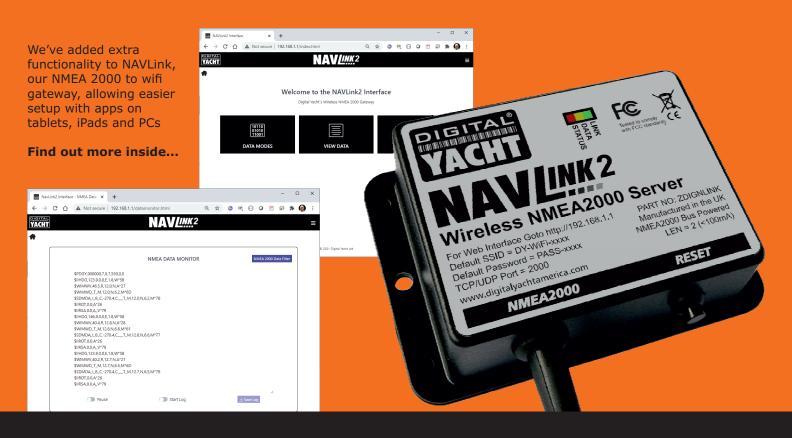


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## Product Update NAVLink Gets A Software Upgrade



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Product Update! New software and functionality for NAVLink NMEA 2000 wireless gateway System Solution! Aqua PCs with TimeZero charting software & Furuno radar integration Product Spares! MA800 GPS antenna & an AC adaptor for our DTV100 Installer training! We sent two dev engineers on a NMEA 2000 installer's course - what happened?

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#### Extra functionality for our NMEA 2000 to Wireless gateway

NavLink2 is an easy to fit NMEA 2000 to Wifi gateway designed to take NMEA 2000 data and make it useable within apps on smartphones, tablets, iPads and PCs.

Installation takes seconds being self-powered from the NMEA 2000 backbone. It creates a secure, password protected wifi network and streams the data across to your favourite apps. Access the menu by simply entering the IP address into any connected device's web browser. We've made some great new additions to functionality and the good news is that older units can be easily upgraded.

NAVLink is the perfect solution for popular apps including Navionics, Weather 4D, iSailor, TimeZero, SailGrib, Imray, NV Charts and 100s more.

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You can now filter the NMEA data and ignore specific NMEA sentences which may create conflicts with some apps or software. You can also choose specific modes of operation. For instance, you can choose the AIS ONLY mode to just send AIS and GPS data to get better results with an app that can only accept AIS & GPS data, such as Navionics.

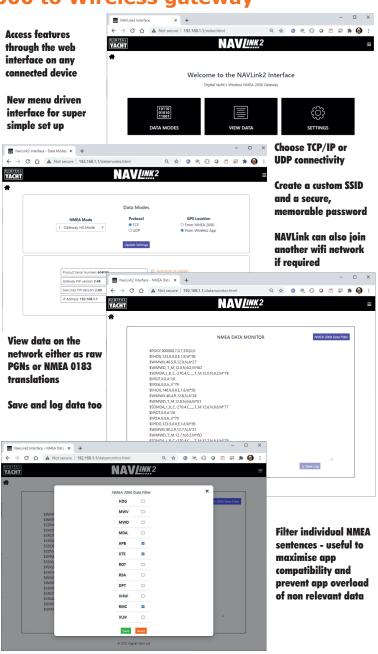
The data monitor has also been improved and it is now easy to save a file of data on your connected device. This is ideal for logging, support and post processing/analysis.

You can also choose to join Navlink to an existing wireless network (for instance, 4G Connect) so you have just one wifi network on

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the boat containing all your NMEA and internet data. It also supports an optional RAW mode where native NMEA 2000 PGNs are encapsulated and sent across - ideal for developers, Signal K applications and advanced interfacing.







#### A great new solution for sophisticated PC navigation now with radar too

TimeZero PC navigation software brings sophisticated navigation to reality with radar and MARPA integration, multiple chart formats and even cloud based syncing of user data to the TimeZero iPad app for the ultimate integrated system. Digital Yacht Aqua PCs, sensors, NMEA interfaces and wireless gateways are the perfect hardware partner plus we now offer radar integration with the latest Furuno DRS4D NXT digital doppler radars. Our solution here integrates NMEA 2000 AIS, GPS and instrument data with TimeZero Professional software creating a 23.5" multi function system with options for up to 3 displays.

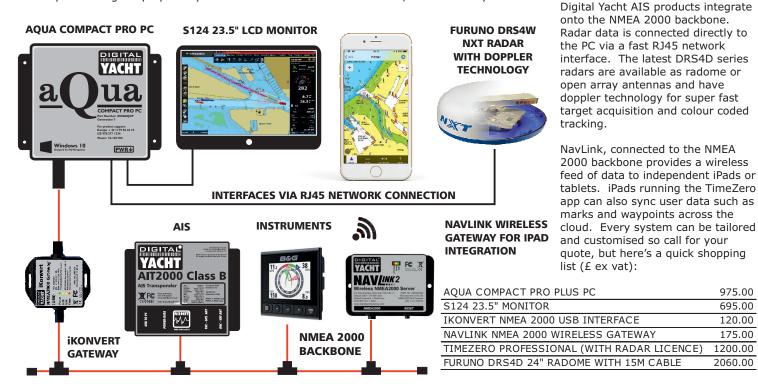
This really is next generation navigation at a remarkable affordable price...



#### System Concept

Support for up to three monitors

The hub of the system is the Aqua Compact Pro PC connected to the NMEA 2000 network using Digital Yacht's iKonvert USB gateway. AIS, GPS and instrument data (from the NMEA 2000 backbone) is made available with the bi-directional iKonvert interface to the TimeZero software application. The choice of sensors is open from a simple depth, speed and temperature transducer like our DST810 or a separate range of proprietary instruments such as those from B&G, Garmin or Raymarine.



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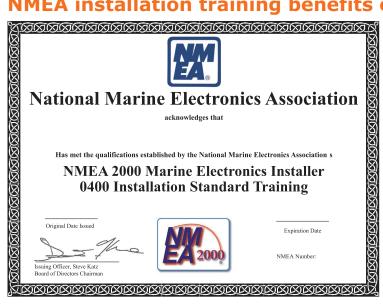
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## Digital Yacht take NMEA Training How our engineers benefit

#### NMEA installation training benefits even seasoned developers



#### Time for service -Replacing a GPS antenna

All our AIT transponders feature a dedicated, internal GPS and this is part of the AIS specifications and regulations. You can't utilise an external NMEA GPS source on a Class B AIS. The transponder validates its correct GPS fix prior to making a transmission and will alert if that's not available.



Most of our transponders utilise an external GPS antenna which has to survive the elements. Normally fitted on the push-pit rail, they often become a hand hold or target for a stray sheet rope and require replacement! We delivered our 1st transponders over 10 years ago so its worth checking the condition of the antenna before spring relaunch.

Luckily we have a low cost universal replacement - the MA800. It ships with a 10m coax cable fitted with a slim FME adaptor to allow easy cable runs and we supply a TNC adaptor to fit all our transponders. We recommend replacing the cable too as coax cables degrade over time and the FME connector allows for an easy cable run. Just search MA800 on our websites. The NMEA (National Marine Electronics Association) is the industry body that develops NMEA standards and offers a wide variety of industry training for installation engineers and technicians. Covid has, of course, disrupted many education courses and training with physical contact is limited and events cancelled. The NMEA moved fast to develop virtual training and examinations and Digital Yacht took the opportunity to send two of our development engineers on the NMEA 2000 installation course.

These guys spend their daily lives involved in detailed software and hardware development and have intricate knowledge of Canbus based systems but as the old saying goes: "a product is only as good as its quality of installation"

This NMEA 2000 course topics cover cables, connectors, specifications, physical planning and documentation, power sources and distribution, voltage drop calculations, data messages (parameter group numbers), connecting to other data sources, network setup and troubleshooting.

We're pleased to say both of them passed and two new certificates decorate their workspace but importantly, the course will help with our product development, making products easier to install.

We'd recommend product training for all our dealers and installers. Check out the NMEA website at www.nmea.org and see the range of virtual training courses on offer appropriate for your needs. Some are also delivered in conjunction with local partners like the British Marine Electronics Association.

#### TV Onboard With the DTV100

Our DTV100 TV antenna has been popular for those taking to their boat during the Covid restrictions and wanting to keep up with regular TV programs and the news. However, many users have wanted a quick install without connecting to the boat's DC system so we've introduced a simple AC-DC adaptor to power the antenna system from the same AC supply as the TV. Part number is ZDIGDTVAC and it's available now.



The DTV100 is a great solution for terrestrial TV reception onboard We now offer an AC option for super simple installation

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