

## INFORMATION SHEET

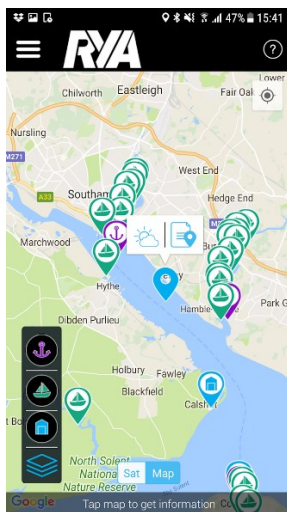
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Subject	<b>Safe Trx</b> <b>The Coastguards Official Safety Identification system</b> <b>NOW updated for paddlers and small craft</b>
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The RYA SafeTrx app monitors your boat journeys and can alert emergency contacts should you fail to arrive on time. It links your location directly to the Coastguard enabling a quick response and swift rescue should you need it.

It is an app for both Android and Apple iOS smartphones that allows you to track your journey on your phone.

The app has been in operation for a number of years but has received criticism from paddlers that it seems to be designed for yachts and larger vessels. This has now changed. After consultation on how to make it more usable by paddlers, updated sections have been introduced specifically for canoes, kayaks, paddlers and smaller craft users. It is easy to access and simple to use. This app is freely available to anyone who wants to be safer afloat. It is free to download and there is no charge to use it. Download the app **[RYA SafeTrx app](#)**



You can enter your journey details directly from your smartphone and plan a trip knowing that should you not arrive by the time given, your nominated emergency contact will be alerted and advised to initiate appropriate action.

Don't forget: In an emergency call 999

- On the coast - ask for the Coastguard
- Inland – ask for the Fire Service for rescue

Where your emergency contact calls HM Coastguard about an overdue trip, they will have access to your location and SafeTrx trip data through a secure SafeTrx server.

Since RYA SafeTrx periodically sends your location data back to a dedicated server, HM Coastguard's response team can get help directly to you, and quickly.