

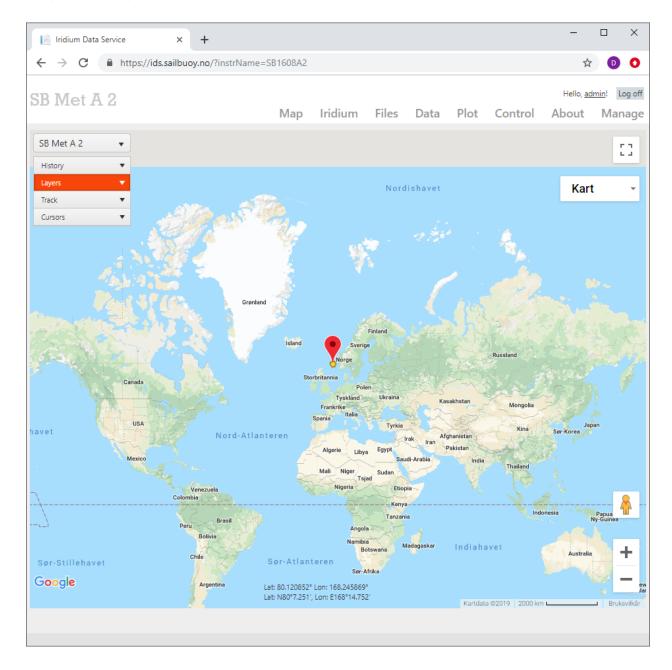


Iridium Data Service User Manual

The Iridium data service is the piloting software user by the user to pilot and access data from the Sailbuoy. This service uses the Azure cloud service to achieve the utmost reliability and uptime. As no software system is 100% reliable, the user is obliged to not pilot the Sailbuoy in such a way that will put it at risk if the service experiences downtime. Piloting under manual control can present such a risk. The system has been tested for many years and has proven to be very reliable.

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Iridium Data Service

The Iridium Data Service is a cloud-based program for communicating with the instruments. It provides a user-friendly and easy way to communicate with instruments, showing data as text or graphs, displaying positions and tracks on a map, and controlling the instruments.

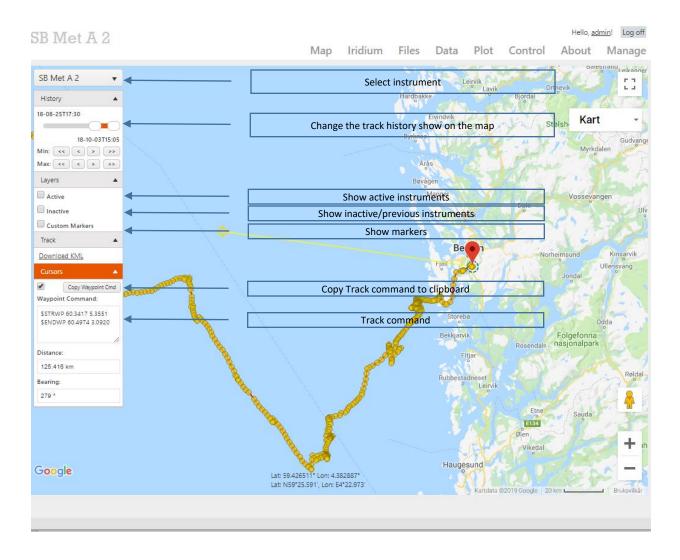




Map View

This view shows the instruments position on a world map. The positions are automatically updated on the map as data is received from the instruments. In this view it is possible to select the active instrument.

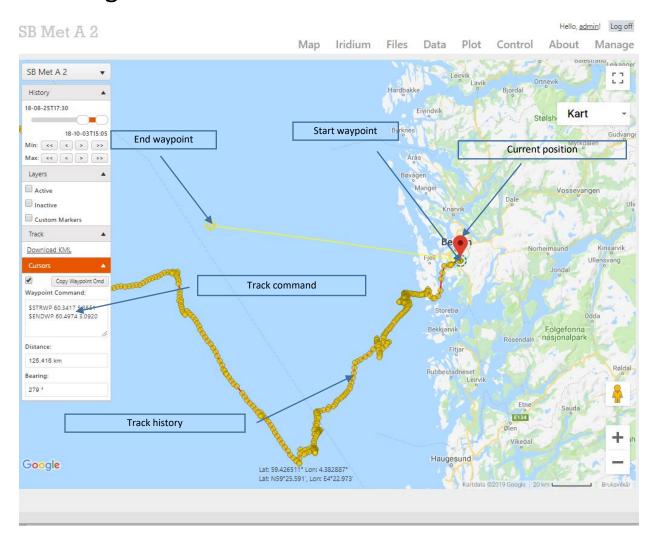
History dropdown menu shows historical positions Layers dropdown menu add different layers to the map Track dropdown menu to download KML file.







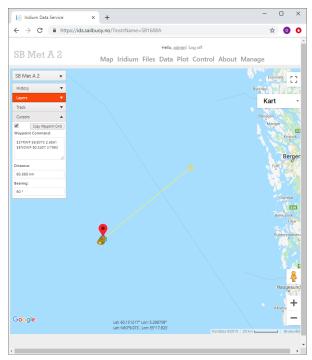
Defining the track commands







Using copy Waypoint Command.

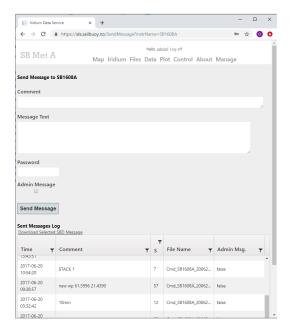


Under cursors drop down box, activate the cursors by selecting the checkbox.

- Drag the circles on the map to define the Sailbuoy track. The track is defined by the start waypoint (blue circle) and the end waypoint (yellow circle)
- Click the "Copy waypoint Cmd" button to copy the track settings to clipboard or copy the text directly (iPhone)
- The "Copy waypoint Cmd" also saves the track on the map.







- Click on the Control menu and paste the command into the Message Text box.
- Add additional commands if necessary. (typically the \$RAD command)
- Enter a brief explanation in the **Comment box**. If there are several pilots, enter initials in the comment box.
- Enter the password and click the **send message** button.

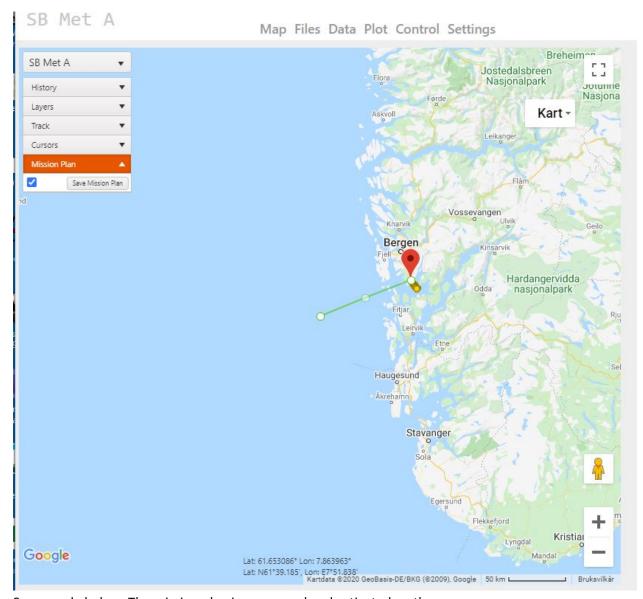
Mission Planner

The mission planner is a tool to make the Sailbuoy follow a rack consisting of multiple waypoints. The server monitors the Sailbuoys progress and automatically sends new waypoints when required. To define a new mission plan, click the checkbox under "Mission Plan". Drag the dots displayed on screen.

Save and activate the mission plan by clicking on "Save Mission Plan".







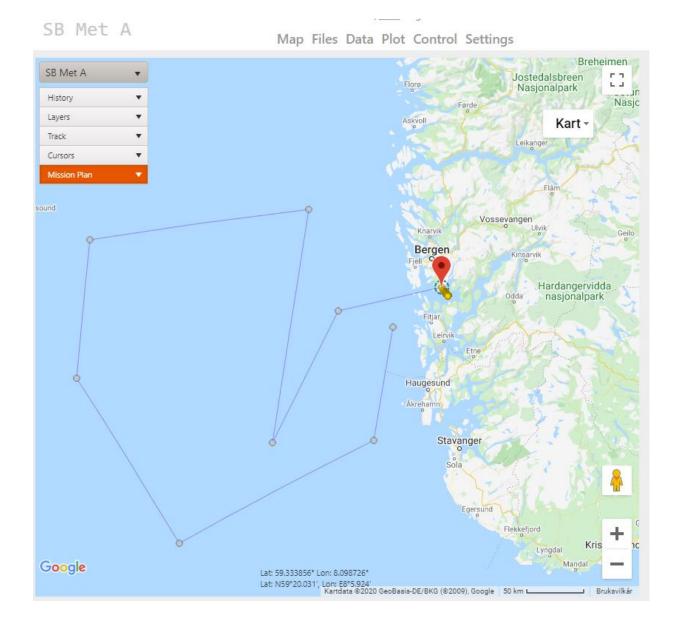
Se example below. The mission plan is now saved and activated on the server.

To abort or clear the mission plan, click "Clear mission plan".

By refreshing the page or changing instrument, the progress of the mission plan is shown.







Funtionality

When clicking "Save mission plan" the mission plan is activated and saved to the server. The mission plan is only checked when a new message from the autopilot is received.

When the Sailbuoy has reached the next waypoint defined by the mission plan, new waypoints are sent to the Sailbuoy. Waypoint reached is defined by the Sailbuoy being closer to the waypoint than the previous tack distance.

By opening the Control page, it is possible to monitor the progress of the mission plan.

When the Sailbuoy has reached the second last waypoint, the last message is sent and the mission plan is finished.

The mission plan only sends the commands **\$STRWP** and **\$ENDWP** to the Sailbuoy.





Note:

For the mission plan to work:

- The Sailbuoy has to be in **\$AUTO** mode.
- Fence mode must be off (\$SWPMD 0)

The corridor radius, tack interval etc. have to be set manually using the "Control Page"

Pseudo code:

The following is only executed when a new message is received from the autopilot.

If new mission plan – send message "from WP0 to WP1", update status If WP1 is reached – send message "from WP1 to WP2", update status If WP2 is reached – send message "from WP2 to WP3", update status ... etc ...

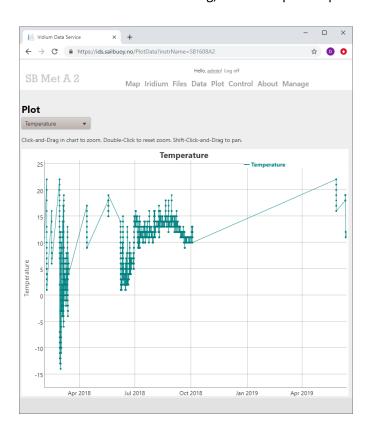
If WP(N-1) is reached – send message "from WP(N-1) to WP(N)", update status to finished





Plot view

This view shows the data plotted on a time scale. All the instrument parameters can be individually selected and shown. Autoscaling, zoom and pan is optimized.

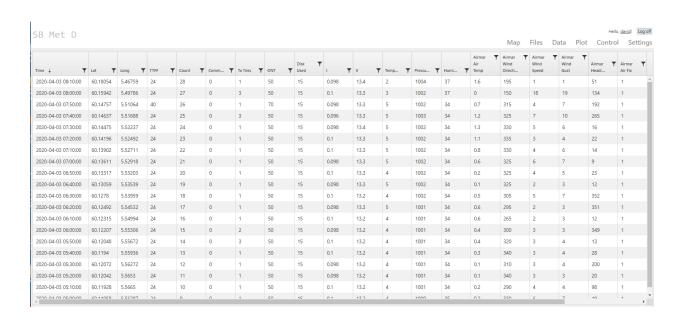






Data view

Data view show all the parameters send form the instrument. Each row in the table corresponds to one transmission. Here one can download all the instrument data for further processing by clicking on **Download All as CSV file**.





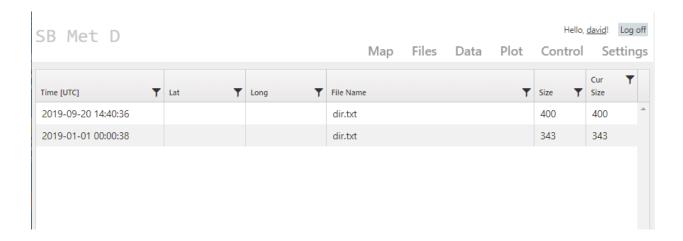


Files view

Files view shows a list of files transmitted by the instrument.

- Date/Time Is the date-time of when the file was made
- Position (Lat/Long) is the position of the instrument when the file was transmitted.
- Filename: is the filename in 8.3 format
- Size the filesize in bytes (can be less than actual file size due to compression)
- Cur Size bytes transmitted

If Size is not equal to Cur Size the file has not been fully transmitted.







Settings

In settings the server configuration of the instrument is set.

Edit warnings

Enable/disable server warnings.





Control view

This view give access to controlling the instrument by entering text commands. A message log is shown on the right where previous commands can be downloaded.

- Enter a meaningful comment with initials of who sent the command.
- The commands are written directly in the textbox. Do not enter more than 250 characters per message.
- The order of the commands in the message is arbitrary.
- NB! Wait for response from instrument before sending next message.
- Note: a password is required to send the commands to the instrument.

