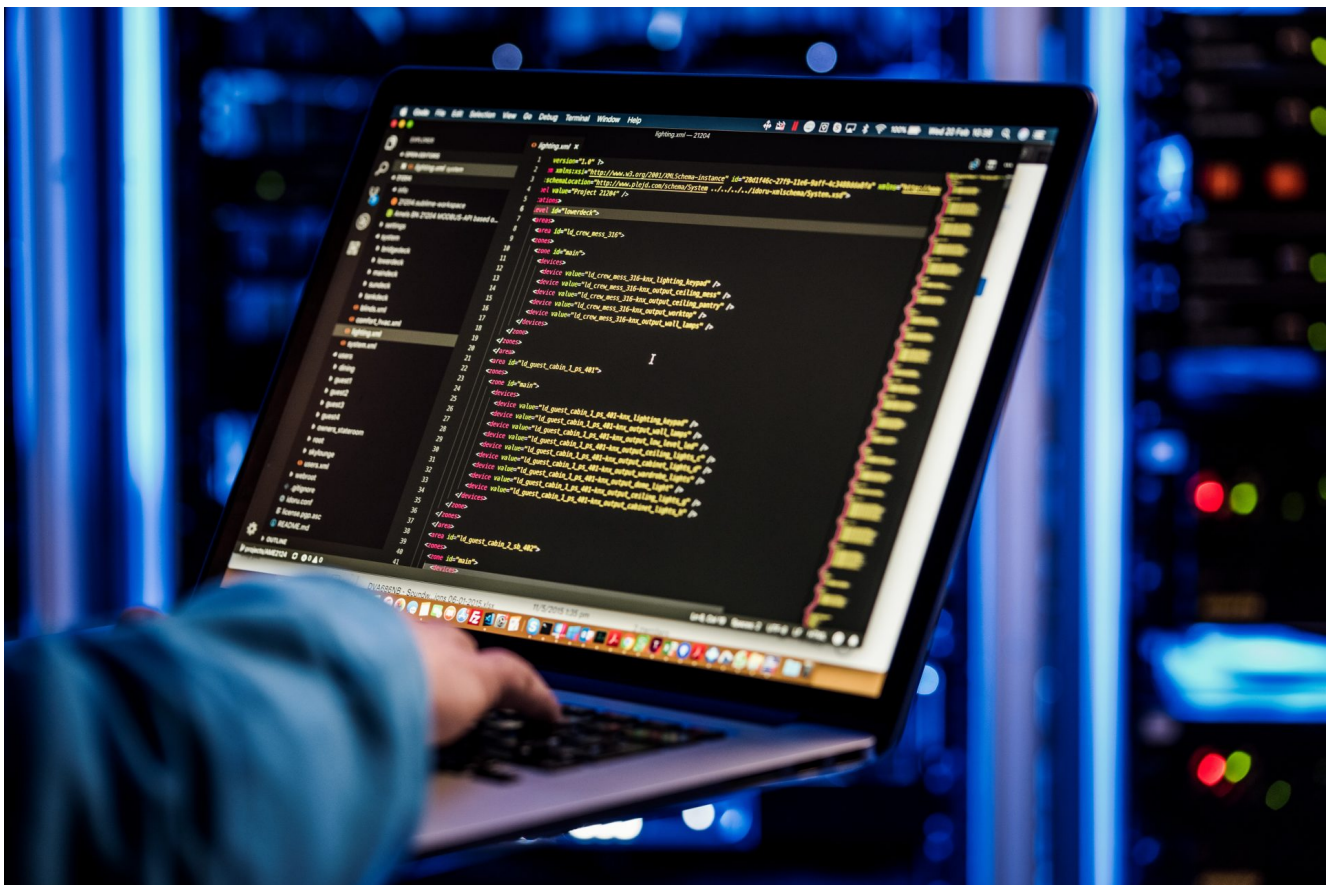


# What does a yacht AV/IT Engineer do?

## So what does a day in the life of a Yacht AV/IT Engineer look like?

Despite the differences in work schedules and work conditions between yachts, crew recruitment company Wilsonhalligan interviewed a yacht engineer himself to find out what a typical day looks like as a Yacht AV/IT Engineer. This example is based on a small yacht, with guests:



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## The night before Guest arrival

A few days before, all the systems will be checked thoroughly to ensure no parts are needed. Nothing worse than needing a replacement JAP router or WAP the night before! Also, this is specific to smaller yachts and systems.

### 18:00 –

Firstly, go through the entire system, all AV inputs, lighting, security cameras, etc. Do a “Walk around” Step on the yacht as if you are the owner and do exactly as they would do. Connect your phone to Wi-Fi straight away, how is the signal speed? Watch the news, sports games, turn on music. Ask other crew to do the same with their devices. As there will be extra devices and systems used, you should stress the system as much as you can.

## First day with Guests

### 07:30 –

Wake up! Shower, shave and get presentable for the day.

### 08:00 –

On deck and do a walk around to check lines, anchor and fender, morning meeting.

### 08:15 –

Afterward, head to the rack and see if all systems are running properly. Owners, like most people, check their phone as soon as they wake up so even if you haven't seen the boss yet, be sure he will want his Wi-Fi network working first thing!

### 09:00 –

Run TV's and test all AV throughout the yacht where the owner will be, sundeck TV for breakfast news, Main Saloon for movie

nights. Go through every input and signal to make sure everything is working seamlessly.

**10:00 –**

Then, set up the TV for the breakfast news, have whatever channel the owner likes on, and if a swivel or adjustable TV have it facing the owner's normal seat at the table. Make sure all remotes are within reach, clean, and charged with batteries.

**11:00 –**

Finally, time for food and a break!

**12:00 –**

Depending on the owner, have a quick chat with them after breakfast. What are their plans? Will they be inviting friends over in the evening to watch the boxing? In which case, are you going to stream through 4G cellular data or is it accessible through SKY? Is there going to be a(nother) karaoke session after dinner? Get as much info as you can to do all the prep and what you can expect!



**12:30 –**

Lunch.

### **13:30 –**

Now, log on to the network and check your average data speeds, what devices are using the most data, do you need to throttle speeds for the crew? If using a 4g Data plan are you on track with your data allowance?

### **15:00 –**

Do another walk around if guests are off doing water sports or ashore. Check the rack is clean, free of dust. Racks are very high fire risk areas and need to be checked and maintained as much as possible.

### **16:00 –**

Meanwhile, Boss has brought on new music/ films/ TV series that need to be imported to the yachts media library, always have a backup drive for all media. Upload everything onto the system and to the secure backup. Test and see if new media is working.

### **19:00 –**

While guests are getting ready for dinner, make sure music and playlist is playing in areas of the yacht where they may be having pre-dinner drinks. Set the ambiance!

### **20:00 –**

Guests are sitting down for dinner and want to watch the sports game. This is usually accessed through an Apple device using an app that permits you to access British channels and then transmitted to a TV via Apple TV. Depending on current data speed/ setup you may have to ask the crew to disable their devices so all data can be used for streaming, especially live and HD streaming.

### **22:00 –**

Once the dinner is cleared

away, guests might be interested in using a karaoke machine or playing a game (depending on what they drank!). Or, if with family may want to just relax and watch a movie. This is where the preparation comes in. If all areas have been checked and organized, minimal attention from you is needed. They may want to do everything themselves which is why you have remotes accessible and a clear AV structure and setup.

**23:00 –**

Lastly, if you haven't eaten while the guests are eating now is your time! Stay on standby until guests have gone to bed just in case any situations arise.

**We hope this experience provides you with the inspiration to pursue a Yacht AV/IT Engineer job.**

If you would like to talk to us further about how to get into the yachting industry and work as an engineer, simply [get in touch](#) with Wilsonhalligan's friendly team who will be more than happy to help and guide you.



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