

Garmin inReach Setup

After you have setup your inReach device and your Garmin account is active, you must register that device with WaterTribe. It's pretty easy so let's get going.

Finding the Right Setup Section

- Log into Garmin
- Highlight Outdoor Recreation
- Select inReach Account in the Discover column
- If you have more than one device Go to Plans and Devices and select one

We Need Three Special Messages

Click on Messages in the top menu.

I suggest you set these up in the Preset Messages section. You will be able to send them quickly without much fuss. We need to have these messages to function just like SPOT because a lot of the tracking system depends on them. Set them up **exactly** as you see in the following:

1. OK – I am OK.
2. CUSTOM – Camping or resting for awhile.
OR
CUSTOM – Anchoring or resting for awhile.
3. HELP – Change of plans but no worries.

Use those exact words. Don't add anything.

Note that the CUSTOM message can use camping or anchoring. Pick the one that is most appropriate for your boat/style for these events.

Recipients for those messages should be your Shore Contact and any other family or friends you want to receive those messages. **DO NOT SEND THEM TO CHIEF OR THE RACE MANAGER OR THE CP CAPTAINS.** We will see them as part of the tracking system so there is no need to email them to us.

Make sure you click on MapShare for each message.

All other messages that you send will be ignored.

Special Setup for Minis

Some Garmin devices have preset messages that cannot be changed by users. Currently these messages are as follows:

- "I'm checking in, everything is OK." -- We will see this as an OK message.
- "I'm starting my trip." – We will see this as an OK message.
- "I'm ending my trip." – We will see this as a CUSTOM message.

We don't know of anything that we can use as a Help message.

Device Settings

You should set the time zone to Eastern Standard Time because that is where the Florida Challenge is. For Minnesota events set the time zone to Central Daylight Savings.

After setting the time zones you will need to sync your device.

Now you must sync your device to use the new messages and the time zone selection.

The Next Page Is WHERE the Fun Starts.

Setup for Sharing and Tracking

Go to Social in the upper menu and select MapShare.

Click on **MapShare: On**. You will see your link and it will typically look something like this: share.garmin.com/VSVWH. The code at the end of your link will be different.

There will be a small pen next to it. Click on that to edit your link. Using this example, I would replace VSVWH with Chief or maybe Stevelsaac. I suggest everyone should use your WaterTribe name, but that is not required.

If I don't change anything, my inReachID would be VSVWH.

If I change it to Chief, my inReachID would be Chief.

You will enter your inReachID into your WaterTribe Event registration so write it down. Make sure capitalization is correct and matching what you set.

Special Note

When I tried to enter Chief, it would not take it because someone already is using that. So instead I added WTChief. That one worked so my inReachID is WTChief and my shared page link is share.garmin.com/WTChief.

If you click on feeds right after you setup your inReachID, sometimes you won't see your new inReachID. Refresh your screen or go to the Home page and then back to the Social page and everything should be correct.

Super Important: Make sure your shared page and feed is enabled for Public viewing without any passwords.

All Done at inReach – Now Setup WaterTribe

That's it. You're done. Go to WaterTribe.com. Go to your event and enter your inReachID.

Send an **OK** message. About 10 minutes later send a **Camping** message. About 10 minutes after that send a **Change of plans but no worries** message. Go for a walk while in tracking mode. Verify that you and your Shore Contact got those messages and discuss those three messages with your Shore Contact.

Your Shore Contact and you should have a clear understanding about **Change of plans but no worries**.

There could be a significant delay before everything gets synced up. Give it 30 minutes or so and you should see your icon in the Tracking Map.