instead. Friends see the report on sails you share.

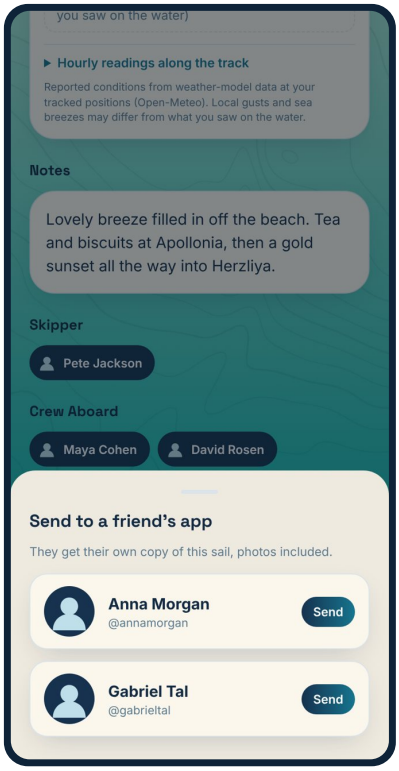
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Sharing a sail

Open a sail and tap **Share with Crew / Social** at the bottom of its page. Four choices:



Share with Crew / Social

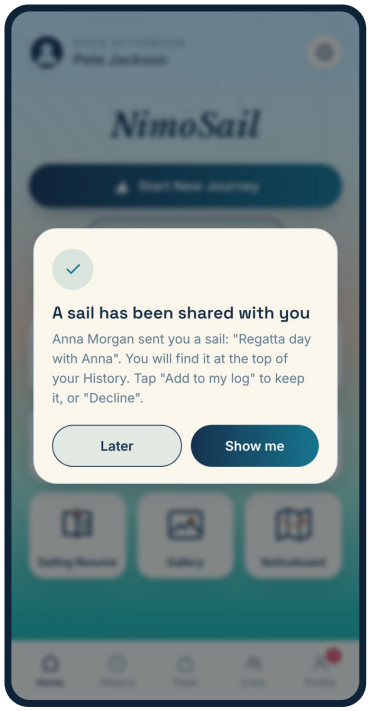


Send to a friend's app

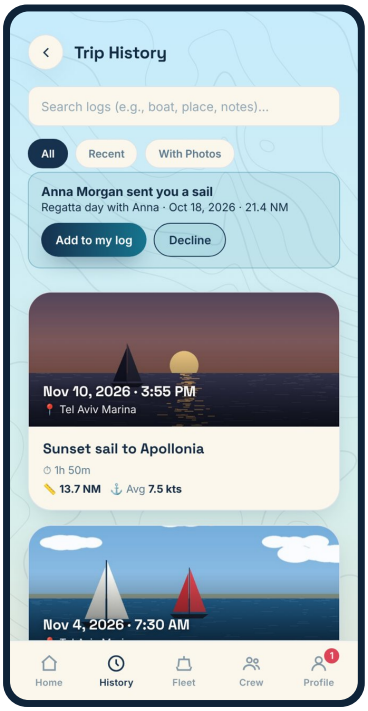
- **Share as PDF:** a smart A4 log of the sail. Pick a theme, then send it: a message naming your crew goes with it, so you just pick the WhatsApp group or email (section 12).
- **Send the track (GPX file):** a standard track file that opens in Navionics, Google Earth and most sailing apps. Only for sails with a track.
- **Send to a friend's app:** a NimoSail friend gets their own copy of this sail, photos included. Pick the friend, tap **Send** and confirm. You need to be signed in.
- **Short reel:** a 20-second video of the sail for Instagram, Facebook or WhatsApp (section 13).

When a friend sends you a sail

It waits at the top of your History (“Anna Morgan sent you a sail”) until you tap **Add to my log** or **Decline**. If the app is open, a message tells you it has arrived; tap **Show me** to go there. If the app is in the background or closed, your phone shows a notification: on Android this works by itself, and on iPhone once you've turned notifications on (section 22). Tap the notification to open your History.



A sail has arrived



Add it or decline it



Marked "Sent by"

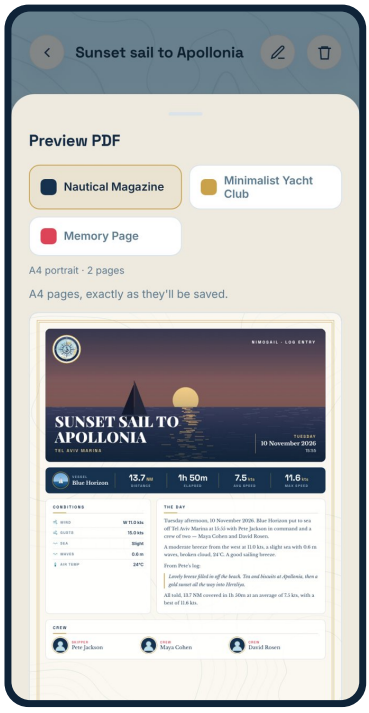
Once added, it's a normal sail in your log, marked **Sent by** your friend, with the skipper and crew they listed. Because it was recorded on someone else's phone, it doesn't count on your GPS Sea Time Record (section 21); it's listed as "From a friend" on your Sailing Record.

Several at once: when a friend sends you a few sails together (for example after linking you to their crew, section 16), **Add all** and **Decline all** appear above them.

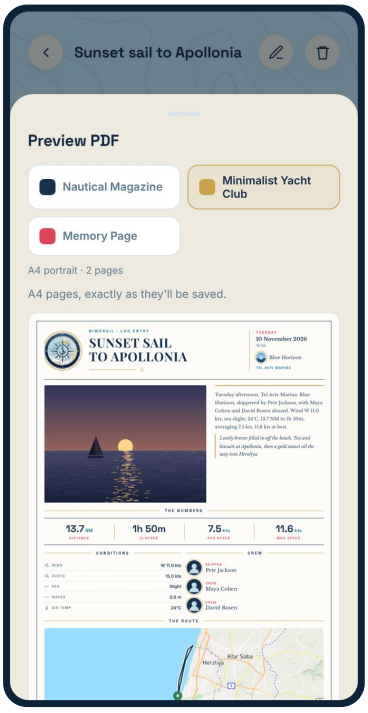
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The PDF log

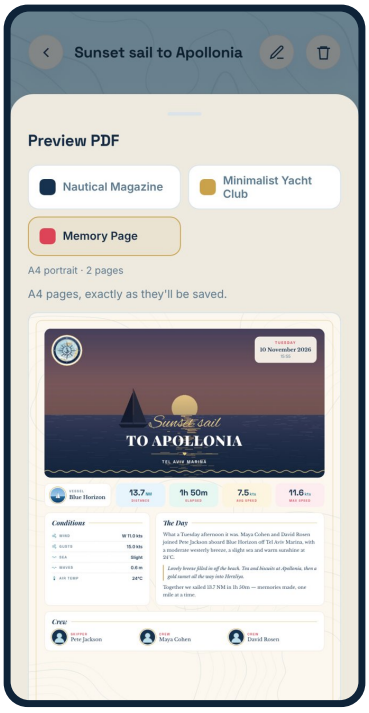
Turn any sail into an A4 log you can print, keep or share, with the photos, the story of the day, the conditions, the crew and a real map of your route.



Nautical Magazine



Minimalist Yacht Club



Memory Page

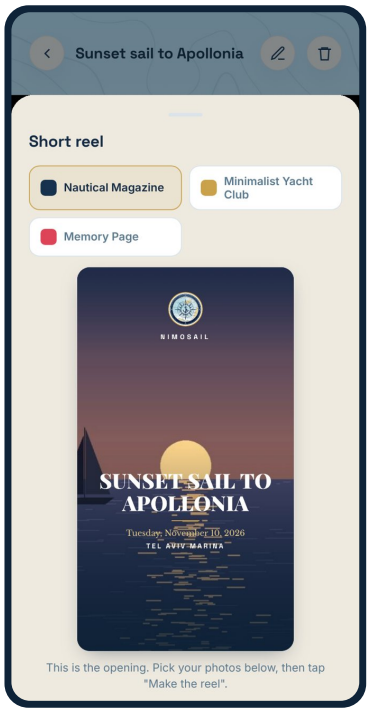
1. Open a sail, tap **Share with Crew / Social**, then **Share as PDF**.
2. Choose a theme: **Nautical Magazine**, **Minimalist Yacht Club** or **Memory Page**. The preview shows the real A4 pages, exactly as they'll be saved, and how many there are.
3. Tap **Share / Save PDF** under the preview. On your phone you can send it to WhatsApp or email (the crew message goes with it), or save it to your files.

Each theme writes a short story of the day in its own voice from your notes, the weather and the numbers. Every photo on the sail is included once, kept in its own shape. Sails without a track use the map image you added, if there is one. The app remembers the theme you picked last.

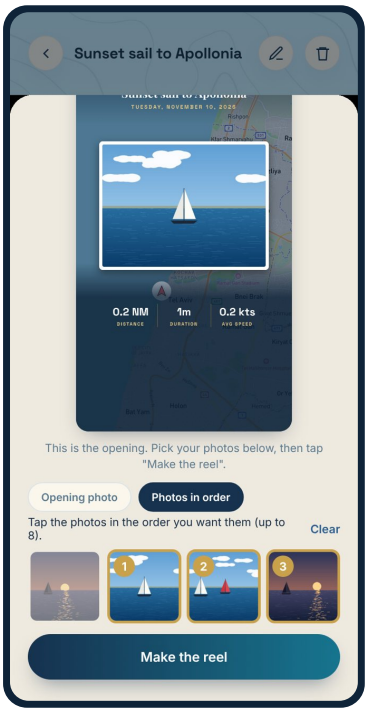
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The Short reel

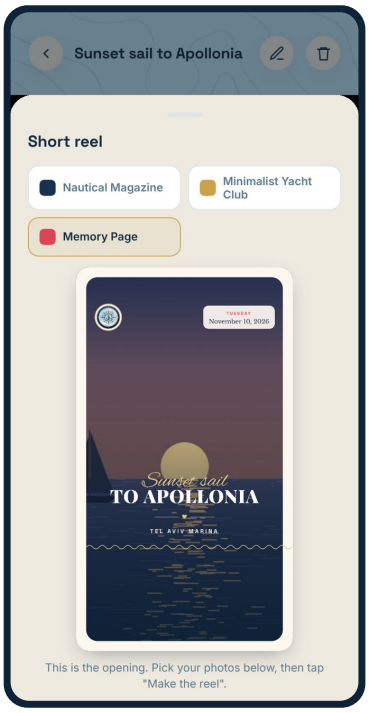
A 20-second vertical video of your sail for Instagram, Facebook or WhatsApp: your opening photo and title, the track drawing itself on the map with your photos one by one, and your totals at the end.



Choosing a style



Picking the photos



Memory Page style

1. Open a sail, tap **Share with Crew / Social**, then **Short reel**. The preview shows the opening.
2. Pick a style at the top: **Nautical Magazine**, **Minimalist Yacht Club** or **Memory Page**, matching the PDF themes.
3. Under **Opening photo**, tap the photo you want as the big opening picture. Under **Photos in order**, tap the photos in the order you want them (up to 8); tap one again to take it out, or **Clear** to start again.
4. Tap **Make the reel**. The app makes the video on your phone (“Making the video… %”), usually in under 20 seconds.
5. Tap **Share / save video** and choose Instagram, WhatsApp or wherever you like.

> **Tip:** The reel has no music on purpose: add music inside Instagram or Facebook, where it's licensed for you. The boat in the reel is the track icon you chose (section 5). Your name and caption go along the bottom on Instagram, so the reel keeps that part clear.

SECTION 14

Photo Gallery

Every photo from every sail in one place, grouped by date with the sail's name next to it.

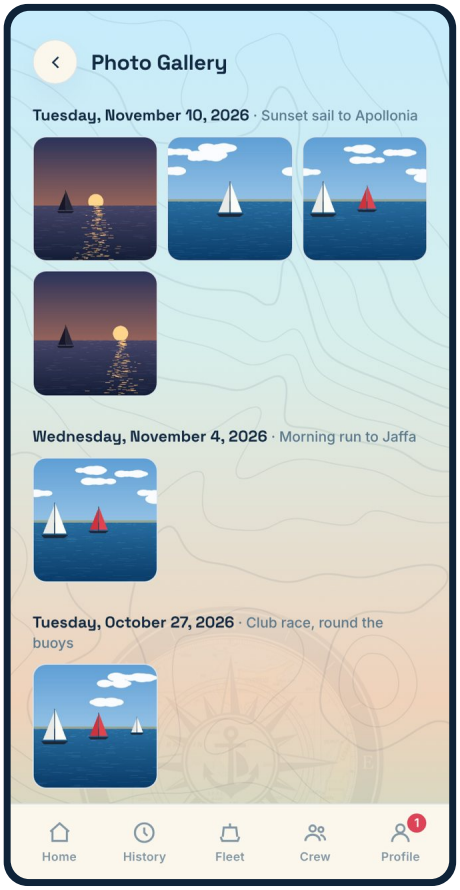


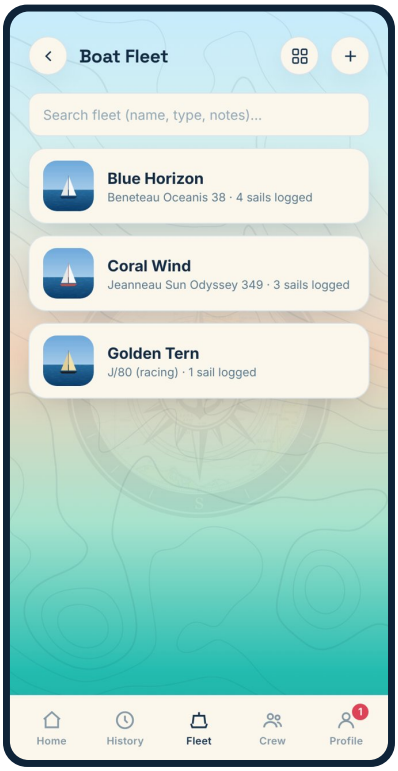
Photo Gallery

Open it from the **Gallery** tile on Home. Tap any photo to view it full screen, then swipe left or right to move through that sail's photos, or pinch to zoom.

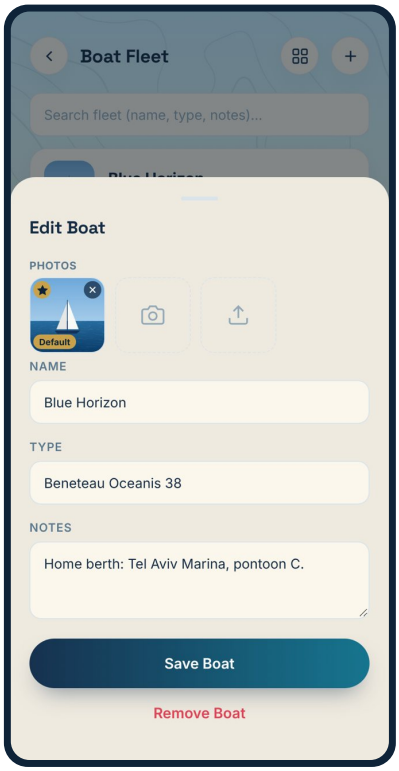
SECTION 15

Your Fleet (boats)

Keep a list of the boats you sail: your own, the club's, or charters. Each shows how many sails you've logged on it.



Boat Fleet



Editing a boat

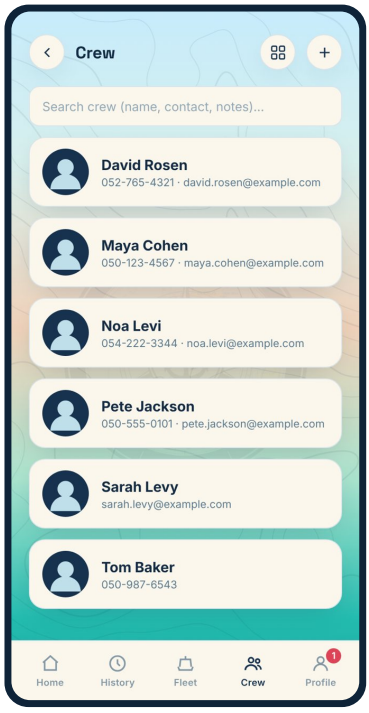
1. Tap **Fleet** in the bottom bar, then **+** at the top to add a boat.
2. Give it a name, type and notes, and add photos with the camera or upload buttons. Use ★ to choose the default photo.
3. Tap **Save Boat**. Tap any boat later to edit it, or **Remove Boat** to delete it.

The grid icon next to + switches between a list and a grid of photos. Use the search box to find a boat by name, type or notes.

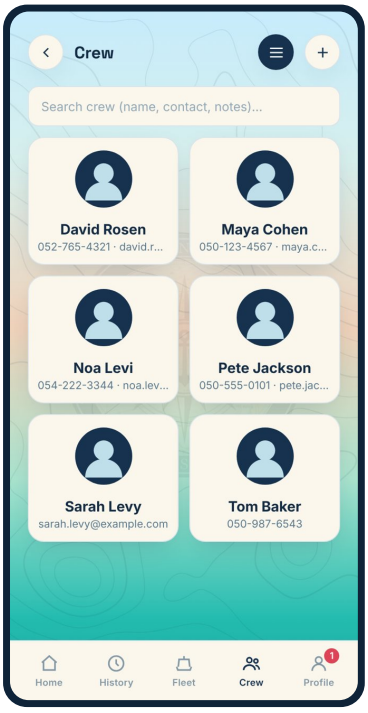
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Your Crew

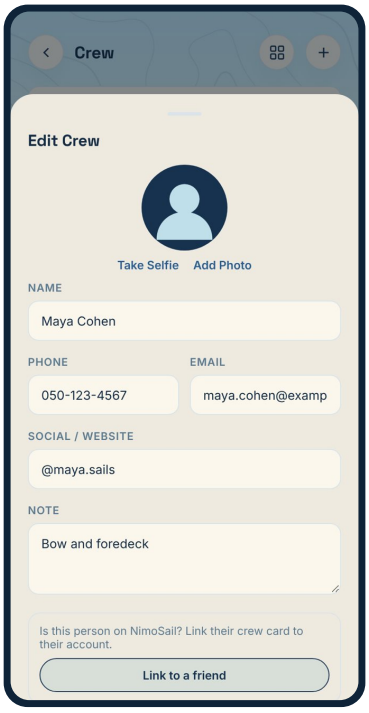
The people you sail with, with their contact details and a photo. Add them to a sail from the log screen.



Crew list



Grid view



Editing a crew member

1 Tap **Crew** in the bottom bar, then **+**.
2 Add a name, phone, email, social link and a note (their role, for example). **Take Selfie** or **Add Photo** adds their picture.
3 Tap **Save**. Tap a person to edit them, or **Remove** to delete them.

> **Tip:** When logging a sail, use **Choose Skipper** and **+ Add Crew** in the Crew section to record who was aboard. Their names also go into the message with a shared PDF. Crew are your own records; to share sails with someone who also uses the app, add them as a friend (section 20).

Crew who are also your friends

If someone in your crew is also your friend on NimoSail, link the two so they're one person:

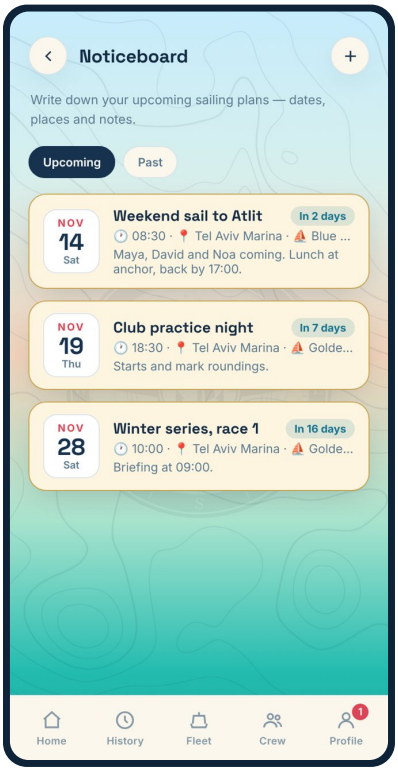
1 When a friend's name matches a crew card, the app asks **Same person?**. Tap **Yes, link them**, or **No, different people** (it won't ask again).
2 Or link them yourself: **Link to a friend** on the crew card, or **Link to a crew card** on the friend's page.
3 If you've sailed together, the app offers to send those sails to their app. They choose whether to add each one.

A linked crew card shows ⚓ **Friend**, with **Unlink** and **Send our sails to their app**.

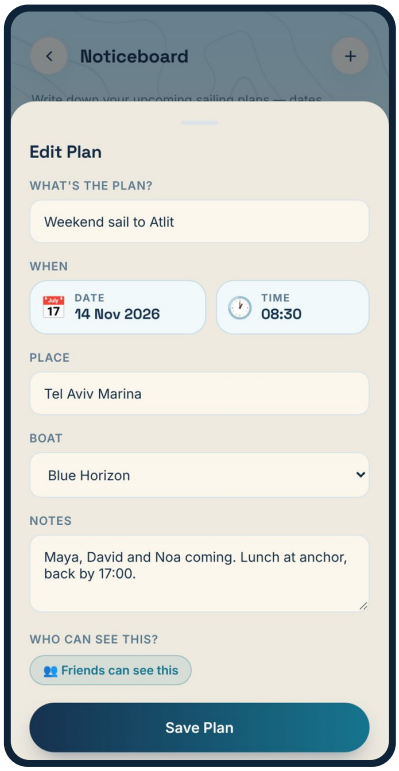
SECTION 17

The Noticeboard (planned sails)

Write down upcoming sails so you and your crew know what's coming: races, cruises, practice nights.



Upcoming plans



A plan

1 Open the **Noticeboard** tile on Home and tap **+**.

2 Enter what's planned, the date and (optionally) the time, the place, the boat and any notes.

3 Tap **Save Plan**.

Each plan shows a countdown such as “In 2 days”. Switch between **Upcoming** and **Past** with the chips at the top. Plans also appear in the Posts on your Profile. In the Android app you get a reminder notification 24 hours before each plan; tap it to open the Noticeboard.

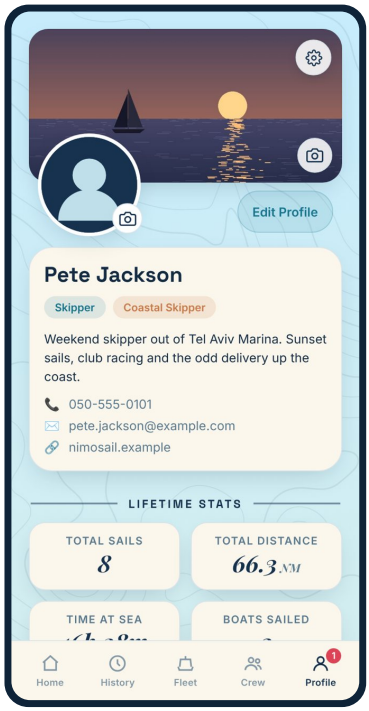
Sharing a plan with friends

When you save a new plan, the app asks who can see it, just like a sail: **Only me** or **Friends** (tapping outside counts as Only me). Your friends see your shared upcoming plans at the top of your page, and a **Shared** tag marks them in your list. To change it later, open the plan and tap the **Who can see this?** chip.

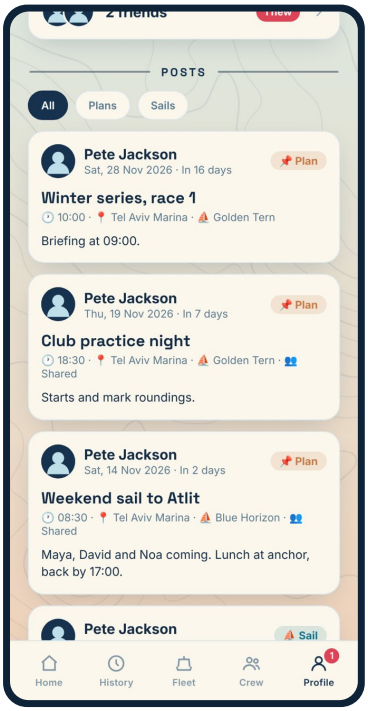
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Your Profile

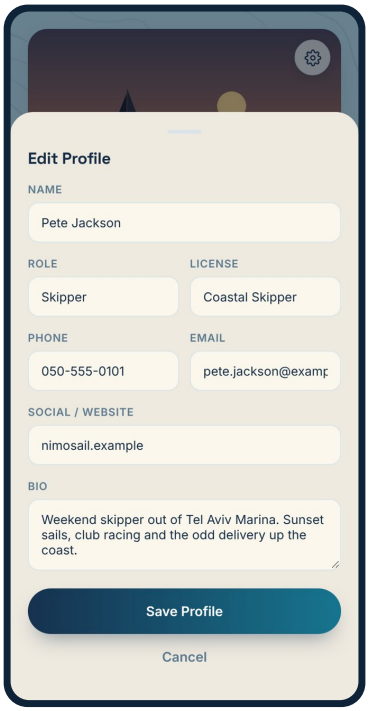
Your sailing page: a cover photo, your photo and details, lifetime stats, Everywhere I've sailed, your friends and a feed of your sails and plans.



Top of your profile



Your posts



Edit Profile

Tap the camera badges to change your cover photo or profile photo (tap the photos themselves to see them full size). **Edit Profile** sets your name, role, licence, contact details and a short bio.

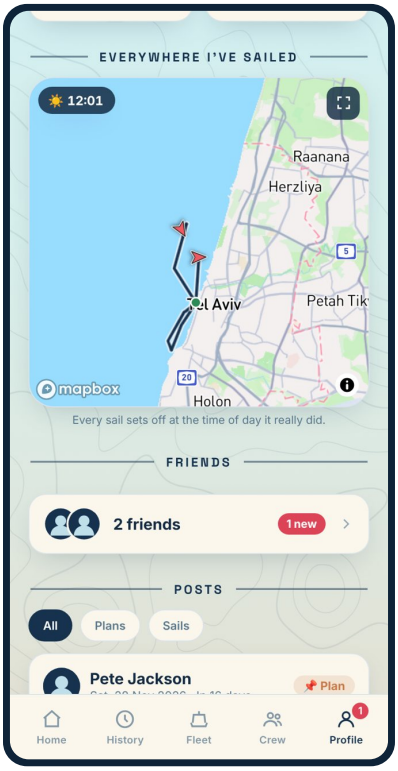
Further down you'll find your **Lifetime Stats** (total sails, distance, time at sea and boats sailed), **Everywhere I've sailed** (next section) and your **Friends** card, with a red badge for new requests.

Posts shows every sail and plan, newest first. Filter them with **All**, **Plans** or **Sails**.

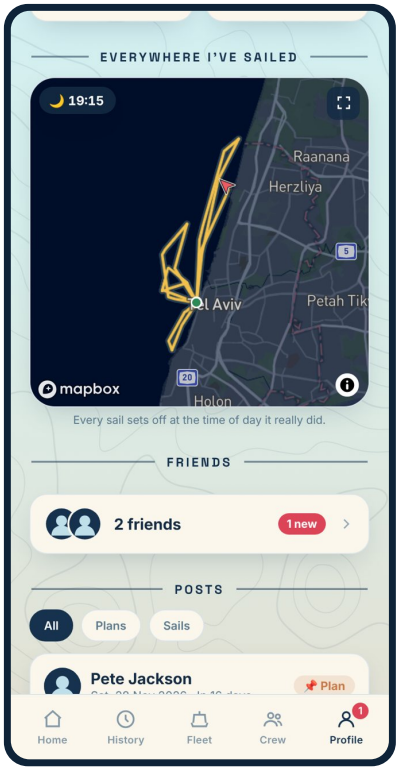
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Everywhere I've sailed

All your tracked sails on one map, replayed together on a single clock that runs through one day.



During the day



Into the evening

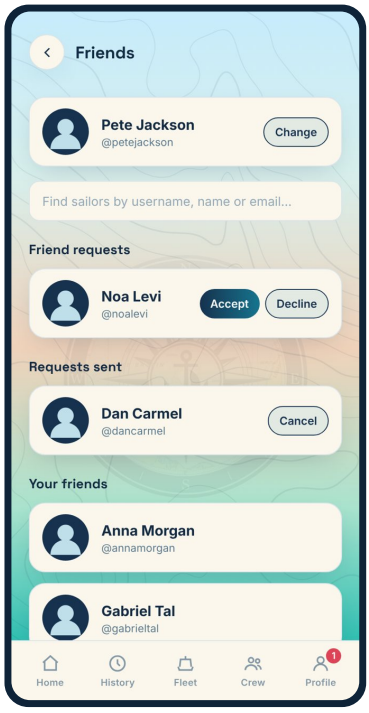
Each boat sets off at the time of day its sail really started and takes as long as the sail really took, so dawn sails go first and sunset sails last. The clock in the corner shows the time, and the map's light changes with it, from dawn through day and dusk to night, for where you sail.

- It plays by itself (about 20 seconds) when you scroll to it on your Profile. Tap **Replay** to watch it again.
- Tap the map (or the corner button) to watch it full screen, where you can also move and zoom.
- It shows your newest 60 sails that have a real moving track: recorded by GPS, or imported from a GPX file with times. Sails typed in by hand aren't on it.
- The boats use the track icon you chose in the map Settings (section 5). The day and night lighting is always automatic on this map.

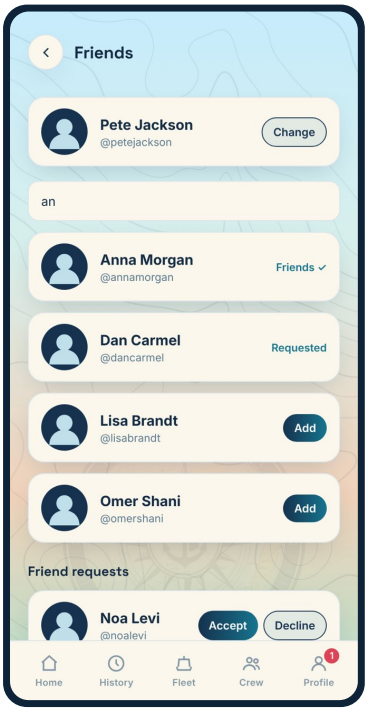
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Friends

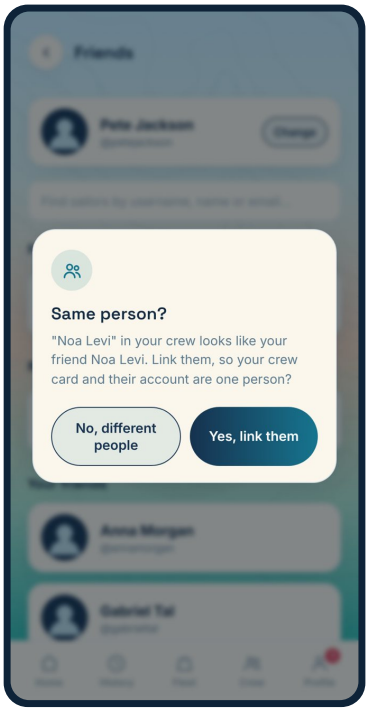
Add other NimoSail sailors as friends to see each other's shared sails. Friendships work both ways: one person sends a request and the other accepts it.



Friends screen



Searching



Same person?

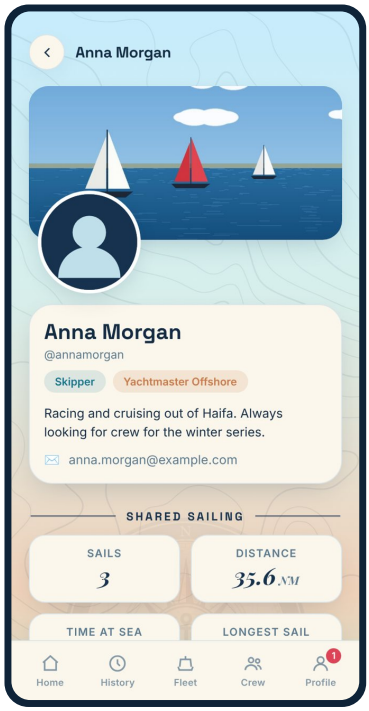
Adding a friend

1. On your Profile, tap the **Friends** card.
2. Your **username** is at the top (you chose it when you first signed in). This is how other sailors find you. To change it, tap **Change**.
3. In the search box, type part of a sailor's username or name, or their full email address, then tap **Add**. Your email is never shown; only someone who already knows it can find you with it.
4. They see your request under **Friend requests** and tap **Accept**. Requests arrive straight away, and the red badge on Profile tells you when one is waiting. Their phone also gets a notification, and so does yours when they accept (on iPhone, once notifications are on, section 22). You can **Cancel** a request you've sent, or **Decline** one you've received.

If a new friend matches someone in your Crew, the app asks **Same person?** (section 16).

A friend's page

Tap any sailor to open their page. A friend's page looks like their own profile: photos, role, licence, bio, contact details and totals (**Shared sailing**), then their **Upcoming plans** and **Shared sails**. Tap a sail to open it: it looks like your own sail pages, with a "Shared by ..." line at the top, but it's read-only.



A friend's page



Their shared sails



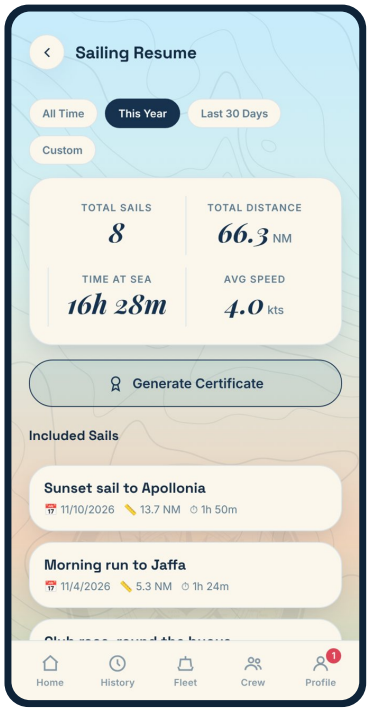
A shared sail

Tip: Someone who isn't your friend yet only shows their name and photo, with an **Add friend** button. To remove a friend, open their page and tap **Remove friend** at the bottom. You'll stop seeing each other's shared sails.

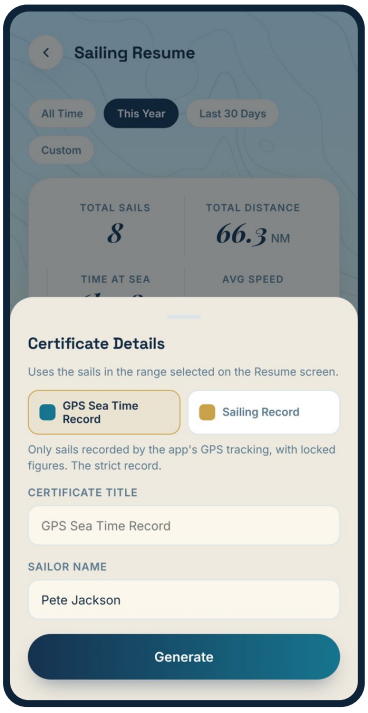
SECTION 21

Sailing Resume and certificates

A summary of your sailing experience, and two certificates you can save as PDFs: handy for courses, charters or joining a new crew.



Sailing Resume



Choosing a certificate



The certificate

Open the **Sailing Resume** tile on Home. Choose a period: **All Time**, **This Year**, **Last 30 Days** or **Custom** dates. You'll see the total sails, distance, time at sea and average speed, plus the list of sails included.

Making a certificate

1. Pick the period on the Resume screen, then tap **Generate Certificate**.
2. Choose which certificate (below), give it a title or keep the suggested one, check the sailor name, and tap **Generate**.
3. Check the preview and tap **Save / Share PDF**.

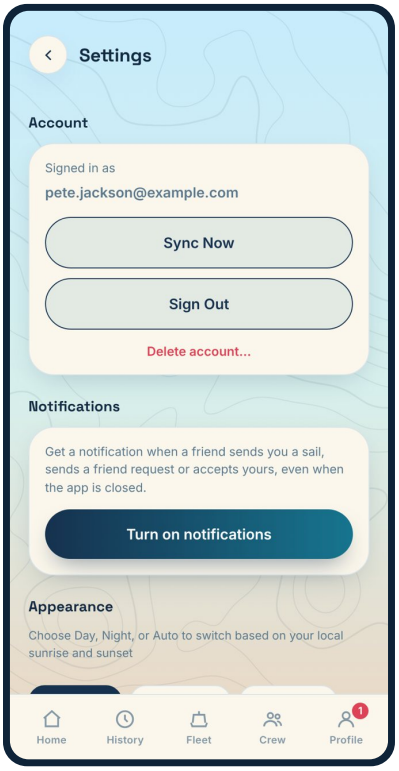
- **GPS Sea Time Record:** only sails recorded by the app's GPS tracking, whose figures are locked. The strict record, and the one to show when it matters.
- **Sailing Record:** every sail in the period, including ones logged by hand, imported or sent by a friend. Each is clearly marked in the voyage log, so self-reported sails are never mistaken for GPS ones.

Each certificate is an A4 PDF with the NimoSail seal, your voyages, distance, time at sea, longest passage, the boats you sailed and your time as skipper, plus its own certificate number and issue date. It's followed by a voyage log: every sail listed with its date, start and finish times, vessel, your role, duration, distance and average speed (and, on the Sailing Record, where the figures came from: GPS, by hand, imported or from a friend).

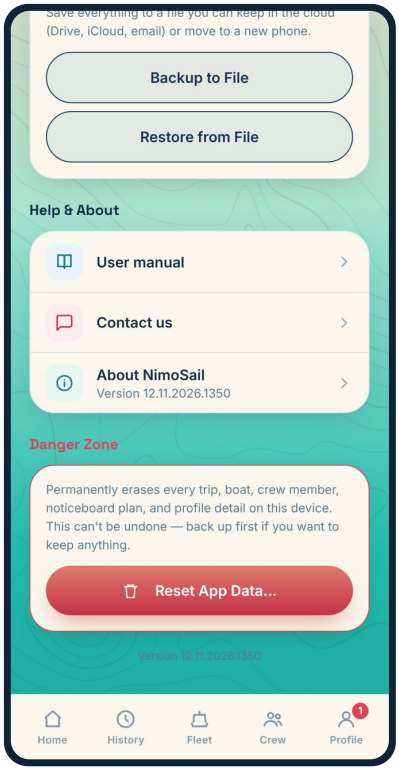
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Settings, sync and backup

Open Settings from the gear icon on Home or on your Profile.



Account, notifications, appearance



Backup, help & reset

Account shows the email you're signed in with. **Sync Now** pulls in the latest changes straight away (normally this happens by itself: a change on one device appears on your others within moments), and **Sign Out** signs you out.

Notifications (iPhone and other web versions): tap **Turn on notifications**, then **Allow**, to hear when a friend sends you a sail, sends a friend request or accepts yours, even when the app is closed. On iPhone this needs iOS 16.4 or later, with the app opened from its home-screen icon. **Turn off notifications** stops them on this phone. In the Android app there's nothing to turn on: notifications work once you allowed them at install.

Appearance: choose **Day**, **Night**, or **Auto**, which switches with your local sunrise and sunset. **Units:** nautical (knots and nautical miles) or metric. You can also flip units for a single sail while logging it. Map settings are on the maps themselves (section 5).

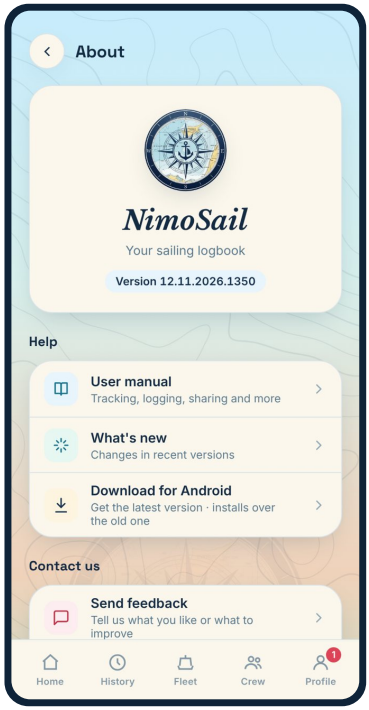
Backup & Restore saves everything, photos included, to a file you can keep in Drive, iCloud or email, or move to a new phone. The **Danger Zone** erases everything on this device, so back up first.

> **Tip:** At the very bottom of Settings is the app's version number. If something looks different from someone else's phone, compare version numbers first.

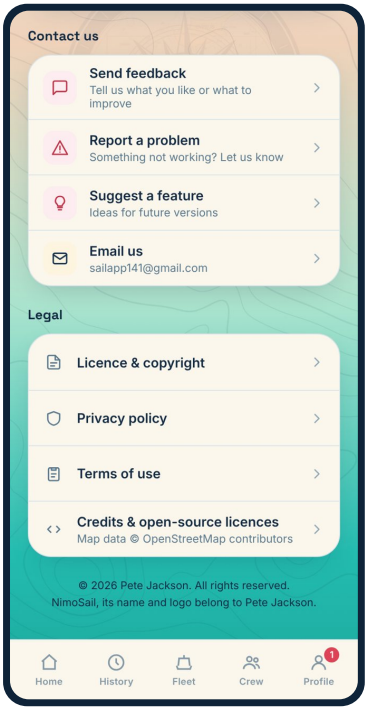
Delete account, the red link under Sign Out, permanently deletes your account and everything stored with it online: sails, photos, boats, crew, plans, profile and friends. You choose whether to keep a copy on this phone or erase it too, and you type DELETE to confirm. It can't be undone, so use **Backup to File** first if you want a copy.

Help & About

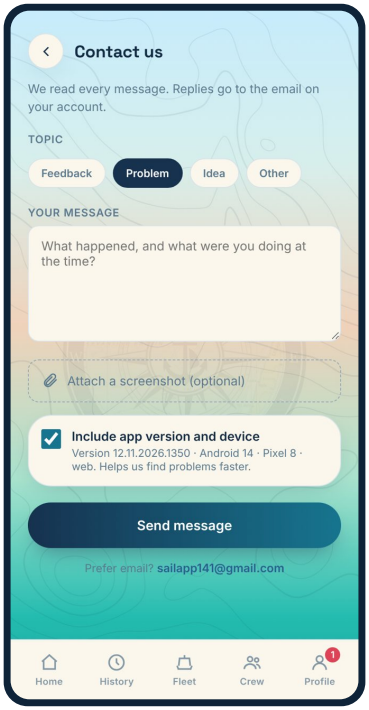
Open Settings and scroll to **Help & About**, just above the Danger Zone. From there you can open this guide, send us a message, and see the About page with your version number, what's new and the legal information.



The About page



Contact & legal



Sending a message

User manual opens this guide. It always opens the latest edition, so there's nothing to download or update. You need a signal to open it.

Contact us: in Settings, **Contact us** opens the message form; on the About page you can also tap **Send feedback**, **Report a problem** or **Suggest a feature**. Pick a topic (Feedback, Problem, Idea or Other), write your message and, if it helps, tap **Attach a screenshot**. Leave **Include app version and device** ticked so we know which version you have, then tap **Send message**. You need to be signed in to send a message. You can also email us at **sailapp141@gmail.com**.

Download for Android: on Android, the About page always downloads the newest version. When a new one is out, the app tells you with an **Update available** message, and this button changes to **Download the update**. Install it over the old one; your sails are kept.

About and legal: the About page shows your version number and **What's new** in recent versions. Under **Legal** you'll find the licence and copyright, the privacy policy, the terms of use, and credits for the maps, weather and software the app uses.

> **Tip:** Reporting a problem? Say what you were doing when it happened and attach a screenshot if you can. It helps us fix it much faster.

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iPhone and Android

Almost everything is the same on both. The big difference is how tracking behaves when your screen turns off.

	iPhone (web app)	Android (installed app)
How you get it	Safari → Share → Add to Home Screen (section 1).	Install the app file you were sent (section 1).
Tracking with the screen off	No. Tracking pauses when the screen locks or you switch to another app.	Yes. Keeps recording with the phone in your pocket.
Updates	Automatic. Close and reopen the app to get the latest version.	The app tells you when there's a new version. Tap Download, then Install.
Notifications	Turn them on in Settings → Notifications (iOS 16.4 or later). Then you hear when a friend sends you a sail, sends a friend request or accepts yours, even with the app closed.	Work by themselves: the same friend and shared-sail notifications, plus a reminder 24 hours before each Noticeboard plan.
Everything else	The same: logging, maps, photos, PDFs, reels, boats, crew, friends and sync.	The same.

Tracking a sail on iPhone

1. Before you cast off, stop the screen locking: iPhone **Settings → Display & Brightness → Auto-Lock → Never**. Remember to set it back afterwards.
2. Keep NimoSail open on the log screen for the whole sail, and don't switch to other apps. Add photos from the Photos section inside the log and come straight back.
3. Keep the phone charged. A screen that stays on uses more battery, so bring a power bank or charge on board.
4. Allow location when asked. If you tapped Don't Allow, go to **Settings → Privacy & Security → Location Services → Safari Websites**, choose **While Using the App** and turn on **Precise Location**.

> **If tracking stops:** If the app closes mid-sail, just reopen it: your journey carries on where it was. The time it was closed isn't tracked. If another app or a watch recorded the whole sail, you can log it from that GPX track instead (section 6) and delete the short one.

Tracking a sail on Android

When asked for location, choose **While using the app**. Recording works with the screen off, and a notification shows while a sail is being recorded. For the most reliable tracking, also set the app's battery use to **Unrestricted** (Settings → Apps → NimoSail → Battery), and allow notifications for Noticeboard reminders, friend requests and sails friends send you.

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Handy tips

A few things that make logging easier.

Before you cast off

Allow location access when the app asks, and pick your track icon in the map Settings (it sets how fast the app expects you to go). On iPhone, keep the app open on the log screen for the whole sail (see section 23).

No signal at sea?

No problem. Tracking uses GPS, not mobile data. The track is drawn on an offline chart, photos are kept on your phone, and everything syncs (and the weather report arrives) when you're back in range.

Cover photos

When you save a sail with photos, you pick the cover and can crop it to fit. Change it later while editing with **Change Cover Photo…**. Sails without a cover show a map of their track in History.

Up to 20 photos a sail

Choose your best shots. If you pick more than there's room for, the app adds as many as fit and tells you.

Sailed with another app?

Export the track as a GPX file and import it with **Manually log a sail → Import GPX track**. Or add a photo of your chart as the map image.

Sharing is your choice

Only sails marked Friends are visible to friends, and only to people you've accepted. Sending a sail to a friend's app is always your choice, one sail at a time. Everything else stays private.

Don’t miss a friend’s sail

On iPhone, turn on notifications in **Settings → Notifications**, so you hear about shared sails and friend requests even with the app closed. On Android they work by themselves.

Several devices

Sign in with the same account on each one and your sails, photos, boats, crew, plans and profile stay in sync, live. Map settings are kept per phone.

Something not right?

Go to **Settings → Help & About → Contact us** and choose the **Problem** topic. Your version number and device are added for you, and you can attach a screenshot.

Fair winds!