Searching for vessels and creating fleets

How do I search for a vessel?

First, you must be logged into your Global Fishing Watch account to search for a vessel.

Click on the Vessels tab in the toolbox and enter the vessel identity information (vessel name, MMSI number, IMO number and callsign) in the search bar.

Make sure that the activity layer you are searching the vessel in is active. If not, you will not see any results.

Example: Searching for a vessel

1. Search for ‘Nuncia.’
2. Select your vessel. Sometimes there are multiple vessels with the same name, so you may need to know additional identity information to find the correct info.
3. In this case, we’re looking for MMSI 760010398.
4. Clicking the compass icon will adjust the map viewport and time slider to fit the vessel tracks.
5. To save this vessel, click the pin icon. Note that you can pin multiple vessels at once.
6. To change the color of a vessel track, click on the paint can icon (appears once a vessel is pinned).
How do I create a custom fleet?

First, you must be logged into your Global Fishing Watch account. The custom fleet feature lets you select and group a set of pinned vessels with the objective of seeing them move as a fleet in the map (represented with the same color).

1. Search for or select the vessels you are interested in grouping as a fleet. Pin all vessels.
2. You should see all pinned vessels under the vessels tab.
3. Click the ‘Create Fleet’ button.
4. Select the checkboxes of all vessels you want to include in the fleet.
5. Customize the fleet name and color.

In case you want to remove the fleet you have created, click on the fleet edit button and then ‘Break Apart Fleet’.

Example: Creating a custom fleet

1. Search for Nuncia and pin.
2. Search for Don Luis and pin.
3. Click create fleet.
4. Check boxes for Nuncia and Don Luis.
5. Select a color for your fleet and name it if you wish.
6. Search for Raymi and pin.
7. Search for Novo Xeixal and pin.
8. Click create fleet again to create a second fleet and compare.