



# Adding Databases to the TopYacht Registry.

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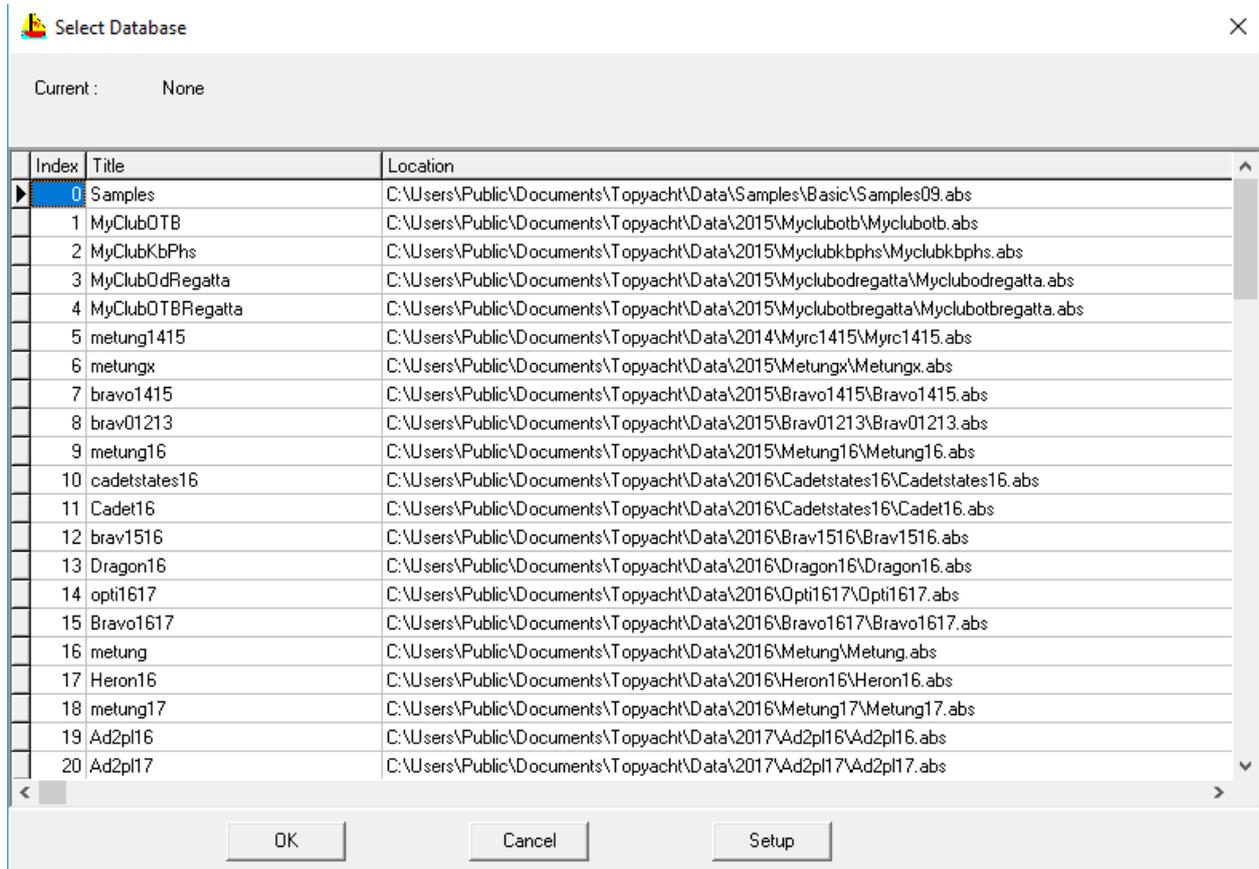
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# Background

The TopYacht registry is a list of logical pointers that enable TopYacht to connect to a specific database.

A typical list of pointers is shown below. Follow the mouse sequence **Admin | Database | Select** to access the picking list.



It is important for databases to be in the Public Folder on the host computer, otherwise file access violations generated at a Windows security level, will cause TopYacht to crash.

In addition using TopYacht with the database on a networked remote computer/server will slow the application down making it unusable.

Further, placing the database in shared folders like DropBox will cause TopYacht to crash. It appears that DropBox locks the folder during each synchronisation, temporarily preventing TopYacht from accessing the folder

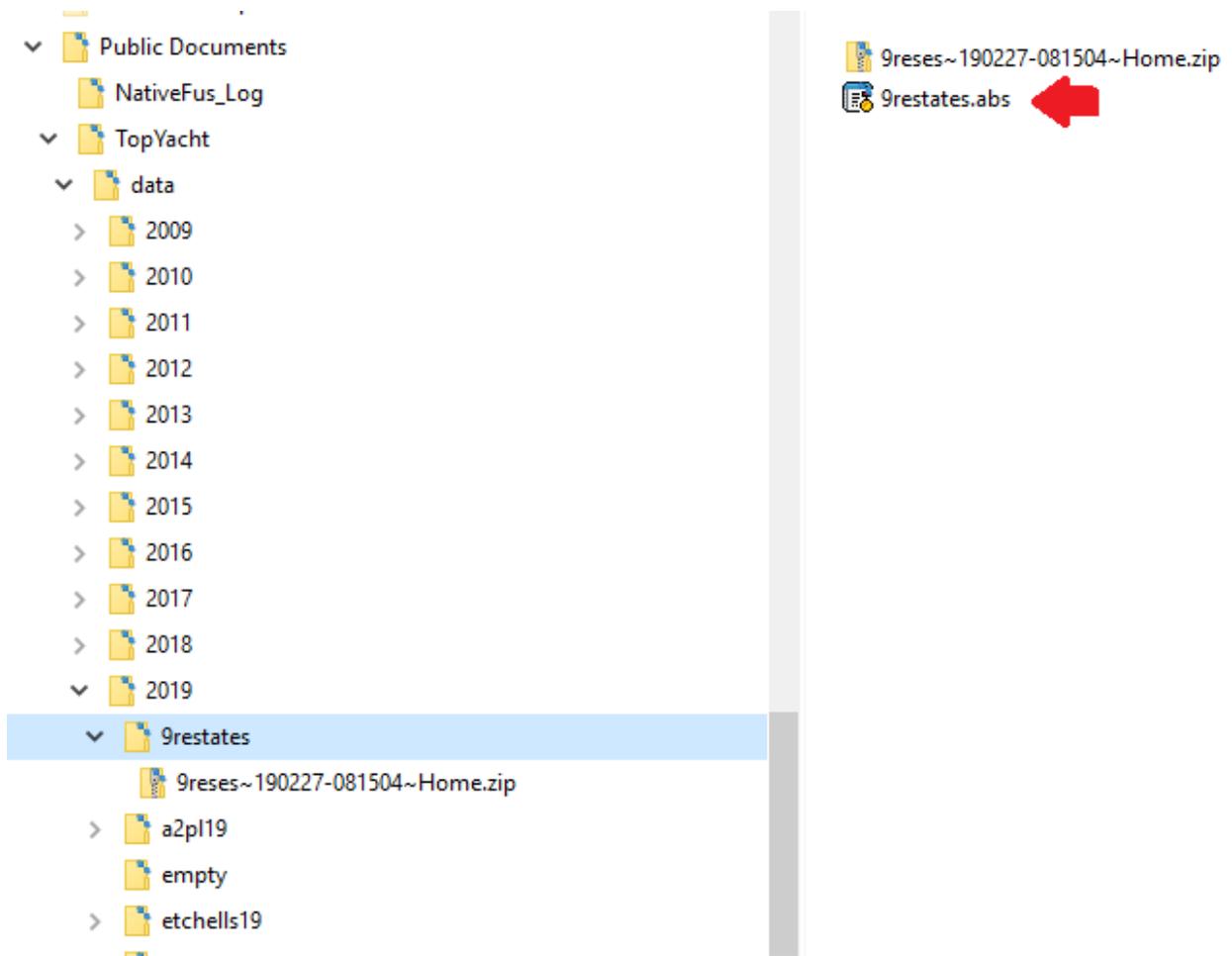
## Database Management

TopYacht strongly recommends that a new database be created for each new event or season. Large databases will slow down TopYacht, as well as making maintenance of the database more cumbersome.

For Microsoft Windows 7 (and later)<sup>1</sup> users, newly created TopYacht databases are stored in: C:\Users\Public\Documents\TopYacht\data\xxxx where the folder xxxx is the year. TopYacht will create a new 'year'-folder when the first database for that year is created. Again, this is to simplify management of databases.

A typical folder structure is shown below, with the actual database highlighted. Note that these have a .abs file-name extension.

<sup>1</sup> Windows XP users the folder: C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\TopYacht\data\xxxx



For the migrating of a database from one computer to another, **Option 1** is the simplest process in the next two sections is Option 1 ([Getting the Database to Add](#) and [Adding a Database to the TopYacht Registry](#))

# Getting the Database to Add

## **Option 1:**

- Use the TopYacht Backup utility to create a .zip file (See TopYacht HELP | Backup and Restore). This will create a .zip file of the database on the source computer ready for migration
- Copy it to a memory stick. (Use Windows Explorer )

## **Option 2:**

- Identify the raw database on the source computer. It will be a .abs file)
- Copy it to a memory stick. (Use Windows Explorer )

# Adding a Database to the TopYacht Registry

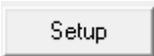
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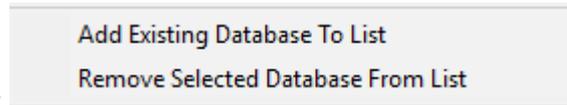
- Create a New Database (See TopYacht HELP | Create a new database)
- Use the TopYacht Restore utility to restore the .zip file (See TopYacht HELP | Backup and Restore).

## **Option 2:**

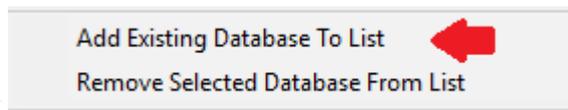
If the database is in a .abs format. (This would be the case if TopYacht is migrated from one computer to another).

- With Windows explorer, copy the database from the storage media (it may be a USB memory stick) into the data subfolder (as per above) creating an applicable year folder as necessary.
- Open TopYacht
- **Admin | Database | Select**
- Click the  button

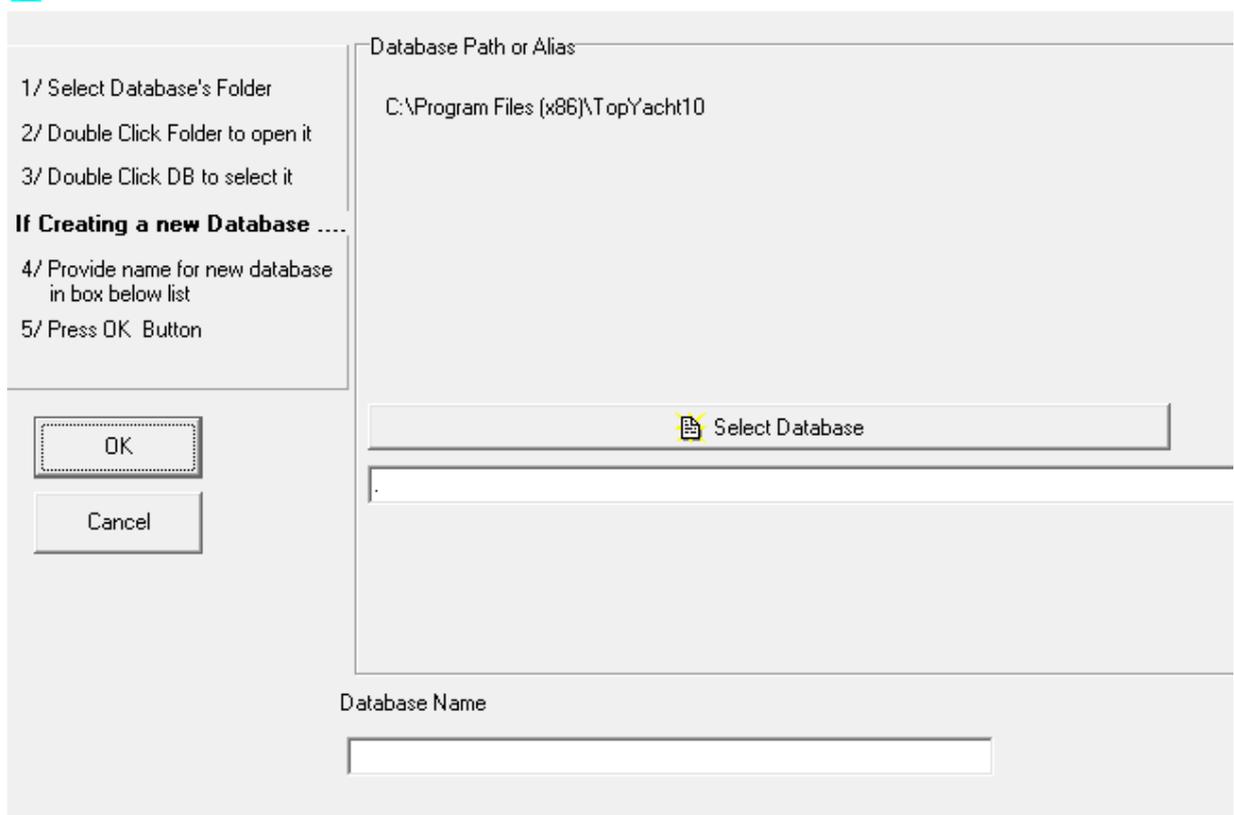
- The following Popup appears:



- Select



### Add Database



1/ Select Database's Folder  
2/ Double Click Folder to open it  
3/ Double Click DB to select it

**If Creating a new Database ....**  
4/ Provide name for new database in box below list  
5/ Press OK Button

OK  
Cancel

Database Path or Alias  
C:\Program Files (x86)\TopYacht10

Select Database

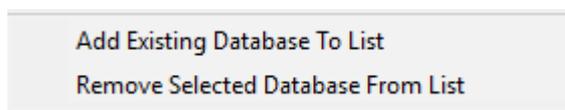
Database Name

Follow the instructions in the top left-hand box.

# Removing a Database from the TopYacht Registry

- Open TopYacht
- **Admin | Database | Select**
- Click the  button

- The following Popup appears:

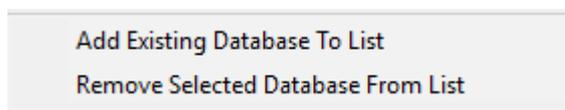


- Select Open TopYacht
- **Admin | Database | Select**

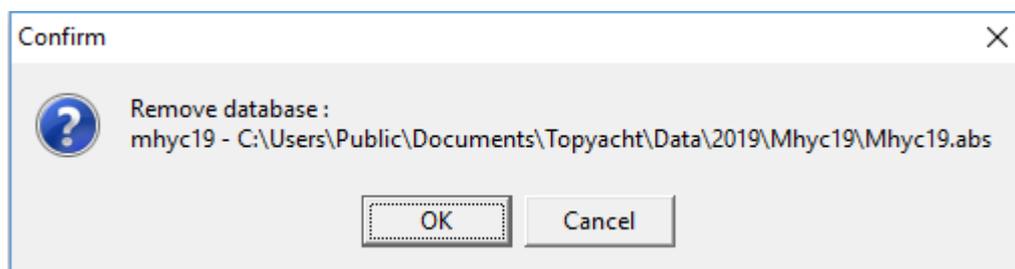
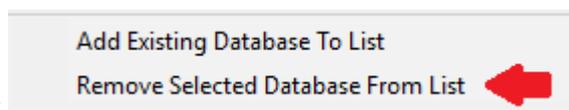
- Click on the index number of the row to be deleted. An arrow  will appear in the left hand column

- Click the  button

- The following Popup appears:



- Select



- Confirm the deletion by pressing 

The entry will be removed from the TopYacht Registry. **It does not remove the database from the folder.** Use Windows explorer for this.

## Associated Documents

[Moving TopYacht to another computer](#)

# Revision Record

2021-10-11, 2021-05-04, 2021-04-23, 2021-04-22, 2019-12-24.