

## BOATLANES Lowrance Directions

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### HDS Unit Instructions...To copy BoatLanes data files from MMC to Lowrance HDS unit:

- Highlight *Files or Browse Files* from the **Utilities** menu and press **enter**.
- **\*NOTE: The Utilities menu is accessed by pressing your Pages key twice—The icon is a wrench and gear wheel. You may want to “reboot” your system to get a fresh view of all of these menus.\***
- Select the desired File category (*Memory Card 1*) and press the keypad to the right.
- A list of subcategories will appear.
- Select a subcategory (*the file you want to load*) and press the keypad to the right. Highlight the desired data file/sonar log (**ALL BOATLANES FILES ON YOUR CARD!**)
- Press **Menu**. Highlight *Copy* and press **enter**. The Copy File screen will appear.
- Select a place to copy the file (*You will need to copy BoatLanes file to your GPS UNIT Internal Drive*) Press **enter**.
- **\*MUST “IMPORT” YOUR WAYPOINTS/TRACKS SO THEY ARE VISIBLE!\***
- **NOTE: NEWER Lowrance Units require the .gpx file when you load your boatlanes onto your gps...that file is included with your purchase and should appear on your sd card for loading**

**OLDER UNITS:** To transfer the information from your new BOATLANES Lake Fork MMC card to your Lowrance GPS Unit: **Begin by inserting the card into your Lowrance Unit.**

- 1) Press **“Menu”** twice
- 2) Using the **Down Arrow** button select **“System Set Up”** and press **“Enter”**
- 3) Press the **Down Arrow** button to scroll and highlight **“Transfer My Data”** then press **“Enter”**
- 4) The **“Transfer Data Which Way”** Screen will appear. **In order to transfer the BOATLANES information from MMC card to your Lowrance Unit you will select the “Load” button on the “Transfer Data Which Way” screen.**
- 5) Next, the **“User Data File”** window will appear and you should see the name of the BOATLANES file(s)**\*Some Lowrance GPS units contain a drop-down menu in this window at which time you must Arrow over to “Hard Drive” press “Enter;” Highlight “Microvault LT” press “Enter;” Highlight the file(s) before going any further.\*** With Files visible and/or highlighted scroll using your **Down Arrow** button to select **“Load Data”** then press **“Enter.”**
- 6) At this point you should receive a message that says: **“User Data Successfully Loaded”**
- 7) **Once you see that the file has been loaded successfully you must Exit this portion of the GPS system and go to your map screen. (NOTE: REMOVE the BoatLanes Card from the GPS card slot after the information is installed)**
- 8) **In order for the BOATLANES waypoints to appear on the GPS screen you must first have the lake map area visible on your screen . Example: If you are currently viewing the map area of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma then the BOATLANES Lake Fork trail will not appear to be installed...But once you scroll your map down South to Texas and your current view becomes the map area of “Lake Fork” then, provided they have been successfully loaded, the BOATLANES Lake Fork trail will now be visible in the shape of the boat-running lanes!**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Boatlanes Trails marked with red **“X”** should **NOT BE NAVIGATED AT ALL** when the water levels are below full pool! Green **“X”** represents tree lines. *(These do not appear on all lakes)*

TRACKLINE EXTENSION AKA **“Unlocking a Pointer”** is the most efficient way to navigate using your GPS because it allows you to point your boat in the direction of the next GPS waypoint and gives you visual reference of your direction. In order to utilize TRACKLINE EXTENSION:

- 1) Press **“Menu”** once
- 2) Scroll down using the **Down Arrow** button to **“Map Data”** Press **“Enter”**
- 3) Scroll down using **Down Arrow** button to highlight **“Length”** under **“TRACKLINE EXTENSION”** Press **“Enter”**  
Use the **Up and Down Arrow** to select the desired mode—**We recommend 2Mi.**-- Press **“Enter”** to select -- **“Exit”** -- **“Exit”** to return to the page display. **For best navigation: ZOOM OUT ¼ to ½ Mile on your GPS Unit screen when boating waypoints. NOTE: Bonus runs traveled often by fishing guides only are not officially marked with buoys on the water—THEY ARE NOT CLEAR BOAT LANES. You should only navigate using these lanes with EXTREME CAUTION and do so AT YOUR OWN RISK!**