How to Guide for Electronic Catch Reporting with eCatch

Amateur Charter Vessels

This is a guide for ACV fishing with the eCatch App. If you have any questions, call eCatch on 03 4701414.

Downloading and Using the App

The eCatch ACV App can be downloaded and used on any modern cell phone or tablet. Data can be loaded onto the App at any stage during a fishing trip, whether in cell phone or wifi coverage or not, but it will only transfer from the device when back in coverage again. The small cloud indicator at the top right of the screen turns green to indicate that all data has been successfully submitted.

Training Mode

The App is able to be used in training mode to practice beforehand.

1. Open the eCatch ACV App on your phone or tablet.
2. From the list of Fishing Trips, tap on New Trip.
3. Click on the drop down arrow beside Client (your company name)
4. Select Testing/Training Trip.
5. Follow all details as below, but note that nothing will be submitted.
6. To go Live again, change back from Testing/Training to Client before hitting Trip Start.

Start Trip

At the start of the fishing day you'll need to start a trip in the eCatch ACV App. This should be completed before leaving port.

1. Open the eCatch ACV App on your phone or tablet.
2. From the list of Fishing Trips, tap on New Trip.
3. Select the correct user (your email address)
4. Select the correct Client (your company name),
5. Type in the correct Person In Charge
6. Select the correct Vessel.
7. Enter Port of Departure
8. Tap the Start Trip button. `Start Trip`
9. Enter your PIN if you have one, otherwise click Ok on the declaration.

Fishing Events

When you are going to begin fishing you need to create a new fishing event in the eCatch ACV App. The App automatically logs location and time / date information for each event.

1. Tap on the New Fishing Event button. ![New Fishing Event]
2. Search for and choose the correct Fishing Method.
3. Search for and choose the correct Target Species. In the future the App will remember the settings that you last used for that method.
4. Enter the number of people fishing.
5. Click Start Fishing.

You must record a new fishing event each time you travel more than six nautical miles (see the distance indicator on the App), change the fishing method or the number of people who are fishing, and at specific times for the method TBG. These events can run concurrently and will show up as WIP (work in progress) until you complete and submit them. For each fishing event you will need to record what you catch.

6. When you have finished your fishing event, fill in the amount of time spent fishing.
7. To record catch, tap the Add Catch button. ![Add Catch]
8. Pick the Species.
9. Enter the number of fish caught, number of fish retained, and the estimated weight.
10. Add more catch until all species that need to be recorded are added. Then tap Submit. ![Submit]

End Trip

At the end of the fishing day you'll need to end the trip in the eCatch ACV App. This should happen when you return to port. Just click on the End Trip button. When you are in cell or wifi coverage, the cloud icon at the top right of the screen will turn green, meaning all of your data has been successfully transferred. ✅

Amend Events/Trip

All fishing event data (apart from the automated GPS location) and fishing trips can be amended after the trip has been completed. Please contact eCatch to find out how to do these amendments.

Nil Return

If you don't fish for a particular month, you must complete a nil return on the App. Click on Nil Return, select the correct month and submit.