

Maryland E-Reporting with FACTS™

Overnight Bowfishing Trips

Report your commercial finfish and fishing guide bowfishing trips in FACTS!

FACTS users are now able to report *overnight* trips, when using “Bow and Arrow” for their gear type. These overnight finfish or for-hire fishing guide trips start after noon on one day and land their catch before noon on the following day.

Who can use this feature?

Participants in the FACTS Finfish and Charter (for-hire fishing guide) programs.

What is different about this type of reporting in FACTS?

Only bowfishing trips are able to report hailing activity in FACTS past midnight, using what is called an Extended End Hail. The Start Hail is submitted after noon on the first day of the trip and the Extended End Hail must be submitted before noon on the second day of the trip.

If the participant attempts to start an Extended End Hail trip before 12 pm, they will see this reminder to wait until noon to submit their Start Hail.

Gear Type:

BOW AND ARROW

Warning If you intend to do an Extended End Hail Trip you must wait to hail until noon.

SUBMITTING YOUR START HAIL

Commercial Finfish Trip – Starting after 12 pm

1. Enter Details for Vessel and Crew Count
2. Choose the Gear Type BOW AND ARROW
3. Attention - Check the box for Extended End Hail
4. Use the drop-down for the Landing Date (next day)
5. Enter Landing Time - Must be before 12:00 p.m. (Military Time)
6. Choose Landing Location
7. Send Trip Start Hail

Gear Type:

BOW AND ARROW

Attention

I hereby confirm that I am taking an Extended End Hail Trip

Landing Details

Landing Date

Apr 10, 2026

Landing Date/Time (Apr 10, 2026 at 7:00 AM):

07 00

Fishing Guide (Charter) Trip - Starting after 12 pm

1. Choose the Vessel, then the Gear Type as BOW AND ARROW
2. Attention - Check the box for Extended End Hail
3. Enter trip details for Crew and Angler Count
4. Landing Details drop-down for the Anticipated Landing Date
5. Enter Anticipated Landing Time - Must be before 12:00 p.m. (Military Time)
6. Choose Landing Location
7. Send Trip Start Hail

Base Trip Start Hail Details

Hail Date: Apr 09, 2026

Vessel:

Reel Time (MD9876CH)

Gear Type:

BOW AND ARROW

Attention

I hereby confirm that I am taking an Extended End Hail Trip

Landing Details

Anticipated Landing Date

Apr 10, 2026

Anticipated Landing Date/Time (Apr 10, 2026 at 7:00 AM):
(when you think you will return to the dock)

07 00

(military time)

SUBMITTING YOUR EXTENDED END HAIL

Commercial Finfish Trip – Landing before 12 pm

1. Confirm or edit Start Hail Information
2. Select the Area fished (NOAA Code)
3. Landing Date/Time reflect Extended End Hail
4. Gear Type = BOW AND ARROW
5. Enter Number of Bows (used during the trip)
6. Enter your catch/disposition (including discards)
7. Send Trip End Hail

Gear Details

Gear Type: BOW AND ARROW

Number of Bows (number):

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Fishing Guide (Charter) Trip - Landing before 12 pm

1. Confirm or edit Start Hail Information
2. Select the Fishing Area (NOAA Code)
3. Landing Date/Time reflect Extended End Hail
4. Gear Type = BOW AND ARROW
5. Enter Number of Bows Used (during the trip)
6. Enter your catch/disposition (including discards)
7. Send Trip End Hail

Gear Details

Gear Type: BOW AND ARROW

Number of Bows Used:

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REVIEWING YOUR TRIP INFORMATION

Mobile Website (smartphone): maryland.fisheryfacts.com/mobile

Designed for smaller screen sizes and shows large buttons for entering your hailing activity.

Portal Website (laptop/tablet): maryland.fisheryfacts.com

The Trip Summary (image, below) is available on the laptop/tablet (Portal) version of FACTS and shows that the trip had an Extended End Hail and that the Landing Date is before noon on the second day of the trip.

Trip Summary

Trip No: 349464 on vessel 'MD9876CH' with license 1111112 for fisher STEPHANIE FISHER

Trip No: 349464 Trip Status: OVER Received: 09-Apr-2026 at 15:45 Fishery: Charter Fisher: Stephanie Fisher (license owner) Back Entered: NO Penalty: NO Extended End-Hail: YES

TRIP START HAIL(S)

TRIP START HAIL 1

Received: Apr 09, 2026 15:45 License: 1111112 VRN: MD9876CH Gear Type: BOW AND ARROW Crew Count: 1 Angler Count: 3
Land Loc.: Frayed Knott 100 Water Street Secretary, 21655 Land Date: Apr 10, 2026 Land Time: 07:00 Boat Name: Reel Time Boat Owner: Jeff Harvester

On the Portal version of FACTS you are also able to view your Harvest Summary Report, which lets you create a customized report for your trip activity using the time of year, fishery, species, vessel, and gear type.

PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION:

24 hr Call Center: 1-855-390-2722 to speak with an operator, who will enter your trip details for you

24 hr Helpline: 1-877-979-1820 for assistance while using your FACTS account to report trip activity

E-Reporting Team: 410-260-8301 or fisheriesereporting.dnr@maryland.gov for questions about FACTS reporting