On July 8, 2026, at approximately 1341 hours, Jackson County Captain Kristen Johnson requested GPS file download assistance from MDMR Captain Freeman, as part of the search and rescue for Nolan Wells at Horn Island. Investigator Shay M. Smith was assigned to download data contained on vessels MI-1295-CB and MI-4088-BU.

On July 8, 2026, at approximately 1609 hours, MDMR Officer Shay M. Smith meet with Bart Edmiston Jr. located [redacted] Ocean Springs, MS 39564. Edmiston provided Smith with a driver's license and boat registration card. Edmiston signed the permission to search form and escorted Smith down the pier. Vessel MI1295CB was in a boat lift on the north side of the residence. The vessel contained a pair of Garmin GPSMAP chart plotters and wired for sonar, waypoint, and chart sharing/syncing. Smith inserted a 32GB card into the unit and followed to prompts to copy data to a memory card. A single ADM file was downloaded and labeled as MI1295CB.ADM.

On July 8, 2026, at approximately 1710 hours, MDMR Officer Shay M. Smith meet with Jerry Adkerson and Jennifer Pyron located at [redacted] Biloxi, MS 39532. Adkerson provided Smith with a driver's license and vessel registration. Adkerson signed the permission to search form. Vessel MI4088BU was in the driveway of the residence. The vessel contained a Garmin GPSMAP chart plotter. Smith inserted a 32GB card into the unit and followed to prompts to copy data to a memory card. A single ADM file was downloaded and labeled as MI4088BU.ADM.

On July 9, 2026, at approximately 0900 hours, MDMR Officer Shay M. Smith made a working copy of each of the ADM files. Smith used Garmin Home Port to open the files. Each file contained the following:

1. MI1295CB.ADM – contained waypoints
2. MI4088BU.ADM – contained waypoints, tracks, and routes.

On July 10, 2026, at approximately 0930 hours, MDMR Officer Shay M. Smith used Garmin Home Port to convert the ADM file into a GPX file. The GPX file was ingested into Google Earth to develop PowerPoint slides with the date, times, and routes of vessel MI4088BU displayed over satellite imagery. The following timeline was established:

Date	Time	Location/Action
7/4/2026	0956	Vessel departs [redacted] for Horn Island
7/4/2026	1114	Vessel arrives West Tip Horn Island
7/4/2026	1115-1630	GPS dropping points consistent with a stationary position and GPS on
7/4/2026	1631-1724	Vessel departs West Tip Horn Island. North bound speed between .06 and 4.2 knots for approximately 2.75 miles
7/4/2026	1725	Vessel regains normal operation. Speed 30-35 knots
7/4/2026	1744	Vessel arrives at [redacted]

7/4/2026	1752	Vessel departs [redacted] and headed East into Fort Bayou
7/4/2026	1806	Vessel returns to [redacted]
7/4/2026	1836	Vessel departs [redacted], heads southwest to Saint Martin Bayou, turns southeast to Biloxi Bay Bridge, then back north Fort Bayou Boat Launch.
7/4/2026	1919	Vessel arrives Fort Bayou Boat Launch
7/4/2026	1947	Vessel was trailered to [redacted]
7/4/2026	1959	Last data point record on 7/4/2026
7/5/2026	0932	Powered on -
7/5/2026	0951	Powered on – vessel moved 52ft
7/5/2026	0953	Powered on
7/5/2026	1027	Powered on
7/5/2026	1650	MDMR Officer Strickland powered on GPS: Photo of screen for search coordinates
7/7/2026	1810	Powered on
7/8/2026	1713	MDMR Officer Smith powered on GPS: Permission to Search, 1 ADM files downloaded