

# About

The Sea-Watch Spotter App is an app designed to report boats that are spotted in the Mediterranean. Once a boat is spotted a new case can be created in the app which will then be send to the responsible Search & Rescue coordination in the operation area.

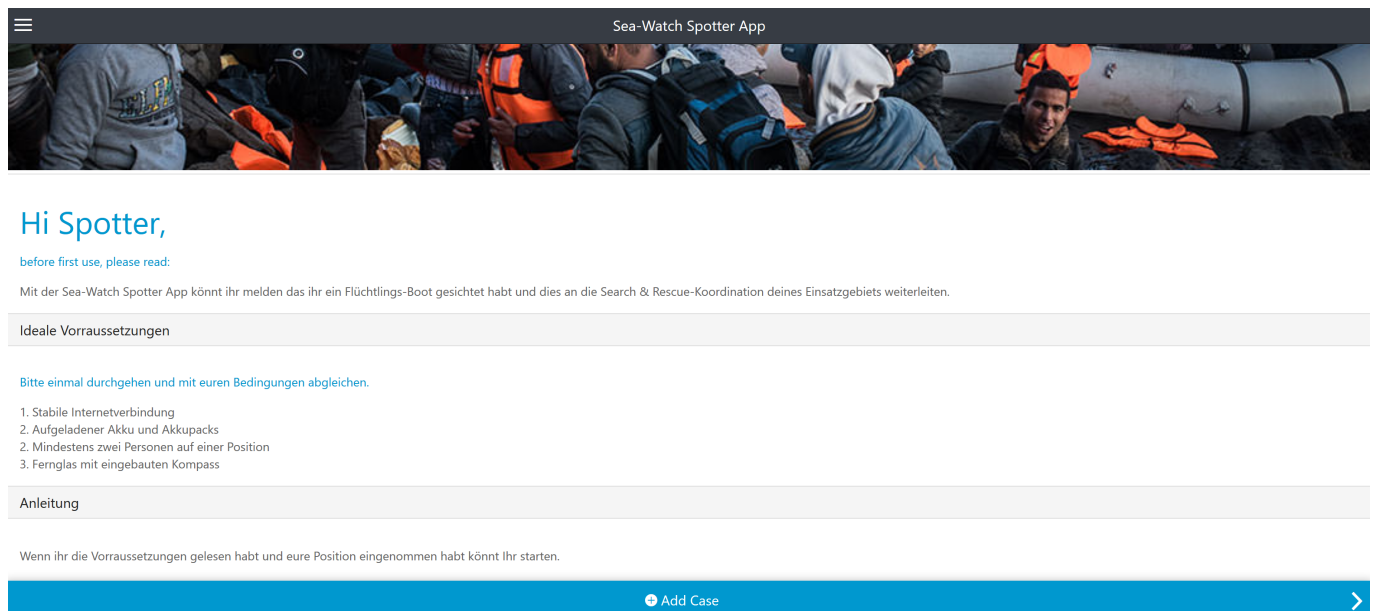
This user guide will help you with your first steps in the Sea-Watch Spotter App.

# Get Access

To get Access, please contact the person who is responsible for the Sea-Watch Admin Account. He or she is able to add you to the system as "Spotter" and provide you with the log-in details for your new account.

# Home

After logging in you will be directed to the homescreen. The homescreen provides you all necessary information to create a case as easily as possible. As you can see, it consists of a dark grey menu bar at the top, a main window with a header picture and a blue "+ Add Case"-button at the bottom to create a new case.



In the main window you can find easy instructions to get you started:

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Hi Spotter,  
before first use, please read:  
The Sea-Watch Spotter App allows you to report a newly spotted boat to the  
responsible Search & Rescue coordination in your area.
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## Ideal technical requirements

Please check first

- Stable Internet connection
- Charged batteries and powerbanks
- At least two persons in one position
- Binoculars with integrated compass

## Instructions

As soon as you checked the technical requirements and took up your position, you can start.

- Let everybody know you are active!

Simply activate Track Position in the Menu. If you use this app for the first time, you have to allow the app to use your location first.

- Create a new case

The person who spotted the boat (spotter) must not lose sight of it.

The person who is responsible for creating a new case (app user) clicks the big blue + Add Case button at the bottom of the screen and fills in all necessary information.

Finish by clicking Create Case.

- Edit open cases

In case something changes - for example, a Search & Rescue team started working on the case or the situation or position of the boat changes - open cases can be edited. Chose the respective case under My active cases in the Menu. Edit the information and finish by Update Case Position or Update Case Details.

# New Case

If you would like to create a new case, you should try and collect the following data: - Boat status (distress / rescue in progress / rescued / on land) - Condition (unknown / good / bad / sinking / people in water) - Boat type (rubber / wood / steel / other) - Are there other organizations involved in this case? - Is the engine of the boat working? - How many people / women / children / disabled are there? - Spotting distance in km - Spotting direction in decimal degrees

If you have any, you can add additional information or a picture of the situation. Once you have filled in all necessary information, finish by clicking "Create Case".

How many people?

30

How many women?

12

How many children?

3

How many disabled?

1

Additional Information

boat damaged

↔ Spotting distance · km

10

🕒 Spotting direction · degree

86,42

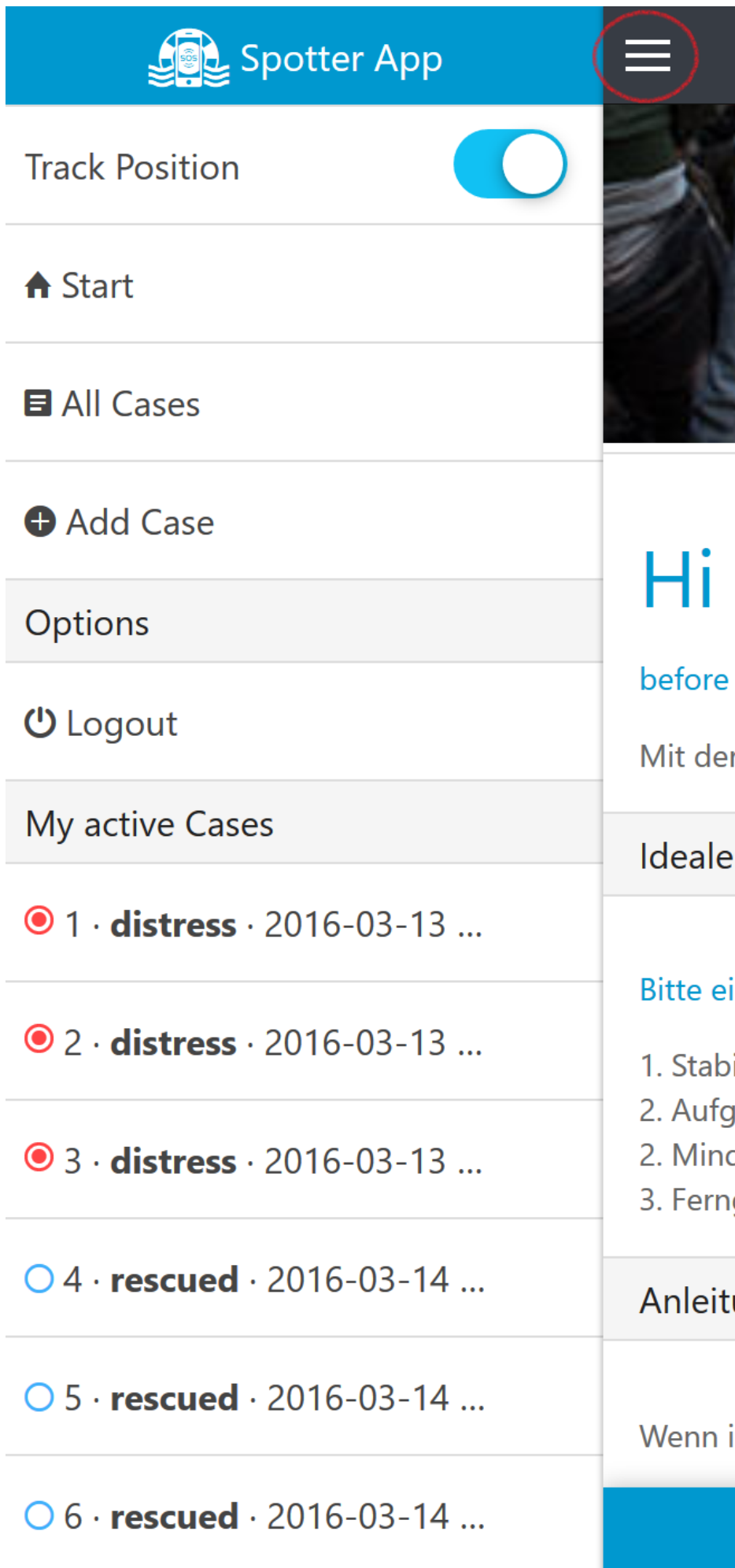
Picture of situation:



Create Case

# Menu

By clicking on the button at the left side of the dark grey menu bar at the top of the app, the menu



will open up:

In the following,

its functions will be explained briefly.

### **Track position**

Use this slide control to enable tracking your position. This is necessary to calculate the approximate position of a boat that you spotted. Moreover, it shows other users that you are currently active.

### **Start**

Via this button you will be redirected to the homescreen.

### **All Cases**

In the "All Cases" view you get an overview of all cases - active and inactive - that have been reported in your operation area so far. Using the two buttons at the top, cases can be sorted "by Date" or "by Status".



## All Cases

Order by Date

Order by Status

Hier siehst du alle Cases aus deiner Operation-Area, wenn du nur deine Cases sehen möchtest schaue im **Menu** unter **My active Cases**.

77 · **distress** · 2016-05-20 12:54:27

76 · **rescued** · 2016-05-17 14:45:28

75 · **rescue\_in\_progress** · 2016-05-17 00:06:05

74 · **distress** · 2016-05-17 00:00:24

73 · **distress** · 2016-05-16 23:57:53

72 · **distress** · 2016-05-16 23:55:57

71 · **distress** · 2016-05-16 23:52:16

70 · **distress** · 2016-05-16 23:43:05

69 · **distress** · 2016-05-16 23:41:04

+ Add Case



By clicking onto one of the cases, you will be shown the respective "Case informations". In this view, informations on the case can be checked or edited. Please notice that there are two buttons, the blue one of which allows you to "Update Case Position" whereas the white one at the bottom can be used to "Update Case Details".





## Case Informations

Case · 1 · distress

1 Messages



### Position-Data

You can appreciate these values. Improve and keep up to date.

Latitude

39.3636623

Longitude

26.3483741

↔ Spotting distance · km

0.00

🕒 Spotting direction · degree

0

Update Case Position

### Details

Please be careful, only change this if anything happen.

Status

Distress



Moreover, there is a chatroom for each case which can be accessed by clicking onto the little speech bubble symbol at the top right corner. The dark grey menu bar at the top allows you to get back to the "All Cases" view.

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## Case Chat for #18

A boat was sent out and will arrive at the case position in approx 20 min

2016-05-23 20:59:17

...type a message

Send

## **Add Case**

In addition to the big blue "+ Add Case" button on the homescreen, you can also create a case by using the button in the menu.

## **Options**

Use the logout button to exit the app. This will also stop tracking your position.

## **My active Cases**

My active Cases gives you an overview of the cases that you created and are still active. It shows you the case status and the date and time the case was added to the database. According to the status, the little symbol at the left side is either green (= on land), blue (= rescued) or orange (= rescue in progress). If the symbol is red and moves around, the case is urgent as its status is "in distress".

# **FAQ**

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