



Bareboat Necessities (BBN) Boat Monitoring

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<https://bareboat-necessities.github.io>

https://github.com/bareboat-necessities/lysmarine_gen

https://github.com/bareboat-necessities/lysmarine_gen/issues

<https://bareboat-necessities.wixsite.com/my-bareboat>

<https://github.com/bareboat-necessities/bbn-m5stack-tough>

<https://github.com/bareboat-necessities/bbn-nmea200-m5atom>

PDF version:

<https://bareboat-necessities.github.io/my-bareboat/bbn-boat-monitoring.pdf>

Chapter 1. What is BBN Boat Monitoring

BBN Boat Monitoring is a low-power solution to send alarms on various conditions from an unattended boat.

In the center is esp32 with Ethernet module connected wired to a boat router. Alarms are sent via WhatsApp messenger.

Modular design of software and hardware so users can pick and choose needed modules.

Chapter 2. Connectivity

1. MDNS discovery of other services gpsd, SignalK, pypilot, Victron MQTT, etc
2. DHCP client
3. NTP client
4. Web server for configuration
5. Uptime reporting (sleeping periods to save power)
6. Ethernet to router
7. NMEA 0183, NMEA 2000
8. i2c, 1-wire, UART, LoRa, Ethernet, other GPIO (analog and digital)
9. WhatsApp message
10. Command-line WhatsApp messenger for Linux
11. Internet connection speed reporting
12. Speakers / Buzzer for audible alarms?
13. Status lights for visual alarms?

Chapter 3. Hardware

esp32 on m5atom-lite or m5atom-lite-S3 from M5Stack. With M5Stack Ethernet AtomPoW (with w5500 chip).

Sensors (pick and choose):

- **Accelerometer**

M5Stack 3-Axis Digital Accelerometer Unit (ADXL345)

- **IMU**

M5Stack 6-DoF IMU Pro Mini Unit (BMI270, BMM150, BMP280)

or

M5Stack 6-Axis IMU Unit(MPU6886)

- **Env sensors (temperature, barometer, humidity)**

M5Stack ENV IV Unit with Temperature Humidity Air Pressure Sensor (SHT40+BMP280)

or

M5Stack ENV III Unit with Temperature Humidity Air Pressure Sensor (SHT30+QMP6988)

- **Gas Sensors (CO, heavy gases, hydrogen, smoke detector)**

Carbon monoxide sensor for esp32 (MQ-7 gas sensor?)

Smoke detector sensor for esp32 (MQ-2 gas sensor?)

Heavy gases sensor for esp32 (MQ-2/MQ-4/MQ-5/MQ-6 gas sensors?)

Hydrogen H2 gas detector sensor for esp32 (MQ-8 gas sensor?)

- **GPS**

M5Stack Mini GPS/BDS Unit (AT6558)

- **NMEA 0183 interface**

M5Stack Isolated RS485 Unit

- **NMEA 2000 interface**

M5Stack Isolated CANBus Unit (CA-IS3050G)

- **Lightning sensor**

Sparkfun LIGHTNING DETECTOR - AS3935

- **Voltage sensor**

M5Stack Voltmeter Unit (ADS1115)

- **Current (amp) meter for bilge pump usage**

M5Stack Ammeter Unit (ADS1115)

- **Temperature (1w) sensors**

Dallas 1-wire temperature sensors

- **Motion detection sensors**

M5Stack PIR Motion Sensor (AS312)

- **Water salinity sensor**

Water conductivity sensor

- **Proximity sensors (hatch open/closed sensor)**

M5Stack Hall Effect Unit (A3144E Hall Sensor)

or

Magnetic Reed door switch sensor

or

M5Stack Limit Switch Unit

- **Snow / ice sensor**

Rain and Snow Sensor Transmitter Weather Induction Detection Heating Anti-icing IP65

- **Water level sensor**

Water leak detector sensor

- **Dinghy LoRa locator**

LoRa receiver for esp32 (international band?)

- **RTC clock**

M5Stack Real Time Clock (RTC) Unit (HYM8563)

- **Light Sensor**

M5Stack Dlight Unit - Ambient Light Sensor (BH1750FVI-TR)

3.1. M5Stack Grove Port Color Conventions

- Red ports are I2C
- Black ports are I/O
- Blue ports are UART

3.2. M5Stack Accessories

- **M5Stack ATOM Mate DIY Expansion Kit**

M5Stack ATOM Mate - DIY Expansion Kit - for M5ATOM

- **M5Stack ATOM Tail485**

M5Stack ATOM Tail485 - RS485 Converter for ATOM

- **M5Stack 1 to 3 HUB Expansion Unit for i2c**

M5Stack 1 to 3 HUB Expansion Unit

- **RS485 to TTL Converter Unit**

M5Stack RS485 to TTL Converter Unit

Chapter 4. Alarms (planned)

1. Heavy gases in bilge
2. High salinity of water in bilge
3. Hydrogen gas alarm
4. Fire alarm. Smoke detector
5. Carbon monoxide alarm
6. Hatch open
7. High heel or pitch (from IMU)
8. High wind alarm
9. Lightning storm detected
10. Forgot nav lights 'on'
11. Motion detected (Intrusion)
12. High humidity
13. Possible fog conditions
14. Snow or ice conditions
15. Barometer keeps falling
16. Temp alarm (ex: fridge warm)
17. Dingy too far
18. GPX fix lost
19. High current at anchor (by speed through water)
20. Low water under keel alarm
21. Accelerometer alarm for high waves
22. Anchor alarm (plus command line utility to activate and deactivate)
23. Grounding alarm from accelerometer
24. Hard impact on hull (via accelerometer)
25. Heartbeat (ImAlive) message
26. Low battery voltage
27. Battery overcharging
28. High battery temperature
29. Shore power loss
30. Bilge pump high utilization

31. Location reporting

Chapter 5. Compare to commercial solutions

Example:

<https://www.trektransponder.com.au/>