

Waka Ama & YachtBot: Information for Event Organisers

Over the last year, YachtBot has supported a number of great Waka Ama events with GPS based tracking gear and with on- and off-site event support. We've enjoyed the experience a lot and hope to serve the community of paddlers even better in the future.

In this brochure, you'll find everything you need to know if you're thinking about using YachtBot for your next event. Any open questions or keen to get your event penciled into our hire calendar? Email info@igtimi.com

About us

YachtBot is a product line created by Igtimi. Based in Dunedin, our core business is working with performance athletes in all water sports, mostly sailing and kayaking. We design and create hardware and software that helps coaches and analysts boost their athletes' performance. We love helping teams win more medals!



Other customers, like the Extreme Sailing Series, Animation Research Limited, or XCats Powerboat Racing use our products to create their own, often 3D animation, of their events. Not unlike the Waka Ama community, their goals are to draw in larger crowds at their live events and on TV screens around the world.

About YachtBot Mini

YachtBot Mini is new addition to the YachtBot product line. It is a lighter and simple device and works seamlessly with our backend server system and our own 2D viewer website at www.yacht-bot.com. It's the perfect candidate for showing real time location and speed over ground when absolute accuracy is less of a concern.



YachtBot Mini uses the local cell phone network to communicate GPS location and time data back to our servers. Designed to work with the requirements of live TV, the server technology we use

is extremely stable and reliable.

2G cell phone coverage is mandatory for YachtBot Mini to work. Vodafone is our preferred supplier. We are happy to ship you a **trial device** if you want to check the coverage on your race course.

YachtBot Mini features a long battery lifetime of 14+ hours. For you as a race organiser, that means **set-and-forget** on the morning of each event day. Re-charging from empty to 90% takes about three hours and is easily done overnight.

YachtBot Mini is splash proof, and can be safely carried in a life jacket pocket or tied to a kiato when wrapped up appropriately.

Care about the full specifications for YachtBot Mini? Email info@igtimi.com and ask for the user guide.

Hiring YachtBot Mini

Hiring for your event is confirmed once you receive an email from us that units are available and we're agreed on shipping methods, level of support required, and pricing.

Shipping methods

We typically courier a box of YachtBot Minis, chargers and USB cables to a non-rural residential address one or two days before your event.



You courier the box back to us the day after your event and we supply a courier ticket for this as part of hire.

Levels of support

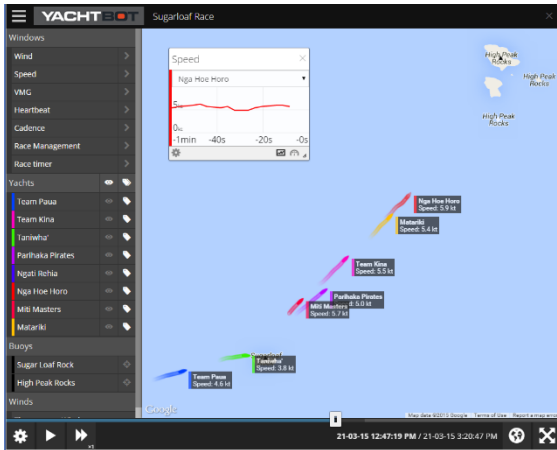
Depending on how complex or large your event is, we can provide assistance with setting up races on YachtBot, match entry lists to physical devices, and provide on the ground to help physically move trackers between waka.

If devices get moved between wakas more often, i.e. if you have more than one race, we can label devices with multiple race numbers and team names. For this, race lists are made available a minimum of four days before your first race.

Of course, self-catering all of these services is an option if you have some tech-savvy people on your team!

Setting up YachtBot races

For people to watch your live race, or see it in replay mode, you need a unique web address for your race. These are great for sharing on social media, and once set up, competitors can check that their name appears in the list of boats in the left hand panel.



To get your race addresses, we set up an account on YachtBot for you that represents your organization or event

All devices are either directly registered to this account, or are shared with it for the duration of the

event.

Race links stay valid at least two years. To watch the Sugarloaf Race shown in image above, visit <http://www.yacht-bot.com/races/6740>.

Getting the most out of your YachtBot races

For spectators on site watching on a big screen connected to a laptop, we recommend having someone at the controls of the YachtBot viewer who can zoom into leader groups and zoom out to show the whole field and turn-around markers. Setting markers and adding their GPS location in a YachtBot race is easy, but requires some preparation. It increases watchability of the race amazingly!

Invoicing

We invoice after units have been returned to us. Generally, we charge for event days or number of races – whatever way of looking at it makes it financially viable for both you and us. The cost typically is between \$10-\$20 per competitor per race, or \$45 per event day.

Alternatives to Hire

If your event is very large, you may want to consider using iPhone and Android phones in addition to YachtBot Minis. The YachtBot Mobile App is available for free! We can help set up processes so that matching phones with competitors is easy.

YachtBot Mini are available for sale at \$250 +GST and once an individual

Don't take our word for it!

Have a chat to any of these paddlers and find out how they liked working with us.

Kraig Cornwall – Paddle for Mikassa

Jorn Scherzer – Mana Ocean Race 2015

Tim Eves – Sugarloaf Race 2015 and Poor Knights Crossing 2015

Matt Kensington – Long Distance Nationals 2015

Ask us for contact details.