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YachtLINK™ Earns NMEA 2000® Certification

YACHTWAVE's YLK-1-WIFI marine gateway passes the National Marine Electronics Association's certification testing

SARASOTA, Fla. — August 21, 2026 — YACHTWAVE today announced that YachtLINK™ (model YLK-1-WIFI) is NMEA 2000® Certified, confirming that the gateway meets the requirements of the NMEA 2000® standard for marine electronics networking.

Certification is granted by the National Marine Electronics Association after a manufacturer's test results are submitted to and verified by NMEA. The testing examines how a device behaves on the network — how it claims an address, identifies itself, answers requests from other equipment, and shares bandwidth — so that certified products from different manufacturers operate predictably on the same vessel.

"Certification is the most overlooked line on a spec sheet, and it shouldn't be," said John E. O'Keefe, Chief Executive Officer of YACHTWAVE. "Boat owners shop on features. Boatbuilders and yacht managers shop on price and lead time. Almost nobody stops to ask whether the device has been tested by anyone other than the company selling it. On a shared network, one badly behaved device is not just its owner's problem — it is everyone's problem, on a boat, offshore. Certification is how that question gets answered independently, and it is worth asking of every product on the network, including ours."

YachtLINK™ is a compact vessel-mounted gateway that reads engine and sensor data from a boat's NMEA 2000® network and delivers it to the owner's phone and to the YACHTWAVE cloud service, giving owners, boatbuilders, and yacht managers visibility into a vessel whether anyone is aboard or ashore. It is NMEA 2000® Certified and installs on the vessel's existing NMEA 2000® backbone with a standard drop cable.

Three patent applications filed. Alongside the certification work, YACHTWAVE has filed three United States patent applications covering the technology behind the product, all currently patent pending. The applications address the problems particular to an unattended device on a boat: a secure setup handshake that binds a gateway to the correct vessel without trusting the device to identify itself, and duplicate-free handling of telemetry that arrives twice after a dropped connection; on-device caching and upload that keep data intact through the outages and metered links normal at sea; and fleet-wide configuration and over-the-air updating with a safeguard that prevents a boat from being re-offered an update it has already rolled back from.

Availability and pricing will be announced soon.

About YACHTWAVE

YACHTWAVE (www.yachtwave.com) is a modern marine technology platform that unifies build communication, digital delivery workflows, task management, documentation, and owner engagement into a seamless experience for builders and boat owners. With solutions for personal boat owners, fleet managers, and OEMs, YACHTWAVE redefines how vessels are built, handed over, maintained, and enjoyed. For more information, visit <https://www.yachtwave.com/>.

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