BoatVault

Manual

BoatVault is your boat's digital boat card: the boat, its equipment, service, receipts and location in one place – plus your pier, alarms and theft protection. This manual walks you through everything step by step.

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The help is also in the app: **boatvault.eu/hjalp**. Questions? Email **info@boatvault.eu**.

Getting started

Create an account

Go to boatvault.eu and choose Create account. Enter your name, email and password and accept the terms. You can also log in with just an email link; the first time you will then enter your name and accept the terms before the app opens.

An app – without the App Store

BoatVault is a web app (PWA). There is nothing to download from the App Store or Google Play – go to boatvault.eu and log in, and you are ready. Updates happen automatically, so you always have the latest version, and the app takes up almost no space on your phone.

Add it to your home screen if you like

BoatVault then looks and works like a regular app: its own icon, full screen and notifications.

1. iPhone and iPad: open boatvault.eu in Safari, tap Share and choose Add to Home Screen. Then open the app from the icon.
2. Android: open boatvault.eu in Chrome and choose Install app or Add to Home screen in the menu.

Type on the computer, use it on the pier

The same account works in the browser on your computer. That is handy when you enter equipment, serial numbers and service history with a real keyboard – on the pier you have it all on your phone.

Language, appearance and start page

The app starts in Swedish. Under Settings you can choose English, a light, dark or system theme, and which page you land on when you log in: My boats (default) or Harbor.

Add your boat

New boat

On Home, tap + Add next to My boats. Enter name, type, make, model, year, hull number (HIN), dimensions and insurance. Everything except the name can be filled in later.

More details

Under Edit boat there is a collapsed box, More details, with interior colour, antifouling colour, canopy and waterline colour, sail number and GPS tracker. Fill them in if you can: the police often ask for details that make the boat easy to recognise. Only the fields you fill in are shown on the boat card and in share links.

Insurance company

Choose your insurer in the list. If it is not there, choose Other company... and type the name.

Summer and winter location

Under the Location tab you choose home harbour, pier and berth, and where the boat is kept in winter. The location is shown on a map and used for alarms and theft reports.

Many boats at once

If you have several boats or a lot of equipment, you can fill in an Excel template and import it (Home → Excel next to My boats).

Photos

Under the Files tab you upload photos. They are shrunk automatically on the phone so they upload quickly. The first photo becomes the boat's cover photo; you can change it with Make cover.

Equipment

Add equipment

Under the Equipment tab you add the engine, drive, plotter, sails, tender and more – with make, model, serial number, purchase date, price and marking.

Several engines and drives

If the boat has two engines, add each engine separately under Equipment with its own engine number, horsepower and marking. The boat card shows them as Engine 1 and Engine 2. For an inboard with a sterndrive (e.g. Volvo Penta Aquamatic), also fill in the drive number found on the drive. For an outboard you can enter the gearcase number if the gearcase has its own number. See the glossary below.

Glossary: drive and gearcase

A drive (sterndrive) is the external drive unit of an inboard engine, mounted on the transom (for example Volvo Penta Aquamatic). A sailboat's saildrive, which goes straight down through the hull, also counts as a drive. A drive has its own drive number and can be stolen on its own, so it should be registered. The gearcase (lower unit) is the bottom part of an outboard, with the gears and propeller shaft. In BoatVault it is part of the outboard engine. If the gearcase has its own number, you can enter it as the gearcase number. A shaft drive is an inboard with a propeller shaft through the hull and no drive.

Why serial numbers?

Serial numbers and markings are the first thing the police and insurers ask for after a theft. Take a photo of the rating plate and save it on the equipment.

The small boat card

Open the boat and tap Small boat card (Lilla båtkortet). It gathers the same details as the Swedish Larmtjänst and Båtsamverkan small boat card: make, hull number, model, insurer and marking for the boat, and make, engine number, horsepower, model year and marking for the engine – plus a full photo and close-ups of the hull and engine numbers. The app shows what is missing. Tap Print or save as PDF and keep the card on board and at home.

Service log

Log service

Under the Service tab you enter what was done, the date, who did it, engine hours and cost. Link the entry to a piece of equipment if you like.

Checklists and reminders

Use a template for common service (for example winter storage or engine service) and tick off the items. Enter the next date or number of hours and the app reminds you when it is time.

Files and folders

Documents first

Under the Files tab the documents are kept in folders: Receipts and invoices, Manuals, Permits and certificates, Insurance and Proof of ownership. Below them you find Photos, + New folder and the upload.

Your own folders and moving files

Create your own folders with + New folder. Open a folder and use Move to put a document in another folder – you stay in the folder you are working in.

Read a document Premium

Tap Read on a receipt or invoice to get suggestions for service, equipment and cost – just like when you email in a receipt.

The inbox and receipts Premium

Your own receipt address

Under Inbox → Receipts you find your personal address at the bottom of the page. Email or forward receipts, invoices and insurance letters there – as PDF or image. The first time, tap Create address.

Receipts by email and automatic reading are included in Premium. Without Premium the Inbox shows your requests to companies, and you can still upload documents under Files and fill in the details yourself.

How the receipt is read

The text is interpreted automatically: seller, date, amount, lines and serial numbers. The app suggests the boat, equipment, folder and whether it should become a service entry.

1. Open the receipt in the Inbox.
2. Check the suggestion and change anything that is wrong.
3. Choose what to save: the document, a service entry, purchase date and price on the equipment, or insurance details.
4. If the boat has co-owners you can tick Share the cost with co-owners.
5. Tap Save to boat. Nothing is saved on the boat until you have approved it.

How many pages?

Premium reads up to 25 pages a month. Without Premium you upload the documents and fill in the details yourself.

Change address

If you get spam to the address you can change it. The old one then stops working.

Crew and co-owners

Roles

The owner is the person who added the boat. Members – for example a partner, family or crew – can do everything except delete or transfer the boat and change the crew. Co-owners (Premium) have the same rights as the owner, except deleting and transferring the boat.

Invite

Open the boat, tap Crew and enter the email address under Invite to the boat. Choose a role: Member or Co-owner. The invitation is valid for 14 days.

When you receive an invitation

1. Open the link in the email. You see who is inviting you and to which boat.
2. No account yet: tap Create account and accept. The email address is already filled in.
3. Already have an account: tap I already have an account – log in.
4. Tap Accept. New users then fill in their details under Welcome.

If you lose the link, the invitation is also shown at the top of Home when you are logged in with the right email address.

Leaving or stepping down

A member can leave the boat, and the owner or a co-owner can remove members. A co-owner can only step down themselves. The boat can only be deleted or transferred once all co-owners have stepped down – so that everyone agrees.

Shared ownership and costs Premium

Costs

When the boat has co-owners, the Costs row appears on the boat page. Only the owner and co-owners can see it.

Ownership shares

Enter how large a share each person owns, for example 50/50 or 60/40. The shares must add up to 100%. Without shares, everything is split equally.

Expenses

Add an expense with what, amount, date and who paid – or tick Share the cost when you approve a receipt in the Inbox. The receipt is attached to the expense.

Balance and settling up

The app works out who owes whom and suggests as few payments as possible. When someone has paid, tap Mark as paid.

Swish

If you want co-owners to be able to pay you with Swish, switch it on under Settings → Shared ownership. It requires a verified mobile number. If it is off, only the balance is shown.

The harbour and the pier

Join your pier

Once you have chosen harbour and pier for the boat, you apply to join the pier's group. The pier admin approves the application – if there is no pier admin, BoatVault approves it. An invitation from a neighbour who is already a member is enough.

Posts and messages

At the top of Harbor you see your groups, one line each, with the number of unread messages. Below them are the messages from all your groups gathered together, newest first. Each message shows whether you sent or received it, which group it belongs to and whether it is new. Filter on All, Unread or Read, and tap By group to sort them group by group. Tap a message to open it in the group and reply.

In a group you write posts of the type Warning, Question, General or For sale/loan. Messages are marked as read when you open the group.

Members

Under Members in a group you find the member list with berth, name, mobile, email and boat type, sorted by berth. You choose yourself whether your email and mobile number are visible to other members (Settings → My details).

The group's pier admin and the municipality's coordinator, for example a boat-watch association, always see every member's mobile and email so they can reach them about alarms, theft or questions about the pier. The details may only be used for the pier and harbour.

Harbour contacts

The harbour group and every pier in the harbour show the card Harbour contacts, for example the harbour manager, the boat-watch contact, marine or local police and the insurance company. Tap the number to call.

The harbour admin and the municipality coordinator add and remove contacts.

Send to several groups

Pier admins for several groups, and coordinators appointed by BoatVault for a municipality (for example the contact person for Båtsamverkan), can send the same message to several groups at once.

1. Go to Harbor and tap Send to several groups.
2. Choose individual piers and harbours, or All groups in the municipality.
3. Choose the type – for example Warning – write the message and tap Send.

The message is posted in every group, marked with how many groups it went to. Someone who is in several of the groups only gets one notification. Tap “To X groups” to see, as a tree, exactly which piers and harbours received the message.

Become a pier admin

Anyone who is a member of a group can apply to become pier admin there, for example the harbour master, a board member or the contact person for Båtsamverkan (the Swedish boat neighbourhood watch). Tap Apply to become pier admin in the group. BoatVault reviews and approves the application. A group can have several pier admins.

Alarms

Alarm address for the boat

Open the boat and tap Alarm address. Create an address and enter it as the recipient in the boat alarm's or tracker's settings. Send a test alarm to check that it works.

When the alarm goes off

1. You and everyone in the crew get push and email – and a text message if you have Premium and have chosen it.
2. The pier gets a warning in the group (if you have chosen that).
3. A neighbour taps I'll check and goes over.
4. You get word back: All looks fine or Something is wrong.

How you get the alarm yourself (push, email or text) is chosen under Settings → Notifications → Alarms from my boat. The alarm page shows what applies to you.

Alarms by text message Premium

Many boat alarms with their own SIM card can only send text messages. Go to Boat → Alarm → Alarm by text message. Add the number shown there as a recipient in your alarm and enter the alarm's own phone number (its SIM card). Then a text from the alarm works just like an alarm email: the crew is notified and the pier is warned.

1. Start test mode while you set up the alarm. Texts from the alarm then only go to you, until you turn test mode off.
2. Enter words that should not trigger an alarm, for example armed, disarmed, battery or test. Texts containing them are only logged.
3. Trigger the alarm and check under Recent alarms that it arrives, marked SMS.
4. End test mode when everything works.

An alarm number can only be connected to one boat. Several texts in a row count as one alarm.

If the boat is stolen

Important numbers

112 for a crime in progress or an emergency – say the crime is happening now. 114 14 for the police when it is not urgent, for example tips and reporting a crime. 020-325 325 is the Larmtjänst tip line about stolen boats and engines. The numbers are also shown on the alarm and theft pages in the app.

Report the theft in the app

1. Open the boat and tap Report theft.
2. Mark what was stolen: the whole boat or certain equipment.
3. State where the boat was: home harbour, winter storage or another place on the map.
4. Enter the police report number when you have it.
5. The pier is warned at once.

Share with the police

Create a share link with serial numbers, photos and location and send it to the police. Nobody needs an account to open the link.

Recovered

When the boat or equipment is back, tap Mark as recovered in the theft report.

Damage and insurance

Damage report

Open the boat and tap Damage and insurance → New damage report. Choose the type (theft, grounding, collision, fire, storm and more), date, place on the map and a description. Add photos and the equipment affected.

Send to the insurer

Choose the insurer and send the report. The insurer gets a link to all the evidence: photos, equipment with serial numbers, purchase receipts and service history. Enter the claim number when you have it.

Printing

The evidence can be printed or saved as PDF.

Share links

Share with a link

Open the boat and tap Share link. Choose what should be visible – boat card, equipment, photos, service, location, owner or theft report – and how long the link should be valid.

Control

You see when the link has been opened and can revoke it at any time.

Companies and requests

Find companies

Under Companies you search for workshops, boatyards and other services by town and service.

Send a request

Choose the service and preferred time and send. The company sees the boat's model and engine. Replies and quotes arrive under Inbox → Requests.

Register your company

Under Companies → Add company you register the company with its organisation number, choose services and invite staff.

Notifications and mobile number

Push and email

Under Settings → Notifications you choose push and email for each type of message, and per group. Switch on push on every phone or computer you want notifications on.

iPhone and Android

On iPhone, push only works when the app is on the home screen and opened from there (iOS 16.4 or later). On Android, push works directly in the browser.

Verify your mobile number

Under Settings → Verify by text message you enter your number and receive a six-digit code. The code is valid for 10 minutes.

Alarms by text message Premium

With Premium and a verified number you can get text messages. Under Notifications there are two types: Alarms from my boat (on by default) and Alerts at the dock, for example theft reports from others. Choose text messages for the ones you want. You can get up to 15 texts per month and 5 per day. Reply STOP to turn them off and START to turn them on again.

Free and Premium

What is included

	Free	Premium
Boats	1	Up to 3
Crew	1	Up to 3
Co-owners and cost sharing	–	Included
Receipts by email and automatic reading	–	25 pages/month
Alarms and warnings by text message	–	Included
Alarms from boat alarms by text	–	Included
Boat card, equipment, service, folders	Included	Included
Harbour, alarms, theft and damage reports	Included	Included

Buy and manage

Under Premium you pay by card, monthly or yearly. There you also manage the subscription, change card and download receipts. If you cancel, Premium lasts until the end of the period.

Your data and your account

Export everything

Under Settings → Export all your data you create a zip file with everything you have added.

1. Översikt.html – everything gathered and readable in any web browser, with photos. Can be printed or saved as PDF.
2. BoatVault-export.xlsx – a spreadsheet with boats, equipment, service log, files, damage and theft reports. Opens in Excel, Numbers or Google Sheets.
3. The Båtar folder – all photos and documents in their original form.
4. data.json – for moving the data to another system.

Close your account

Under Settings → Close account your account and your data are deleted. Export first if you want to keep anything. A Premium subscription ends immediately. Boats where you have co-owners are not deleted – the co-owner who has been there longest becomes the owner.

Frequently asked questions

Contact support

Go to Help and tap Contact support, or Settings → Support. Choose what it is about, write a subject and describe what happened. You can attach up to three images, for example a screenshot. Under My tickets you see the replies and can answer. You get a notification when support has replied.

Cannot get into the app? Email support@boatvault.eu. A ticket waiting for your reply is closed after 14 days, but reopens if you answer.

I don't get push notifications

Check that push is switched on for that particular device under Settings. On iPhone the app must be opened from the home screen. On Android, battery saving can stop notifications – exempt the browser.

The receipt was not read

Check that the file is a PDF or image and not too blurry. Tap Read again in the Inbox, or save the document anyway and fill in the details yourself.

I have forgotten my password

Choose Forgot your password? on the login page, or log in with an email link.

Contact

Email info@boatvault.eu and we will help you.