



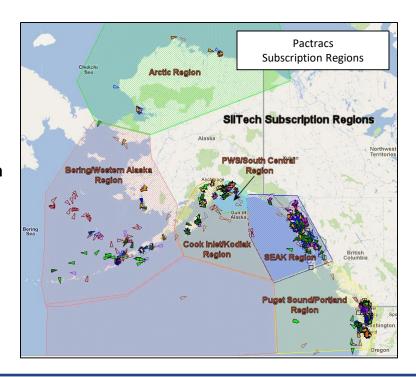
Overview

PacTracs vessel tracking display option was added to Marine Exchange of Alaska's (MXAK) Graphical User Interface (GUI) options in 2011 utilizing Siitech software. PacTracs displays the locations of vessels obtained from MXAK's 100+ AIS (Automatic Identification System) stations as well as Satellite-AIS

The regions of Alaska and Puget Sound (see graphic below) to which a user has access is determined when one registers and can be modified by contacting MXAK's office. The fee structure is based on the number of regions accessed and when satellite tracking is authorized, the specific vessels that will be viewed.

PacTracs offers the following options:

- Nautical Chart , Maps, and Satellite imagery display options
- Ability to display vessels' track histories
- Ability to sort or limit vessels displayed on screen
- Set up of alarms and automated notifications at various locations or triggered by events
- Presentation of weather info in the displayed area
- Color coding of vessels





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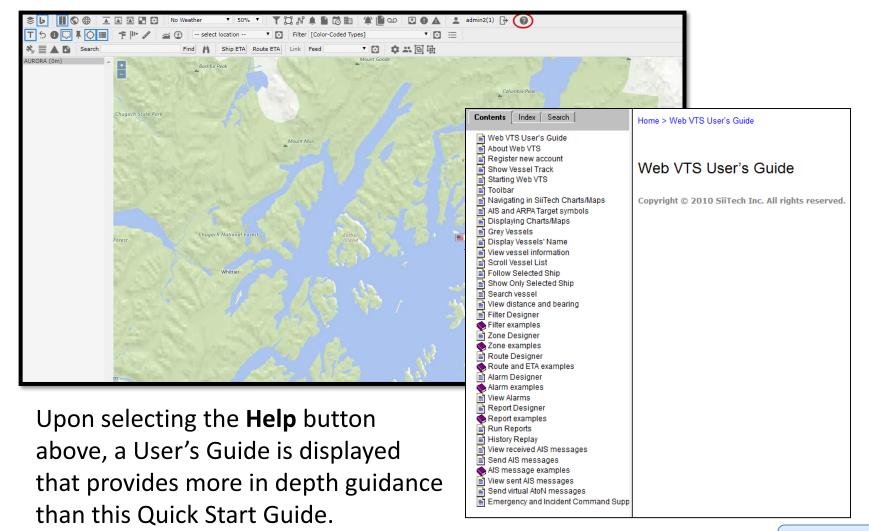
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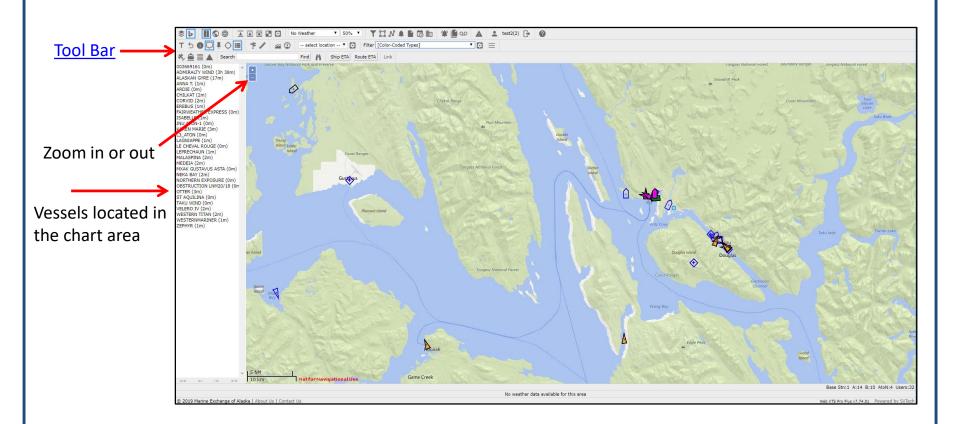


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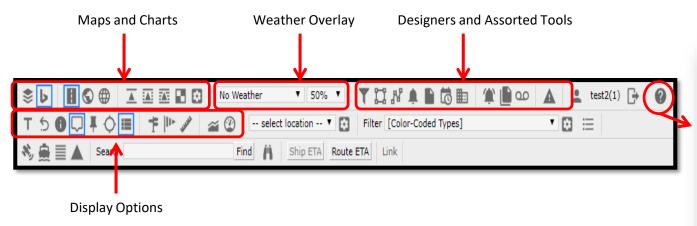
Basic Display



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Toolbar



The **Toolbar** will be referenced frequently throughout this guide, and familiarity with it is essential for every day use of PacTracs. Above, the toolbar has been labeled into four categories: **Maps and Charts**, **Designers**, **Tasks and Assorted Tools**, and **Display Options**. On the top right are two icons: **Log Out** and **Help**. To read more about the intricacies of the toolbar, click the **Help** button or **click here** and select **Toolbar** from the menu.





Description of Vessel Icons



An AIS equipped vessel that has stopped to broadcast AIS messages whose speed was less or equal 0.5 Knots



A selected vessel



A vessel that is carrying Class A AIS Transponder



A vessel that is carrying Class B AIS Transponder



NOTE: Only the first two icons are based on color. The last two icons can be modified and coded by color depending on type of vessel, name, etc. The default is blue.

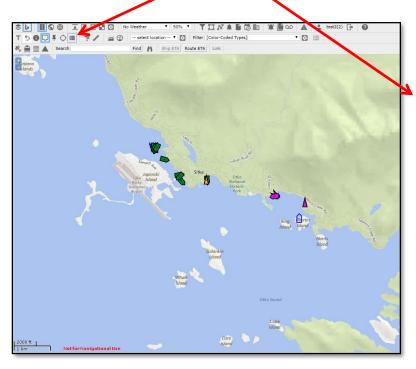
In the graphic above, the vessels have been color coded. Fishing vessels are green and tugs or towing vessels are orange. For more on creating color filters, <u>click here</u>.

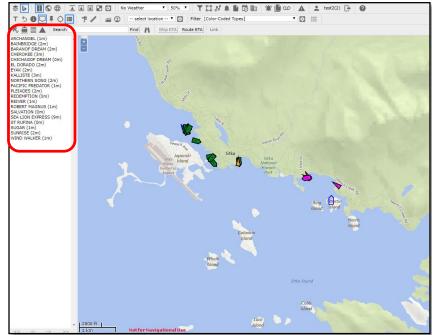


Vessel Listing



Select the **List** button to turn on or off the listing of the vessels in the current display which is presented on the left side of the screen.



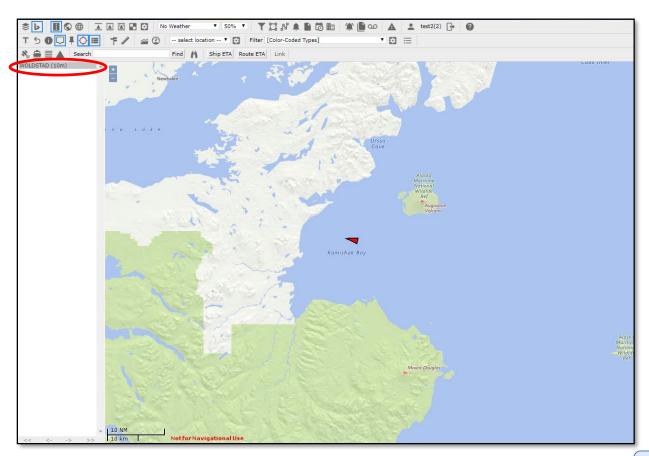






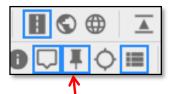
Selecting a Vessel

Upon selecting a vessel by clicking on its icon, the icon color will change to **red** and the vessel name will appear highlighted on the left panel.

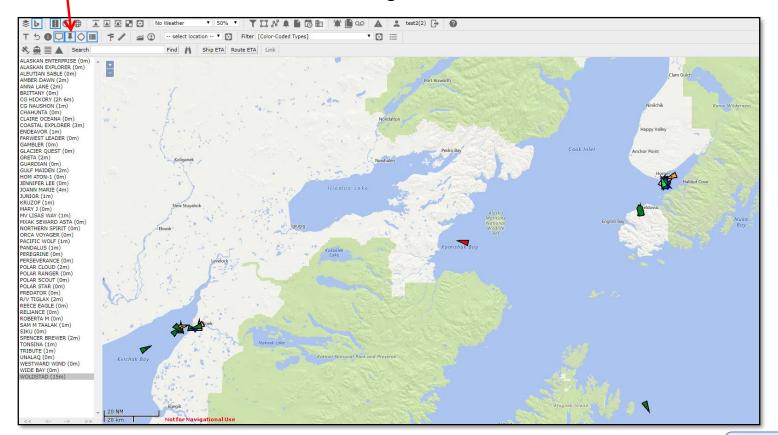




Follow Selected Vessel



After selecting a vessel and turning its icon red, selecting the **Push Pin** icon will result in the vessel remaining in the center of the screen and the chart centering on the current location of the vessel.

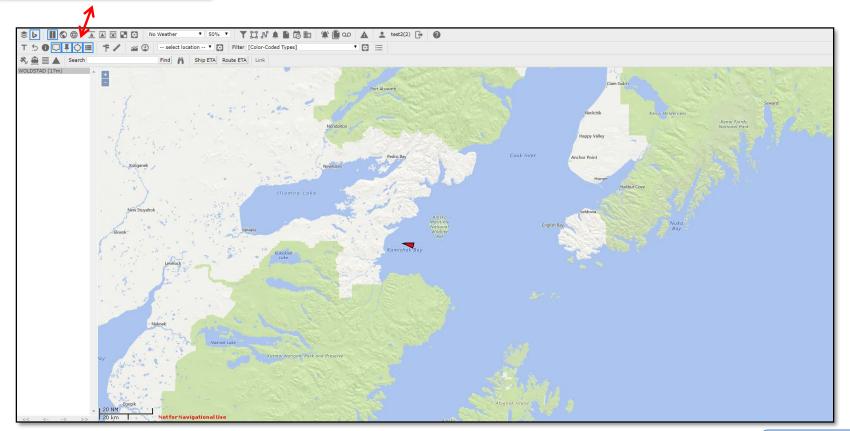




Show Only Selected Vessel



After selecting a vessel and turning its icon red, selecting the will result in only that vessel being displayed and tracked.

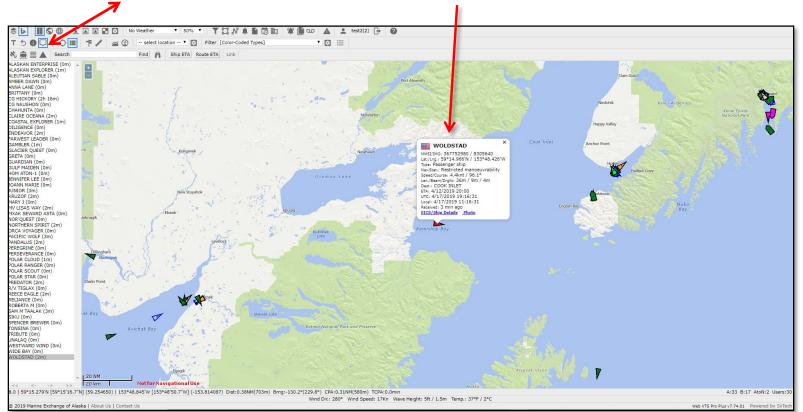




Vessel Information: Show Information Balloon



Select the **Show Information Balloon** button to display the information screen for a vessel when the mouse is over the icon

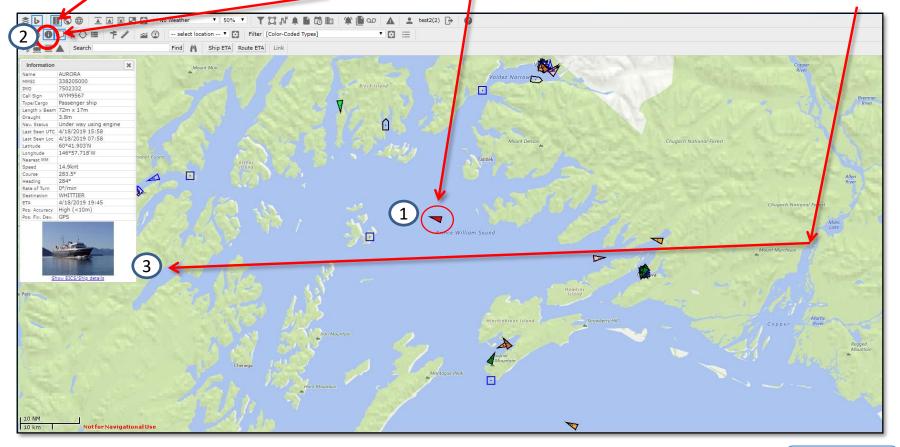






Vessel Information: Ship Information Window

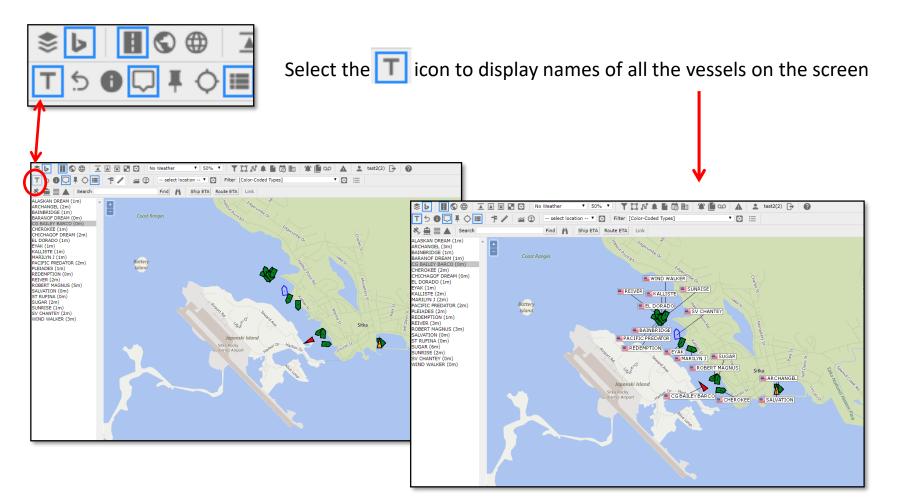
Select a vessel's icon 1 turning it to red, then select the button 2 to obtain the Ship Information pop up window 3



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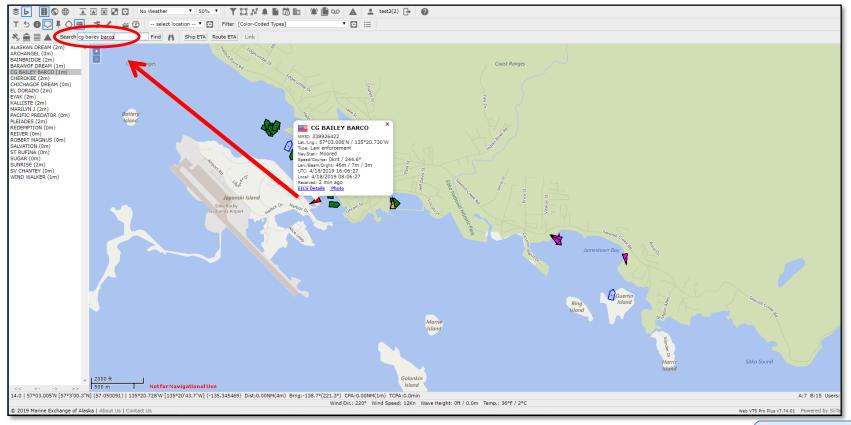
Display Vessel Names





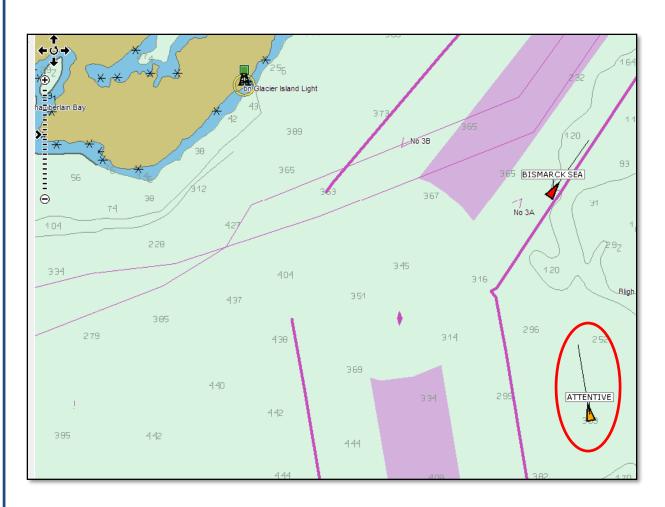
Search for Vessel

To search for a vessel, type in the name, call sign or MMSI (Marine Mobile Station Identifier) number in the space next to **Search** and if found, the screen will move to the location and the vessel will be the **red** icon





Vessel Speed and Direction

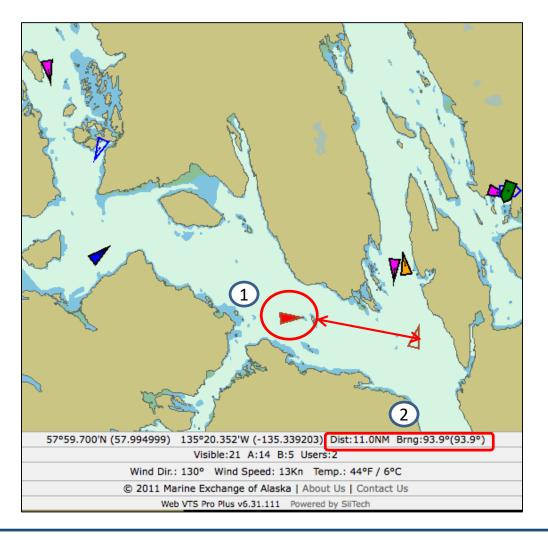


When zoomed in to a smaller scale, the vessel icons will display a line from the point or bow of the image that is relative in length to the speed and the distance the vessel will cover in the next 6 minutes.

NOTE: This is not shown when zoomed out.



Measure Distance Between a Vessel and Any Location

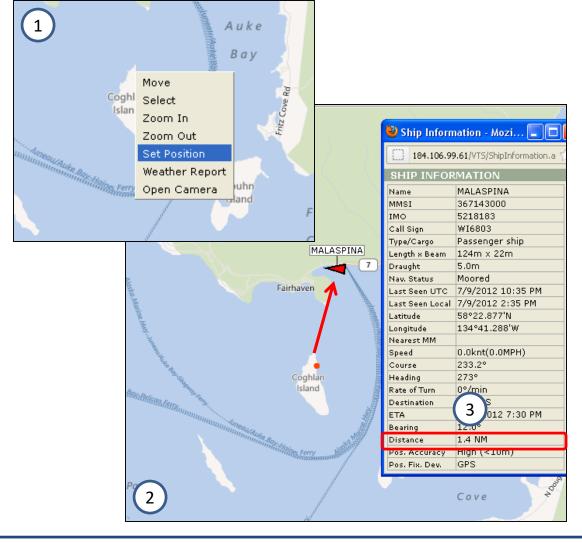


To determine the distance between a selected vessel and another vessel or object do the following:

- 1 Select a vessel by clicking on the vessel icon which will change the icon color to red
- 2 Move the cursor to the location you want to measure to and the distance and bearing will be displayed on the bottom alpha/numeric display



Measure Distance Between a Vessel and a Specific Point



To determine the distance between a selected vessel and a specific point do the following:

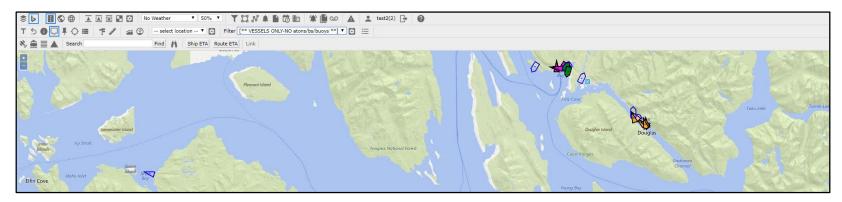
- Right click on the desired location, select **Set Position** from the drop down menu.

 A red dot will appear to mark the chosen location
- Select a vessel by clicking on the vessel icon which will
- change the icon color to red
 The distance will be shown
 in Nautical Miles in the Ship
 Information window



Display Options: Open Street Maps and Bing Maps

There are two map providers available to PacTracs users: Open Street Maps and Bing Maps. Choosing either one of these; , or , determines which display options will be show in view.



Open Street Maps



Bing Maps

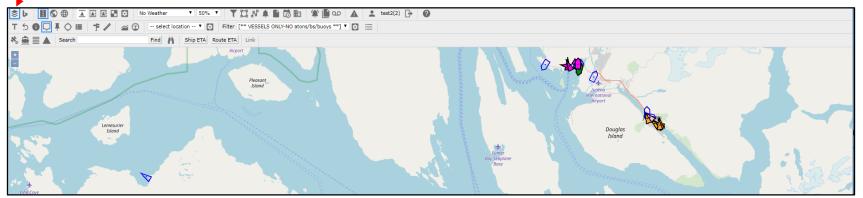




Display Options: Open Street Maps and Bing Maps

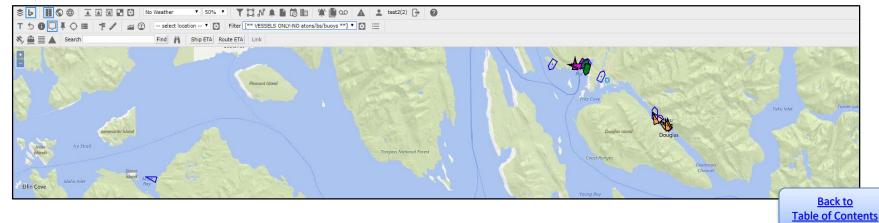


Open Street Maps:





Bing Maps:

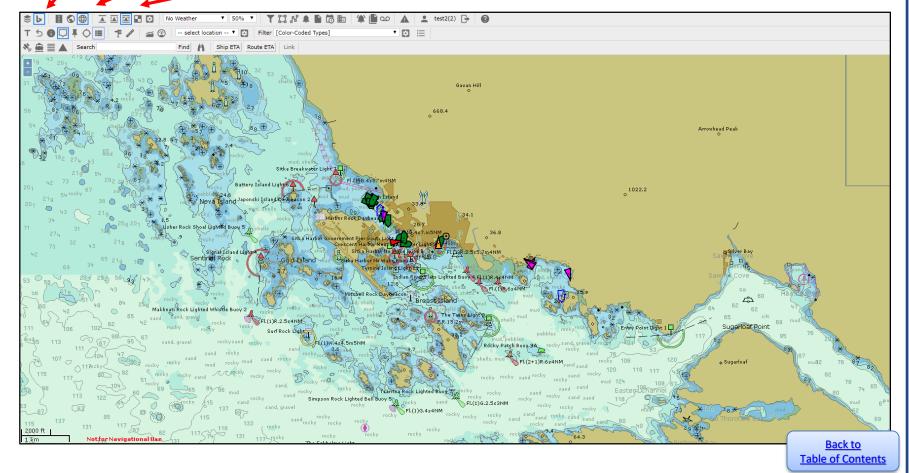




Display Options: Nautical Charts



Nautical chart displays, when available for a region, can be obtained by selecting the icons shown.

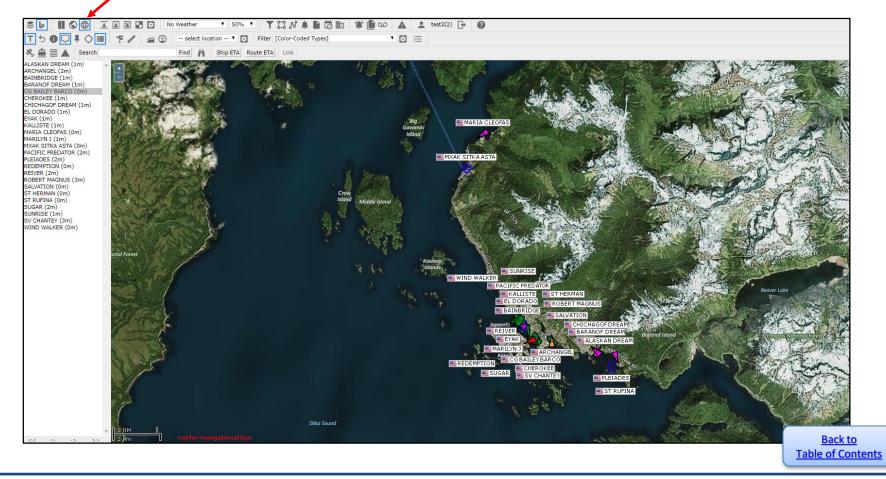




Display Options: Satellite Hybrid



Satellite Hybrid can be obtained by selecting the icons shown.

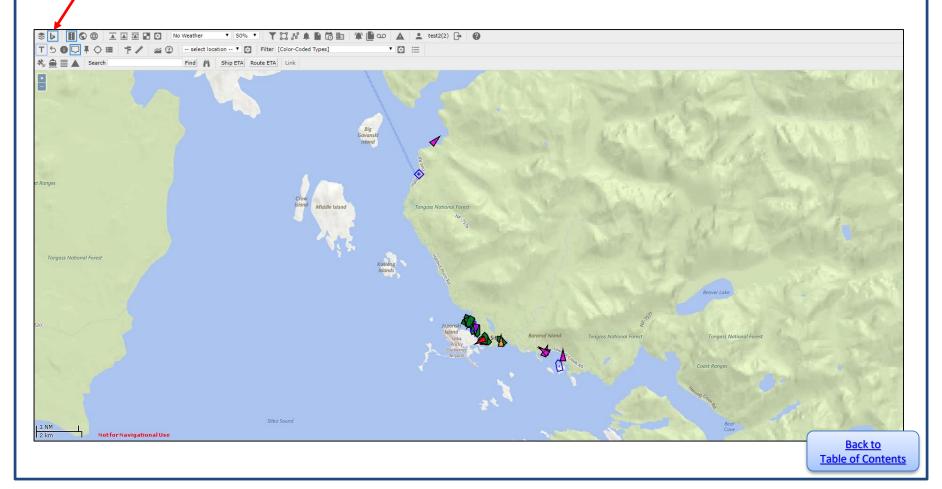




Display Options: Bing Maps



Bing Maps can be obtained by selecting the icon shown.

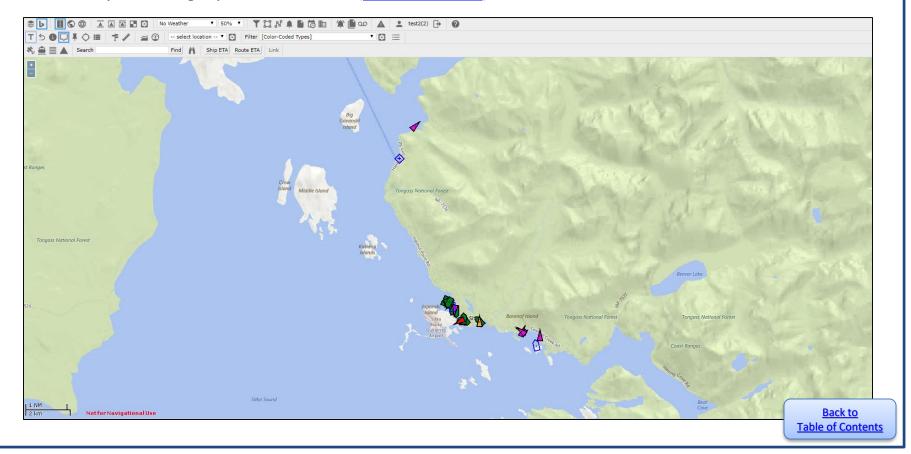




Selecting Display Area

There are several ways to move the location or region displayed on the screen:

- 1. Zooming in or out with the left scroll bar
- 2. Left clicking the cursor when on an area free of vessels and moving it to the desired location.
- By selecting a pre-set location (see next page)

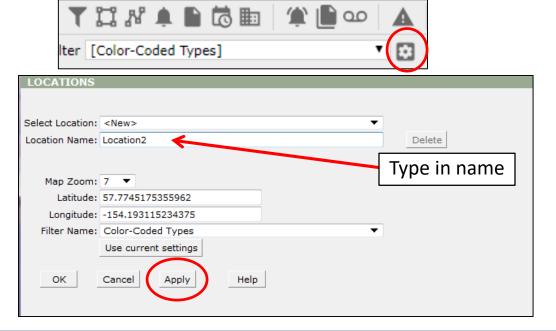




Setting "Locations"

To establish **locations** that can be selected to quickly move the map to a previously specified region or port:

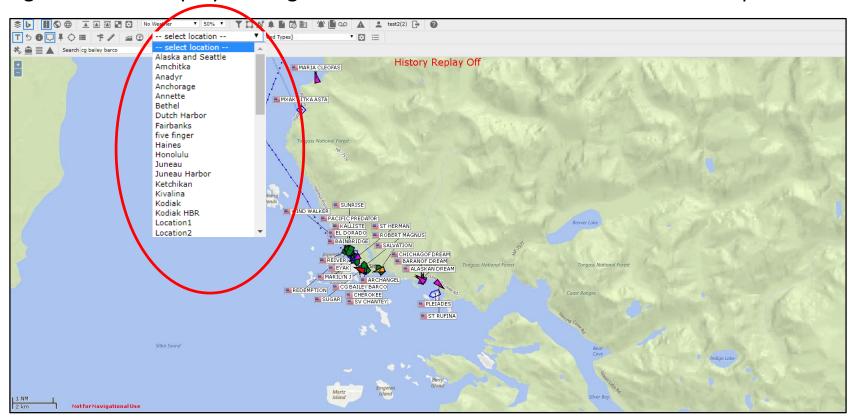
- 1. Move the map around and/or zoom in or out until the area you want to save is displayed
- 2. Select the icon to the left of the **–select location–** pull down menu. The <u>Locations</u> pop up window will appear.
- 3. Type in a name for the selected region
- 4. Click the **Apply** button





Selecting Location

Once **locations** have been selected and saved, you can quickly move to different regions on the map by clicking on the arrow next to the **--select location--** space.



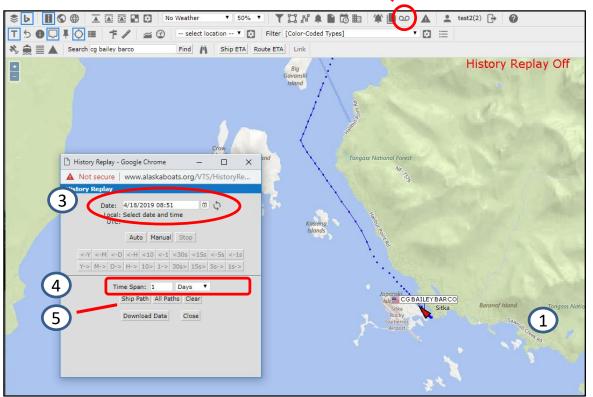




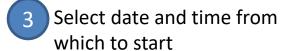
View Vessel Track History

To view the path taken by a specific vessel:





- Select the vessel icon, turning it red
- 2 Select the **History** icon on



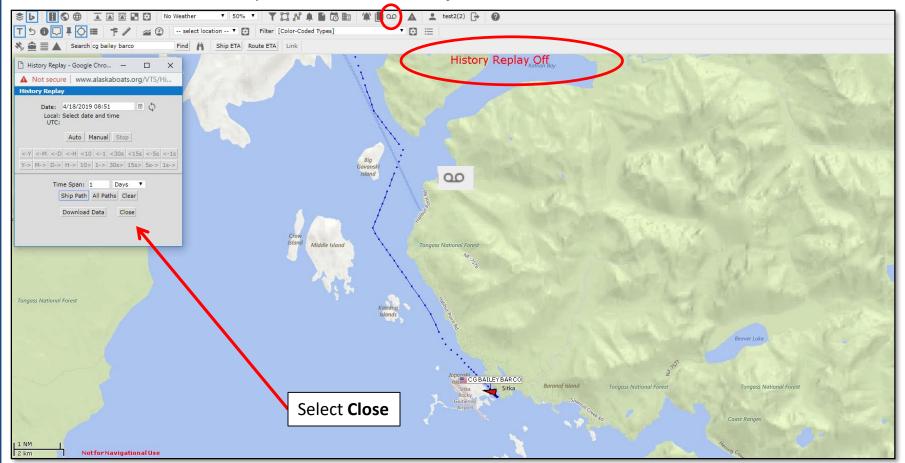
- Select the amount of time to precede the date and time above (the last 24 hours for example)
- Select Ship Path



Closing History Replay



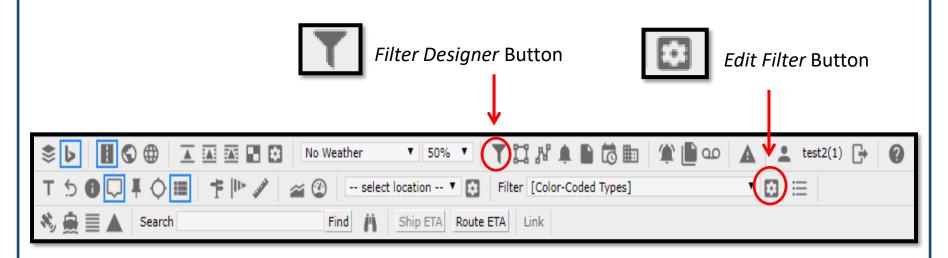
To remove the "History Replay Off" label that appears above the map, return to the **history** icon and select "close"





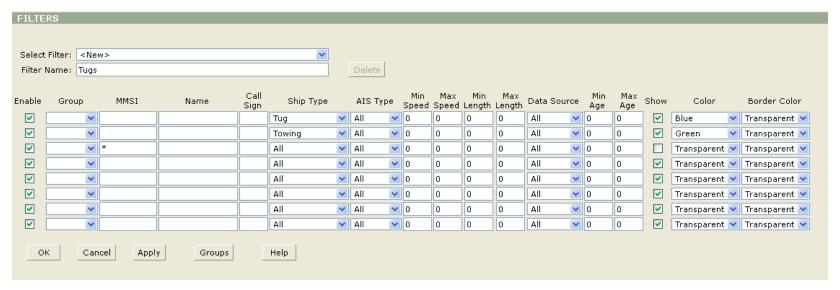
Create a Filter

Select either of these buttons to enter "Edit" mode in Filter Designer





Design a New Filter

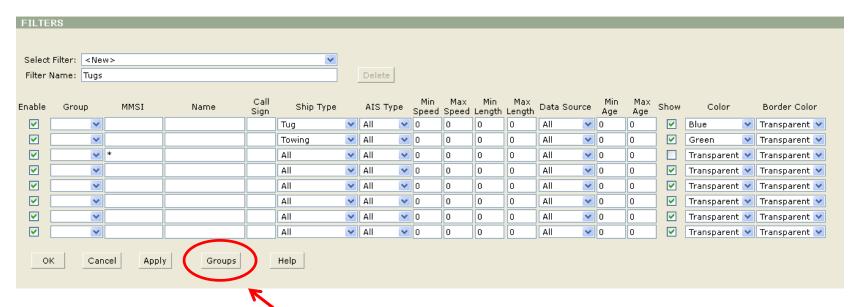


- Select <New> and type in the name
- 2. Each line represents a condition within this filter. Fill out necessary information for each column. NOTE: Enter only one parameter: **MMSI**, **Name** or **Call Sign** per line.
- 3. The <u>Filter Designer</u> allows for either very specific or very broad filtering, input information based on personal need or filter preference
- 4. If needed, on the last line put an asterisk symbol (*) in either **MMSI**, **Name** or **Call Sign** fields and uncheck "**Show**" to make all other vessels not specified in this filter invisible
- 5. If you run out of lines, click "Apply" and more lines will appear
- Click Apply to save and continue working in window, or OK to save and automatically close <u>Filter Designer</u> window



Create Groups

To design a group:

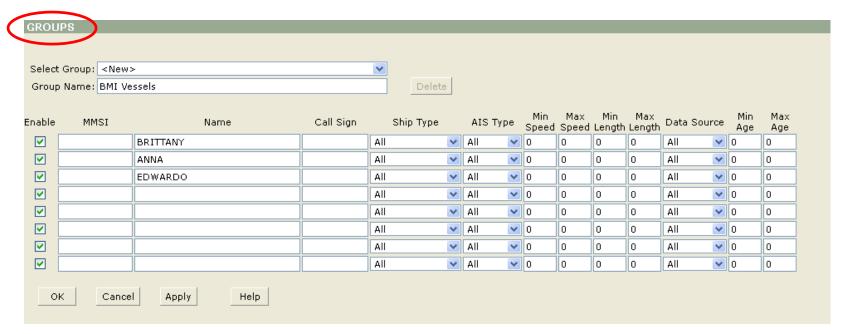


Click on the **Groups** button within the <u>Filter Designer</u> window

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Create Groups

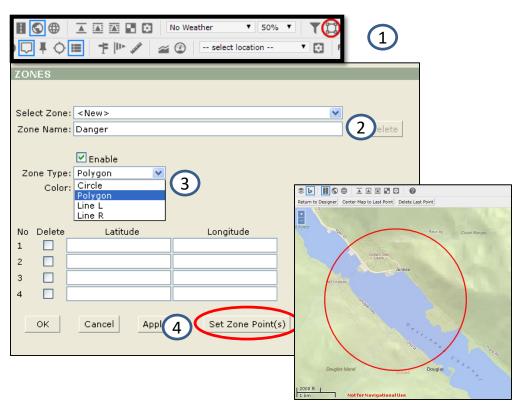


- 1. Select < New > and type in new group name
- 2. Fill out information as needed per vessel
- 3. Enter only one parameter: MMSI, Name or Call Sign per line
- 4. If needed, on the last line use an asterisk the same way as in Filter Designer
- Click Apply to save and continue working in window, or OK to save and return to Filter Designer



Create Zones

Zones are a similar concept to **Areas**, but more specific and designated by longitude and latitude measurements. **Zones** also serve as the basis for **Reports** and **Alarms**.



- Move the map to the area of the desired Zone and Select Edit Zone icon
- Name Zone and make sure "Enable" is selected
- Choose Zone Type, for example, "Polygon" (for more on Zone Type see next page) and Color.
- Click on **Set Zone Point(s)**. This will open a new window showing the map.
 - Use the mouse to click on the map to create "points" which will be automatically linked together by a line segment. When you have designated your desired Zone, click **Return to Designer**. The longitude and latitude measurements of your points will have been automatically inputted. Click **OK** to exit, or **Apply** to save changes and continue editing.



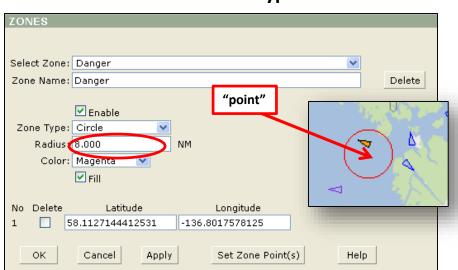
Zone Types

In addition to the "Polygon" Zone Type, there is also "Circle," "Line L," and "Line R."

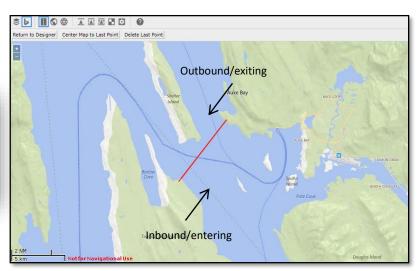
Select Zone: <New> Zone Name: Danger Zone Type: Polygon Golor: Circle Polygon Line L Line R

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"Circle" Zone Type:



"Line L" Zone Type:

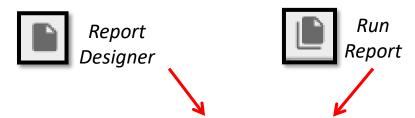


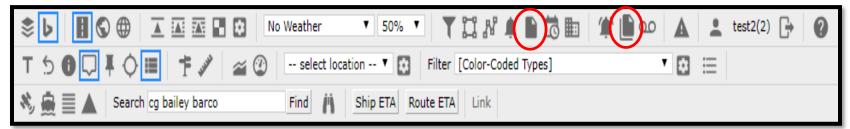
The "Circle" Zone Type uses only one "point" and creates a circle around it using a radius you input in nautical miles. The "Line L" and "Line R" Zone Types function a little differently than the "Polygon" and the "Circle." The Lines use the same basic principle of clicking on "points" to create a Zone, but have the added function of determining whether a vessel is entering or exiting it. Line L marks inbound (entering) traffic as any vessel crossing the Zone line from the left and outbound (exiting) traffic as anything crossing from the right. Similarly, Line R marks inbound/entering traffic as anything crossing the Zone line from the right and vessels crossing from the left as outbound/exiting.



Reports

Reports are a useful tool. Once Zones and Filters have been built, you can run reports on events such as arrivals/departures, speed summaries, berth time summaries, etc. To begin building a report, click on Report Designer. If you have already built a report, click the Run Report button.





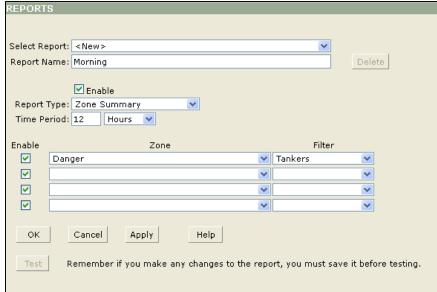


Create Reports

To Create a report:

- Click the Report Designer button on the toolbar.
- Select <New> from the Select Report pull down menu
- 3. Name your report. Make sure "Enable" is checked
- 4. Choose which type of report to create.
- 5. Choose the time period, Zone and Filter.
- 6. Select **OK** to save and close the window or **Apply** to save and continue to edit.
- Click the **Test** button to see what your report will look like when run



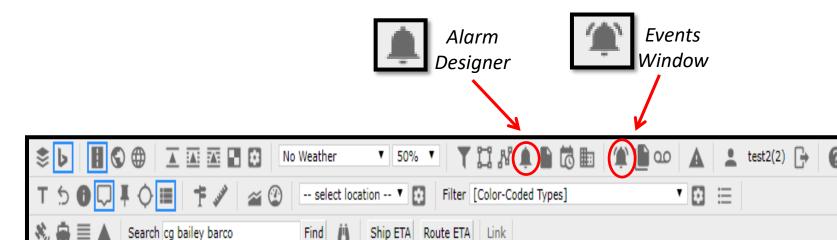


By selecting Test or by running a report by clicking the Run Reports button on the toolbar and



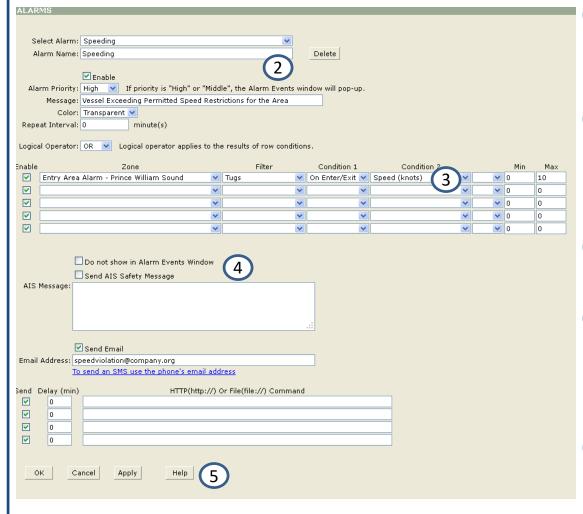
Alarms

Alarms are a useful function to notify you of goings on such as vessels entering a restricted or dangerous zone, going too fast, etc. This is a brief overview of the Alarm function. For more in depth information click here. The two icons which relate to Alarms are the Alarm Designer and the Events Window.





Create Alarm



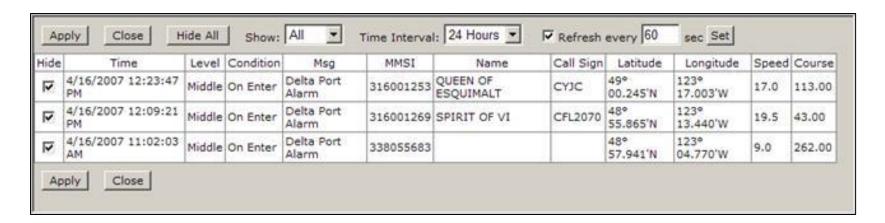
- To create an **Alarm**, click the **Alarm Designer** icon toolbar.
- Name the **Alarm**, make sure **Enable** is checked, choose a priority level and write a message.
- Select a **Zone**, **Filter** and **Conditions**
- You can choose to send an AIS Safety Message to the vessel itself, and/or to send an email or text a phone number.
- Click **OK** to save and exit, or **Apply** to save and continue editing.

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View Alarms

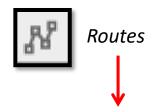
To view alarms that have gone off in the past, click the **View Alarms** icon the tool bar. Select which alarms to show in the **Show** menu, what time interval and how often to refresh the screen. Click **Apply** to see the results.

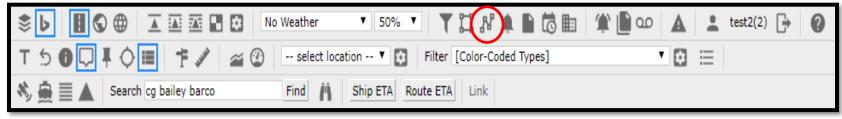




Routes

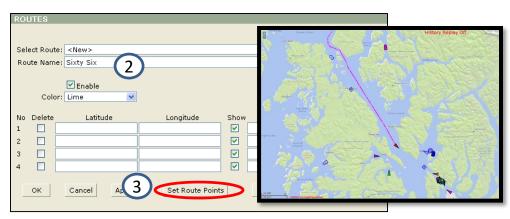
The Routes function is a way to gain Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) information for vessels headed to a previously designated waypoint.

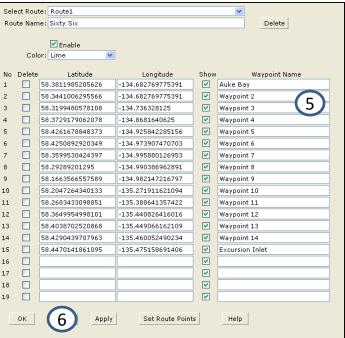






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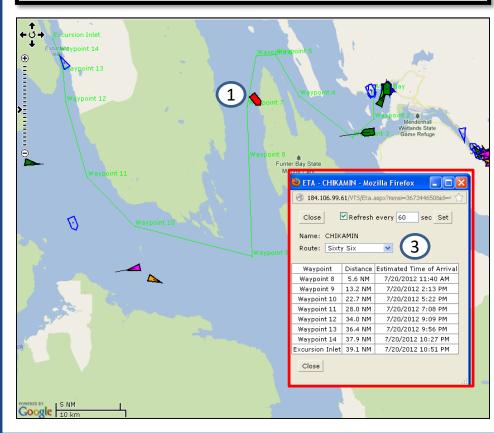
- Click on the Routes icon
- Select <New>, name Route, make sure **Enable** is checked. Choose color.
- Click on **Set Route Points**. This will take you to a window with a map in it.
- To designate waypoints, click on each desired point, and a number will appear in red. When you are finished designating the route (via waypoints), click Return to Designer.
- When you return to the Route Designer, the latitude and longitude measurements of each waypoint will be visible. Name the waypoints if desired.
- Select **OK** to exit, or **Apply** to save and continue editing.



Ship ETA



Ship ETA



Once a route has been saved, it will appear on the main screen in whatever color designated. In this case, the route appears in lime green.

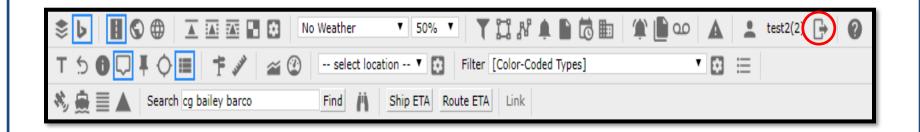
- Select a vessel you want arrival information on.
- Click on Show ETA. A window will pop up on top of the normal display.
- 3 Select Route.



Logging Off

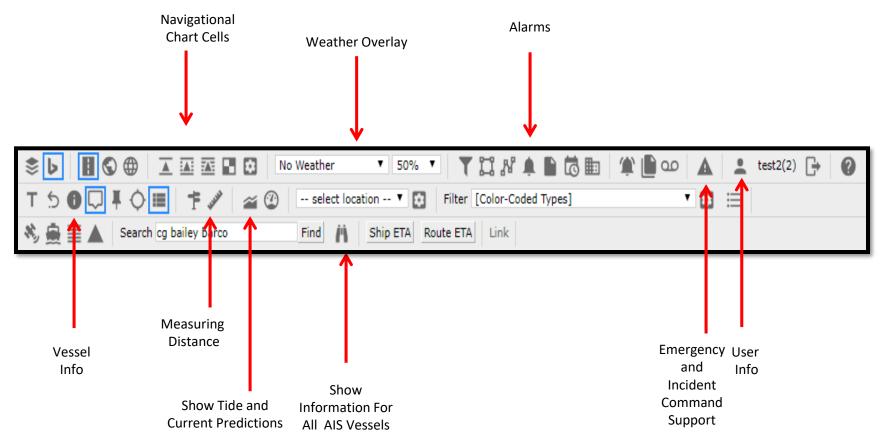
To end a session in PacTracs, click on the icon.

NOTE: The next session will begin with the same location, filters, and options as the last.





Additional Features



To learn more about these features, click the **Help** icon in PacTracs or <u>click here</u>.



Need More Help?

This concludes the **PacTracs Quick Start Guide**. If you have a question or issue that was not resolved by this or the Help menu, please call the Marine Exchange's 24/7

Operations Center for assistance.

907-463-3064

