



Finish Times : Self Serve

Background:

TopYacht has developed an extension to WebTimes that enables competitors to take their own finish time. This, using a mobile Phone, captures and uploads the finish times to the WebTimes database just by tapping the phone's screen.

The BIG advantage is that it eliminates the need for a committee boat to be stationed at the finish, or, alternatively, competitors emailing finish times to the race committee for manual entry.

Prerequisites:

- A TopYacht WebTimes License Extension.
- The Series entrants existing in a current TES series
- The series entrants being imported into each race via TopYacht Step 6a.
- The Race entrants being uploaded to OnWater / Webtimes databases via the EntUp mechanism.
- The TES administrator sending an SMS to each competitor prior to starting. This SMS contains a boat-specific link to record the finish.
- The primary contact person possessing a mobile phone with a web browser installed, and some usable data.

Restrictions:

- One (and only one) active TopYacht session per series per day,
- Restricted to Keelboat Use (managing mobile phones on an OTB boat is not recommended)

Methodology.

Just prior to finishing, the user opens the link contained in the SMS.

A screen similar to this will open:

TopYacht ~ Self Capture of Finish Time

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Choose the "Number of Nights"
The Number of Nights is the number of
times the clock has passed through
midnight since the **Start**.

****Self Finish****

Press the NOW button when you **Finish**.

Number of 'Nights'


We are Retiring

We did not go through the Finish Line

We are Protesting

NOW



For a simple finish, tap the  button when the boat **finishes**.

Alternatively, prior to tapping **NOW**, the user may choose a button “We Are Retiring” (the boat will be flagged as ‘RET’, or if they chose not to pass through the **Finish Line** (the boat will be flagged as ‘DNF.

By selecting the “We are Protesting” button, the Race Committee will learn of the boat’s intention to request a hearing.

Further, for boats that finish after midnight, the ‘number of Nights’ ¹can be entered

Handling the Data.

See Appendix 3: Importation of Finish Times into TopYacht of [WebTimes Users Guide](#)

The methodology is identical!!

¹ Number of Nights is the number of times the clock has passed midnight since the **Start**

Associated Documents

[Cheat sheet for TopYacht WebTimes on the finish boat](#)

[WebTimes Users Guide](#)

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