SailTimer ™

SailTimer for Google Maps

Free Navigation Software With Aerial Photos of Your Favorite Sailing Location!

(Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada) -- With the new version of SailTimer for Google Maps, tacking routes can now be plotted for any location on Earth. Just mark your location, destination and the wind direction, and the software will give you your optimal tacking course. Its that simple. You can also see the tacking distances and travel times.

Google Maps and SailTimer together are a disruptive force for GPS electronics. SailTimer is the first navigation program for sailboats to calculate travel time based on tacking. SailTimer for Google Maps is free and available online. You don't even need to download or install anything.

Knowing the best tacking angle has been a longstanding challenge for sailors. Should you minimize your distance by pinching close to the wind, or head off the wind and hope that the increased speed offsets the extra distance? SailTimer provides a simple display of the optimal tacking route (patent pending). GPS manufacturers have concentrated on powerboat markets with GPS devices for the last 15 years. But in a true David & Goliath story, the R&D on SailTimer has been done by Indepth Navigation, a small publisher in St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Until now, all brands of GPS chartplotters have assumed that sailboats travel in a straight line to their destination. But as we know, sailboats heading upwind must tack back and forth. The SailTimer software accounts for the tradeoff between sailing off the wind to get more speed, at the cost of having to travel a longer distance. SailTimer calculates the optimal tacking angles for the shortest TTD or Tacking Time to Destination (tm).

For sailors who need their tacking routes overlaid on hydrographic charts showing water depths, SailTimer is also currently being integrated into computer-based electronic chart navigation systems.

SailTimer for Google Maps is available at www.TheOriginalSailTimer.com. No other system from any GPS manufacturer plots a simple display of tacking routes with their distances and arrival times. Try it out with a satellite photo of your favorite sailing waters.

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