

Press Release: PredictWind Launches the Iridium GO! exec

PredictWind, the world leading provider of weather and routing services for the marine industry, is proud to announce the launch of the Iridium GO! exec. This device is set to revolutionize the satellite phone market with its increased data speeds, improved functionality, and competitive pricing.

"The Iridium GO! was a game-changer for the satellite phone market," says Jon Bilger, CEO of PredictWind. "For the first time, people could connect their own device to the web while offshore. Although the Unlimited plan was cost-effective, the data speeds really limited its use to just email and weather. This is why we are so excited about the GO! exec. With 40 times faster download speeds, there are now so many exciting possibilities for customers, anywhere on the ocean."

Keryn McMaster, Support Team Manager at PredictWind, says, "Customers can now download larger forecast maps and more weather layers with minimal download time. They can also view national met office weather warnings overlaid on any of our weather maps, real-time observations from land stations and yachts, ocean and tidal currents, satellite imagery and real-time boat positions via the AIS Network. All this data means our users can make better decisions to keep their crew and vessel safe offshore."

The PredictWind DataHub seamlessly integrates with the Iridium GO! exec to enable GPS tracking, allowing friends and family to see the boat's position on a map and check its progress, blog posts and photos in real-time. The DataHub also shares wind speed and direction, directly from the boat's instrumentation to the GPS tracking webpage.

PredictWind Weather Routing has transformed the way cruisers get weather offshore. With the Iridium GO! exec, weather routing calculations are even faster and more accurate. "Gigabytes of data are used in the PredictWind cloud to calculate the route in a compact file that is less than 1% of the equivalent GRIB data," says Jon. "This data saving is a game-changer for low-speed satellite connections and is now even faster to acquire with the GO! exec."

The Iridium GO! exec also allows real-time updating of the boat's polars, using machine learning techniques to produce an extremely accurate polar for the boat in all conditions. This, combined with real-time wave routing, gives the user the best possible data to inform their decision-making while offshore.

With its permanent internet connection, the Iridium GO! exec has also enabled PredictWind to develop its new Anchor Alert App. This app monitors the movement of the boat's GPS location, wind speed, direction, depth, and other NMEA 2000 data, alerting the user if conditions change or become unsafe.

"We're excited that the Iridium GO! exec offers increased data speeds for our customers at a really competitive price point," says Keryn. "The flexibility of the yearly plans is perfect for our

core customer base who cruise for 3-6 months and only require the exec during their offshore passages. The data allowance doesn't expire monthly, so it's always ready to go when they start their next passage."

"We truly believe the Iridium GO! exec is a quantum leap forward in terms of functionality and safety and an essential device for any boat venturing offshore," says Jon. With its increased data speeds and global coverage, the Iridium GO! exec is the perfect go-anywhere device for customers who need to stay connected while on the water.

Find out more about the Iridium GO! exec here <https://www.predictwind.com/iridium-go-exec/>

Launch Video <https://youtu.be/FzxP5SuuyO0>

Features Video https://youtu.be/xal_nMf54FY

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