



NOTICE TO COMPETITORS No. 7: Hazard Reporting and Transiting the Wind Farms

Hazard Reporting

As part of the Bermuda Race Organizing Committee's commitment to Sustainability and Safety, the Bermuda Race Foundation has recently joined the [Marine Mammal Advisory Group \(MMAG\)](#). In keeping with this commitment, the Organizing Committee strongly encourages all competitors to (1) maintain a careful and continuous watch for hazards throughout the race, (2) report all observed hazards using the Whale Alert app or Expedition (or Adrena), and (3) actively monitor the Whale Alert app and Expedition (or Adrena) for hazard reports submitted by other competitors and mariners.

The passage between Newport and Bermuda traverses waters used by a number of large whale species, including the critically endangered North Atlantic Right Whale, as well as presenting the possibility of other large floating hazards. Collisions with such hazards pose serious risks to crew safety and vessel integrity. A hazard reported by one competitor may be the warning that prevents a catastrophic collision for another.

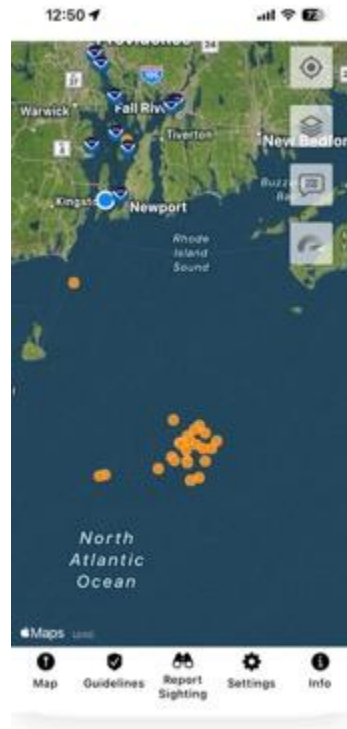
REPORTING TOOLS

1. [Whale Alert App](#): For vessels with regular and robust internet connectivity, the Whale Alert App is the primary tool for both reporting and monitoring marine mammal sightings. Download the MMAG Whale Alert app (iOS or Android; see whalealert.org), register your vessel before departure, and ensure notifications are enabled. Report any sighting immediately, including position, species (if known),

number of animals, and direction of travel. Monitor the app throughout the race for reports from other vessels.

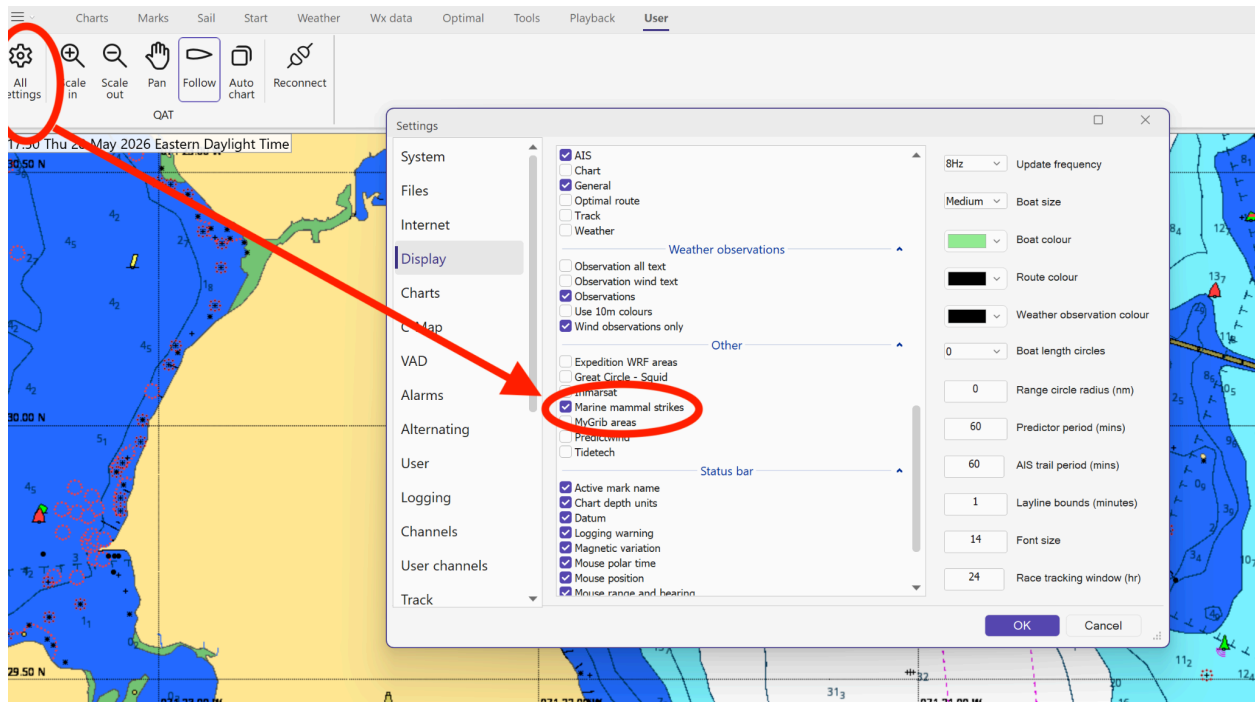


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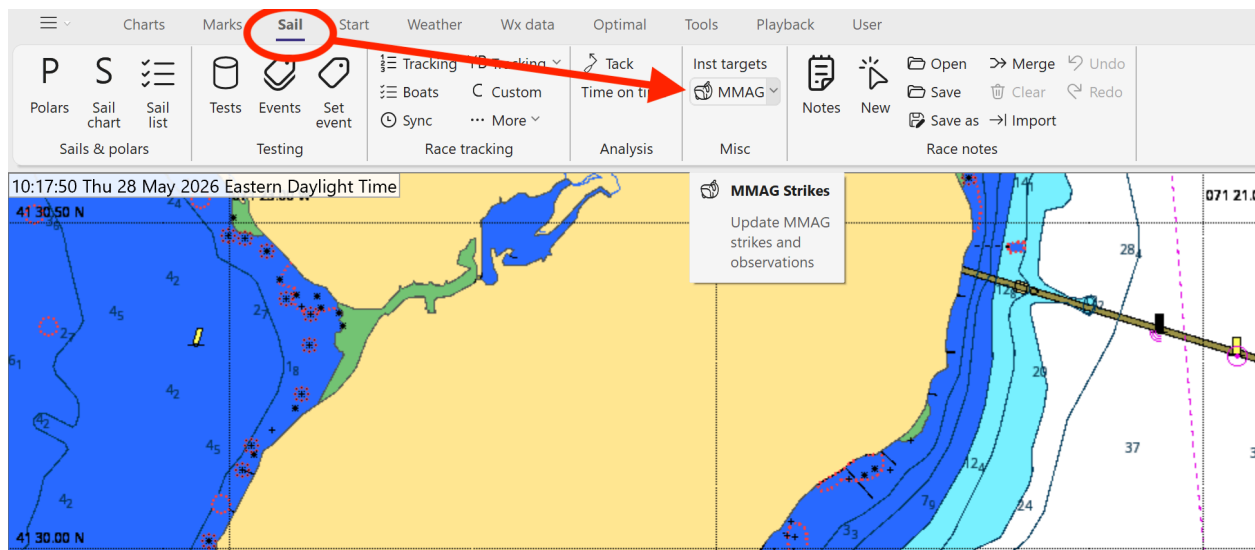


Whale Alert App showing reports from the past 7 days (9 June 2026).

2. **Expedition / Adrena:** Configure your Expedition or Adrena installation to receive and display MMAG hazard data on the chart prior to departure. Hazard observations can also be submitted via Expedition or Adrena. Confirm data feeds are active and visible before the start. We suggest an Expedition MMAG Setting of 1 day. Regularly (when connected to the internet) press the 'MMAG' button on the 'Sail' tab to import and display recent reports.



Expedition 'Display' settings



Expedition MMAG Reports and Settings

WHAT TO REPORT

All hazards should be reported promptly. Reportable hazards include, but are not limited to:

- Marine mammals – whales, large dolphins, basking sharks, or similar animals.
- Any other object or condition the skipper considers to represent a meaningful navigation or collision risk.

PRIOR TO THE START

It is recommended to closely monitor whalemap.org for the most recent cetacean sightings, acoustic buoy reports, and NOAA flyover data, and pay particular attention to any NOAA [Dynamic Management Areas \(DMAs\)](#).

RETURNING BOATS

Boats returning to Boston area from Bermuda, should be aware of the [Seasonal Management area \(SMA\)](#), Great South Channel, that is active until 31st July

Wind Farm and Related Construction

The construction of offshore wind turbines is continuing along the rhumbline of the race. Approximately 170 turbines are installed within 10nm either side of the rhumbline and numerous construction vessels are present. Competitors are strongly encouraged to:

- Update electronic and paper charts to reflect the most recent installed structures. Charts should be dated Feb 2025 or later to ensure that all structures are included. Alternatively, install available [waypoint files](#) for the section of the course near the wind farms.
- [Subscribe](#) to Ørsted's weekly 'Mariner's Briefing' for the latest information about construction activity, vessel locations and other safety information. Weekly briefings are posted on Monday's. [Mariner's Briefing released Monday 8 June](#). Please inform return delivery crews to avail themselves of these weekly Briefings.

- Pay careful attention to the Ørsted briefing component of the [Captains Briefing Live on YouTube](#) on Thursday 18 June for a detailed forecast of activity for the time period the fleet will be passing through the construction area.

