

Group Cruising Considerations

Things to consider when multiple people are cruising a single VDU:

- **Everyone cruising in the VDU must have the same cruise design.** The following fields must be the same on all cruisers' devices: Purpose, Plot Type, BAF or Plot Size, Sample Type, Sample tree Ratios, ???
 - This can be accomplished in 2 ways:
 1. All cruisers enter the same information into MobileMap when creating a cruise. This is the best option when cruisers are already in the field and **do not** have enough connectivity to perform an upload/download.
 2. The lead cruiser, i.e. the person who will be writing up the sale, designs the cruise (cruise unit and plots) and then uploads it. The other cruisers download that cruise unit and plots onto their devices. Those cruisers need to make sure their download parameters are set up in a way that MobileMap will receive the data when downloaded. **This requires connectivity.**
- Plot numbers do not matter like they did in T-Cruise.
 - It is okay to have more than one plot 1 in a VDU.
- Unlike using the nomad and t-cruise, there is no way to export a cruise from MobileMap and beam/Bluetooth it to another cruiser when there is no connectivity. The only way to get it on another cruiser's device is via a download with connectivity.
- If you have one person running line while another cruises, it is suggested that you draw a cruise unit a little larger than the stand and layout plots in it (unless the treatment is easily picked out on air photo and is not likely to change in size). If you are cruising and you run into the red line before you get to the next plot, then you do not record it. The lead cruiser will delete all plots at a planned status in inventory manager.
- In a situation where everyone is working on the same grid, it is important to remember that the last cruiser to upload will override other data. If two cruisers both record data for plot 4, then the last one to hit upload will have their data replace the data from the other cruiser.
- If you do not cruise a plot, then do not touch it. Just leave it "planned" and avoid opening it up.
- The "lead" cruiser should check Inventory Manager to make sure that all of the other users' data were uploaded correctly.
- No cruisers in the group should initialize the database in MobileMap until hearing from the lead cruiser that it is ok to do so.

Multiple Cruisers with Connectivity in the Field

Connectivity allows you to share data via uploading and downloading. This is a great way for multiple cruisers to share things such as lines they have GPS'ed and plot layouts. This helps to ensure that all users are working off the same grid of plots with the same cruise design. There is less of a chance for an error to occur which will cause an issue with compiling the cruise.

When working with connectivity it is best if one person builds the cruise and uploads it for others to download to their devices.

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If you know you are going to be working in an area with no connectivity it is best to build your cruise at the office or in a location with signal so that it can be uploaded and the rest of the group can download it to their device.

If that is not possible, then each user will have to build their own cruise in the field making sure that everyone has the **exact same cruise design**. In this scenario, each cruiser should draw a cruise unit only over the portion of the stand he/she intends to cruise. Essentially creating a sub-VDU. This will reduce the chance of creating a mess of un-cruised plots in Inventory Manager when you hit upload.