

# Weather & Wind Apps Guide

Essential tools for reading the sky and planning your passage.

## From classic methods to modern style

A good sailor doesn't just look at the sea — they read it.

These apps give you the power to understand the wind, waves, and weather patterns long before they reach you.

Each has its strengths, from live radar data to offshore routing and local wind readings.



### Windy

Windy is one of the most complete and visually rich weather apps available.

It displays global wind maps in real time, using data from ECMWF and GFS — the same models professionals use.

You can visualize wind, gusts, waves, pressure, temperature, and even radar storms.

**Best for:** *visualizing live weather systems and planning medium-range routes.*

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## PredictWind

Used by professional sailors and offshore racers, PredictWind is built specifically for marine weather routing. It combines four independent weather models, offers detailed GRIB downloads, and calculates optimal sailing routes based on your vessel's speed and wind angles.

The paid version unlocks satellite forecasts for true offshore sailing — ideal when you're far from mobile signal.

**Best for:** *ocean crossings, offshore passages, and detailed route optimization.*

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## MeteoBlue

MeteoBlue focuses on clarity and reliability, providing color-coded maps that are easy to interpret at a glance. It's great for quick daily planning, showing you temperature layers, cloud coverage, precipitation, and wave height.

It may not be as detailed as Windy or PredictWind, but it loads fast, uses little data, and works well for coastal sailing.

**Best for:** *easy daily forecasts and local weather awareness.*

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## Windfinder

Designed with coastal sailors and kite surfers in mind, Windfinder provides accurate local wind readings and short-term forecasts. It pulls data directly from nearby weather stations, which means its predictions are often more reliable near harbors or islands than global models.

The Pro version includes superforecast updates and tide charts, but even the free version is excellent for daily use.

**Best for:** *coastal sailing, day trips, and checking live wind conditions.*

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*Note:*

- Always compare forecasts from at least two apps — no single model is always right.
- For long passages, download GRIB files offline before leaving the marina.
- Don't just look at wind speed — pressure lines (isobars) reveal what's really coming.
- When in doubt, trust your eyes and barometer more than the screen.

*The wind speaks before the storm — learn to listen.*



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