



RYA SafeTrx update now available

New and improved - the latest RYA SafeTrx app

Designed in close cooperation with Coastguard and search-and-rescue (SAR) organisations, the RYA SafeTrx app provides all recreational boat users with a cheap, easy and reliable means of informing the Coastguard of their voyage plans and location in the event of distress. Users who can benefit particularly include dinghy cruisers, PWC users, canoers, kayakers, wind and kite surfers and smaller boat users who don't have or use AIS.

The application is a fully-automated, proven, cost-effective and easy-to-use tool that exploits smartphone technology to supplement traditional communications equipment and alerting methods to increase safety. SafeTrx is now the standard solution in smartphone vessel-tracking in the UK, Ireland, Australia, Spain, South Africa and the Netherlands.

Why upgrade?

Through collaboration with SAR organisations, improvements have been made to the technical and operational aspects of RYA SafeTrx 2015, which we believe offer significant functional enhancements.

Exciting new features

- A new Emergency Call feature allows you to make a distress call quickly; the app sends an Emergency Location update to the SafeTrx

Monitoring Console if you have a data connection and it shows your location, course and speed on the screen so they are available to you immediately.

- Improved trip planning with access to UK Met Office sea area.
- Weather forecasts within the app.
- Personalised checklists allow you to create and review your own list of checklist items prior to departure.
- The Mobile Logbook feature stores up to 20 trips on your phone, and can be replayed at any time in video playback mode.

■ Sail Plan Mode (formerly Alert Mode) and Track Only Mode (formerly Performance Mode) will be available to both RYA members and RYA-registered SafeTrx users for free.

Cruising Manager Stuart Carruthers explains: 'A major focus in SafeTrx 2015 is to assist trip planning. With this in mind and in addition to the alerting and tracking function, RYA SafeTrx now has the ability to display live weather data. The addition of personalised checklists promotes further safety awareness by encouraging the boater to create and review a list of items prior to departure.'

'RYA SafeTrx 2015 Track Only mode broadens the use of the app to those who prefer a "quick start" mode without the alerting function. This enables boaters to log a number of performance functions, yet

still record their track details – ideal for those who like to race.

'The new Emergency Call feature also allows boaters to quickly activate a distress call.'

SafeTrx assists in large SAR operation

Last summer saw the conclusion of one of the largest underwater search-and-recovery operations ever held in Ireland. The operation, carried out by the Gardaí, Navy, Army, Civil Defense, RNLI and the Coastguard, involved the recovery of a 20-year-old male off the coast of Baltimore, Co. Cork. Coordination of events offshore was assisted by the use of SafeTrx, which allowed the Coastguard, in association with West Cork Underwater Search & Rescue (WCUSAR), to track all vessels involved and provided added security to the overall operation.

The search, which lasted two days, involved 94 volunteer divers and 14 boats. The SafeTrx software was able to track the position of the volunteer dive boats allowing the WCUSAR teams to sequence the overall dive recovery plan while at the same time logging automatic traffic reports (TRs) with the Irish Coastguard, Valentia Marine Rescue Sub-Centre (MRSC).

The ability of WCUSAR coordinators and the Irish Coastguard to view the logged positions in real time using the app contributed to the safe search-and-recovery operation.

The SafeTrx app was a major contributor to a search-and-rescue operation in Ireland last year

Download the app today today



Ensure you download the new version of the app, which is free of charge from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

The older RYA SafeTrx apps (iPhone version 2.1.52 and Android version 1.5.5) are outdated and will no longer function.

You will not be able to log into the older application or use this application to run trips. While your journey history, emergency contacts and statistical data have been kept intact as part of the app update, you may need to update your vessel details to ensure the Coastguard has access to the latest information.

- To do so, log into www.safetrx.rya.org.uk with your RYA credentials.
- Contact the SafeTrx team at rya@safetrxapp.com