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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Hamilton Island Yacht Club (HIYC) as the organising authority will conduct Hamilton Island Race Week 2026 on the waters of the Whitsunday Group from Sunday 16th to Saturday 22nd August 2026.

1. RULES

- 1.1

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (WS), the Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), the 2026 IRC rule (parts A, B & C) and AS prescriptions to the IRC rule where applicable, all as modified by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2

RRS 52 is changed to permit powered winches for all boats.
- 1.3

Boats not racing in an IRC Class (that allows variable and/ or movable ballast) shall request permission from the race committee to use movable and/or variable ballast for the purpose of increasing stability. Any such request must be accompanied by full details of the system involved, and any such system will be considered in establishing the boat's handicap. Stored power may be used for the operation of movable ballast systems. RRS 51 and 52 are changed to the extent required by this paragraph.
- 1.4

Boats entered in the Non-Spinnaker Class shall not carry spinnakers or code zero sails but may use a whisker-pole to pole out one headsail to windward. Furthermore, the (one) headsail used by a boat in the Non-Spinnaker Class shall be fully hanked to the forestay or attached to a forestay by means of a luff groove device.
- 1.5

Nothing in the notice of race or sailing instructions relieve a boat of her responsibility under civil law to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or local regulations.
- 1.6

Between sunset and sunrise, when a boat cannot determine with certainty what tack another boat is on, she shall keep clear of that boat. Competitors are reminded that part of the RRS definition of "room" includes considering the existing conditions (including visibility).
- 1.7

A current or fully amended paper chart AUS252 or Electronic Chart System (ECS) covering the sailing area shall be carried on board. All electronic chart data is to be downloaded to an ECS or available on a data storage device prior to starting and not dependent on internet or phone service connection.
- 1.8

The owner and skipper of all boats shall ensure that no entities form unauthorised associations between themselves (and their products or services) and the event (otherwise known as "ambush marketing") or any "hijack signage" is carried out, by or on behalf of themselves or their sponsors with reference to the event and that nothing else is done which might undermine the event, the rights of the event sponsor, or any other sponsor or participant in the event.
- 1.9

Before the first race of the regatta, all IRC rated boats in the Rating Division shall submit a Sail Declaration and a Crew List Declaration on board for the duration of the regatta (AS prescription to IRC Rules 11.1 and 11.3).
- 1.10

In accordance with RRS 42.3(i), a boat may use her engine whilst racing:

(a) to avoid interfering with commercial traffic or aircraft operations.

(b) if she has run aground.

(c) to avoid running aground.

(d) to avoid a collision.

A declaration detailing the use of the engine (including reason, location, and length of time used) shall be made at the regatta office as soon as possible after finishing.

Only the Race Committee may protest for an alleged breach of rule 42.3(i). This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.11

Boats shall not use 4G/5G Boosters or Signal Repeaters at

- any time including when not racing or within the Hamilton Island Marina or near vicinity.
- 1.12

Boats shall not use boat tracking, photography, or video for commercial purposes without prior written approval of the organising authority.
- 1.13

Unauthorised use of unmanned aerial vehicles ("UAV" aka "drone") anywhere on Hamilton Island and surrounding waters is prohibited at any time. A boat is liable for actions of unauthorised UAV use when the use is associated with that boat. The standard penalty shall be Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE).
- 1.13.1

Media Personnel and Guests

The objective of this sailing instruction is to allow Media Personnel (also referred to as Guests) and Guests to sail to experience the excitement of a world class event.
- 1.13.2

Guest Safety

The person-in-charge shall ensure that the yacht has sufficient personal safety equipment (e.g. lifejackets, harnesses, heavy weather gear) for the maximum number of persons on board. The guests will not be counted toward the crew number for IRC rule 22.4. Before the start, the person-in-charge shall, in writing to the race committee, apply to and obtain from, the Race Committee written permission to carry Guest(s) giving the names of each Guest and a statement confirming that he/she is physically fit and undertakes the exercise entirely at his/her own risk. A form to obtain permission is available at Race Office.
- 1.13.3

Guest status while racing

Guests shall not take part in the sailing of the boat and unless detailed in this instruction, shall not act to improve its performance in any way. Guests shall not place any part of their body outside the sheer line of the boat to improve stability of performance. They shall remain in the cockpit or aft of the helm except briefly when in transit to or from the companionway to go to or arrive from below decks. A boat is liable for actions of its guest.
- 1.14

RRS 41(c) is changed as follows:

A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any person not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted.

The use by competitors of publicly available cloud-based weather routing services is permitted. Receiving messages or information which is the result of human interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.
- 1.15

For Dent Passage starts only, the definition of **Start** is changed under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 as detailed in S.I. 13.1
2.

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS (ALWAYS APPLIES INCLUDING WHEN NOT RACING)

During aircraft movements, boats shall keep clear of the designated Dent Passage aircraft flight path zone as shown on Maritime Safety Queensland, Notice to Mariners 318 of 2025 and the height restrictions from the ends of the runway.
- 2.2

During aircraft movements this area is deemed an obstruction in accordance with RRS definition, 'Obstruction.'

- 2.3

During aircraft movements the race committee may have a marshal or race committee vessels in the vicinity of the designated Dent Passage aircraft flight path zone. Boats shall comply with any directions given from the marshal or race committee vessels. Marshal vessels may be identified by displaying a flag with a black letter "M". Race committee vessels may be identified by displaying a flag with black letters "RC".
- 2.4

Boats shall maintain a listening watch on the VHF race frequency when in the vicinity of Dent Passage for directions from the race committee.
- 2.5

Only the Race Committee may protest for an alleged breach of this S.I. 2. This changes RRS 60.1. The penalty for breaking this rule shall be Disqualification Not Excludable (DNE).

3. RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1

All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Neither Hamilton Island Yacht Club Inc. nor any other club or company connected with the organising of these races is responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted, nor for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. Owners shall accept full responsibility for the seaworthiness and safe navigation of their boats and competence of their crews.
- 3.2

Boat owners, skippers and crew should be aware that there may be uncharted obstacles under the waters on which races are held. Such uncharted obstacles include reefs, bomboras and rocks which could be a danger to boats and crews. Hamilton Island Yacht Club Inc. accepts no responsibility for any damage to or loss of any boat or for injury to, or death of, any crew person which may occur as a result of a collision with any underwater obstacle. All boats compete in races at their own risk.
- 3.3

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

4. REGATTA OFFICE AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The regatta office will be located on the top floor of the Hamilton Island Yacht Club (HIYC) building. The official notice board will be the on-line notice board located on the event website (https://www.topyacht.com.au/notice_brd/notice_brd.php?ev=107.107.107.1.1926), Additionally, an electronic display may be in the foyer of HIYC may also display official notices.

5. PENNANTS, BOOM STICKERS, HULL DECALS & IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

- 5.1

Backstay flags, sponsors flags, boom stickers and hull decals may be provided by the organising authority or event sponsors. If provided, flags shall be flown from the backstay, or conspicuously near the stern, at all times whilst racing, boom stickers shall be attached to the boom and hull decals shall be attached to the topsides approximately one metre from the bow. Only the Race Committee may protest for an alleged breach of this S.I. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 5.2

Boats that do not have sail numbers or have sails with conflicting sail numbers, shall display a bow number, which will be provided. The bow number shall be located on both sides of the hull forward of any sponsors decals. This changes RRS 77.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located in the vicinity of the marina entrance signboard on the northern break-wall of the Hamilton Island Marina.
- 6.2

When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it shall apply to that class only.
- 6.3

When Code Flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) is flown ashore, with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means, "The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after this signal is lowered". (This changes RRS Race Signals "AP").
- 6.4

Signals displayed from the main mast on the deck of Hamilton Island Yacht Club will be deemed to be displayed afloat.

7. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 7.1

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official on-line notice board on the event website (https://www.topyacht.com.au/notice_brd/notice_brd.php?ev=107.107.107.1.1926).
- 7.2

Any change to sailing instructions made ashore will be posted at least one hour before the start of the race affected and a notice to competitors will be published on the official notice board and signalled by an SMS message to all boats. This changes RRS Race Signals "Other Signals".
- 7.3

Changes to the sailing instructions made afloat, or from the Dent Passage starting line during a scheduled start, will be indicated by the display of Code Flag 3rd Substitute accompanied by two sound signals. The change will be communicated orally on the designated course VHF channel or in writing by notice on the notice board or by SMS.

8. DAILY REPORTING

The race committee will contact each boat by SMS between 0830 hrs and 0900 hrs each race day. The SMS message will provide a boat specific Web link. Each yacht shall respond via the Web link within 90 minutes of her scheduled start indicating her intention to start and the number of Persons on Board (P.O.B)

9. DIVISIONS AND FLAGS

Division	Class Flag and Backstay Flag
Rating Division 1	Gold
Rating Division 2	Gold / Black
Super 40 Plus Class	Gold / Purple
Hamilton Island Blue Division	Light Blue
Hamilton Island Pink Division	Pink
Hamilton Island Yellow Division	Fluro Yellow
Hamilton Island Orange Division	Orange
Hamilton Island Green Division	Green
Trailer Yacht	Yellow / Blue
Non-Spinnaker	Grey
Multihull Racing	Purple
Hamilton Island Multihull Black Division	Black
Hamilton Island Multihull White Division	White

Boats shall fly the Backstay flag above any event sponsors pennant whilst racing and shall be flown from the backstay or conspicuously from the stern for boats without a backstay.

10. COURSES AND MARKS OF THE COURSE

See appendix “A”

11. RACE COMMITTEE VESSELS

Race committee start vessels will display the HIYC burgee when on station.

12 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Division	Event
Sunday 2nd Aug	All Classes	Entries close (see NoR 8.2 entries limits)
Friday 14th Aug	All Classes	Registration – 1400 hrs to 1700 hrs.
Saturday 15th Aug	All Classes	Registration – 1000 hrs to 1630 hrs.
Sunday 16th Aug	All Classes	Around-the-Islands race
Monday 17th	All Classes	Around-the-Islands race
Tuesday 18th Aug	Rating Division 1 & Multihull Racing	Nautilus Marine Classic Race
	Rating Division 2 & Hamilton Island Blue Division	Nautilus Marine Classic Race
	Super 40 Class	3 x short races (Island or W/L)
	All other Classes	Around-the-Islands race
Wednesday 19th Aug	All Classes	Lay day - Shore side activities
Thursday 20th Aug	All Classes	Prix d'Elegance Parade 0930 - 1030
	Rating Divisions 1 & 2	2 x Short races (Island or W/L)
	All other Classes	Around-the-Islands race
Friday 21st Aug	Multihull Racing	2 x Short races (Island or W/L)
	All other Classes	Around-the-Islands race
Saturday 22nd Aug	Presentation of Trophies	

The race committee may make changes to this schedule at any time.

Sunday 16th August

Start Time	Division	Course	Starting Area	VHF
1045	Trailer Yacht	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1050	Non-Spinnaker	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1055	Hamilton Island Green Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1100	Hamilton Island Orange Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1105	Hamilton Island Yellow Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1110	Hamilton Island Pink Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1115	Hamilton Island Multis White Div.	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1120	Hamilton Island Multis Black Div.	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1125	Super40 Plus Class	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1100	Rating Division 1	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1105	Rating Division 2	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1115	Hamilton Island Blue Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1120	Multihull Racing	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77

Monday 17th August

Start Time	Division	Course	Starting Area	VHF
1040	Trailer Yacht	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1045	Non-Spinnaker	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1050	Hamilton Island Green Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1055	Hamilton Island Yellow Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1100	Hamilton Island Orange Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1105	Hamilton Island Pink Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1110	Hamilton Island Multis White Div.	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1115	Hamilton Island Multis Black Div.	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1100	Hamilton Island Blue Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1105	Rating Division 1	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1110	Rating Division 2	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1115	Super40 Plus Class	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1120	Multihull Racing	Island	Eastern	CH 72

Tuesday 18th August

Start Time	Division	Course	Starting Area	VHF
1030	Multihull Racing	Nautilus Marine Classic Race	Dent Passage	Ch 77 & 81
1035	Rating Division 1	Nautilus Marine Classic Race	Dent Passage	Ch 77 & 81
1040	Rating Division 2	Nautilus Marine Classic Race	Dent Passage	Ch 77 & 81
1045	Hamilton Island Blue Div.	Nautilus Marine Classic Race	Dent Passage	Ch 77 & 81
1100	Trailer Yacht	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1115	Non-Spinnaker	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1120	Hamilton Island Multis Black Div.	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1125	Hamilton Island Multis White Div.	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1130	Hamilton Island Green Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1135	Hamilton Island Orange Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1140	Hamilton Island Yellow Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1145	Hamilton Island Pink Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1200	Super40 Plus Class	3 x short races	Eastern	Ch 72

Wednesday 19th August

Lay Day all Classes – Shore side activities

Thursday 20th August

Start Time	Division	Course	Starting Area	VHF
0930 – 1030	All divisions - Prix d'Elegance Parade		Dent Passage	Ch 77
1115	Hamilton Island Green Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1120	Hamilton Island Yellow Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1125	Hamilton Island Orange Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1130	Hamilton Island Pink Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1135	Hamilton Island Multis Black Div.	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1140	Hamilton Island Multis White Div.	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1145	Non-Spinnaker	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1150	Trailer Yacht	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1140	Multihull Racing	Island	Eastern	Ch 77
1145	Hamilton Island Blue Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1150	Super40 Plus	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1200	Rating Division 1	2 x short races	Eastern	Ch 72
1205	Rating Division 2	2 x short races	Eastern	Ch 72

For multiple races subsequent races will be started as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race.

Friday 21st August

Start Time	Division	Course	Starting Area	VHF
1100	Trailer Yacht	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1105	Non-Spinnaker	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1110	Hamilton Island Multis Black Div.	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1115	Hamilton Island Multis White Div.	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1120	Hamilton Island Pink Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1125	Hamilton Island Yellow Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1130	Hamilton Island Orange Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1135	Hamilton Island Green Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 722
1145	Multihull Racing	2 x short races	Eastern	Ch 72
1100	Rating Division 1	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1105	Rating Division 2	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1110	Super40 Plus	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1115	Hamilton Island Blue Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77

For multiple races subsequent races will be started as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race.

Saturday 22nd August

Start Time	Division	Course	Starting Area	VHF
1110	Trailer Yacht	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1115	Non-Spinnaker	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1120	Hamilton Island Multis White Div.	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1125	Hamilton Island Multis Black Div.	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1130	Hamilton Island Green Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1135	Hamilton Island Yellow Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1140	Hamilton Island Orange Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1145	Hamilton Island Pink Division	Island	Dent Passage	Ch 77
1110	Super40 Plus	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1115	Multihull Racing	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1120	Hamilton Island Blue Division	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1125	Rating Division 1	Island	Eastern	Ch 72
1130	Rating Division 2	Island	Eastern	Ch 72

13. START

13.1

For Dent Passage races only, a boat **starts** when her hull, having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

(a) at or after her starting signal, or

(b) during the last 60 seconds before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of Start, but, if she does not, the starting penalty shall be:

 - For a boat attempting to return to the pre-start side of the line to start during the whole period of 4 minutes after her starting signal but fails, shall have a 5-minute penalty added to her elapsed time. Notice of this penalty may be communicated by VHF or on the water by a race committee vessel.
 - For a boat not attempting to return to the pre-start side of the line to start for the whole period of 4 minutes after her starting signal, shall have a 10-minute penalty added to her elapsed time.

13.2

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A5.1

13.3

Dent Passage starting line. The starting line will be between the flagpole on the HIYC displaying the HIYC burgee, and a Yellow inflatable buoy laid in Dent Passage.

The race committee may move the starting line to an on-water start in the vicinity of north Dent Passage. For an on-water Dent Passage start, the starting line will be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel, and a yellow inflatable buoy laid nearby.

13.4

Eastern starting line. The starting line will be laid in the area between Catseye Bay and Craig Point to the North-East of Hamilton Island and will be between the signal mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and a Yellow inflatable buoy laid nearby.

13.5

For all on-water starts, an inner limit buoy may be laid near the race committee vessel approximately on the starting line. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the race committee vessel at any time. Only the Race Committee may protest for an alleged breach of this S.I. 13.4. This changes RRS 60.1.
14. RECALLS

14.1

Following a general recall the new start will be five (5) minutes after the recalled start.

One minute after the recalled start the First Substitute will be lowered, the class flag(s) for the division to be re-started will be hoisted along with the preparatory signal. (This changes RRS 26, 29.2 and Race Signals “First Substitute”)

14.2

Following a general recall the start(s) for the following division(s) will be delayed accordingly.

14.3

In addition to the requirements of RRS 29, the race committee MAY call boats on the designated course VHF channel.
15. SHORTENING THE COURSE

Courses may be shortened at any part of the course. Boats shall finish between the race committee vessel displaying code flag “S” and the inflatable mark moored nearby, or the nearest point of land if no mark is laid. This changes RRS 32 and Race Signals.
16. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

16.1

For races designated Short Races or W/L races, the Two-Turns Penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a One-Turn Penalty.

- 16.2

For all Multihull races, the Two-Turns Penalty (RRS 44.1) is changed to a One-Turn Penalty.

17. BOATS NOT FINISHING

Boats not finishing a race shall inform the race committee on the appropriate course VHF channel, or by calling the regatta office on 07 4946 8102.

18. THE FINISH

18.1

HIYC finish line. The finish line will be in Dent Passage and will be between the flagpole on the HIYC displaying the HIYC burgee and a yellow inflatable buoy laid in Dent Passage. The finishing line may be illuminated during the hours of darkness at each end by flashing strobe lights. When crossing the finishing line during the hours of darkness boats shall illuminate their sail number or bow number and confirm her identify on the course VHF channel.

18.2

Golf course jetty finish line. The race committee may change the course so that the fleet use the golf course jetty finishing line. The finish line will be in Dent Passage and will be located to the southwest of the Hamilton Island Airport runway. Boats will finish between the Yellow inflatable buoy at the eastern end of the line and either a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel anchored at the western end or if a finishing vessel is not on station, a flagstaff displaying a blue flag on the Dent Island golf course jetty (approx. S 20º 21.30'; E 148º 56.31'). This change of course shall be notified by the course VHF channel.

18.3

Race committee vessel finish line. The finish line will be in a similar position to the starting line or as designated in the course descriptions and will be between the signal mast displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and a yellow inflatable buoy moored nearby.

19. TIME LIMITS

19.1

Course	Time Limit	Finishing Window
Windward/Leeward course	2 hours	30 minutes
Course 27	3 hours	45 minutes
Nautilus Long-Distance race	12 hours absolute Time Limit	
Nautilus Medium-Distance Race	9 hours absolute Time Limit	
All other courses	6 hours absolute Time Limit or sunset whichever is earlier	

19.2

The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in the Division sails the course and finishes. A boat still racing when her finishing window of the time limit expires will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the finishing window plus 25% of the number of starters in her division, rounded to the nearest whole number, but no more points than the number of starters. Such boats will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A10. Prior to the time limit expiring, the race committee may offer the score of TLE to boats still racing that the RC consider may not make the time limit. This changes rules 28.1, 35, A4, A5 and A10.

20.2

RRS 60.2 (c) is changed by deleting the word “serious”.

20.3

Protests shall be delivered to the regatta office within 90 minutes after the finish time of the last boat in her division (or in the last race of the day when multiple races are conducted) or if the regatta office is closed at night, by 0900 hours the next day.

20.4

Protests will be heard as soon as practicable after racing. The jury room will be located on the top floor of the HIYC.

20.5

Notification of the details of protest hearings will be placed on the official notice board as soon as possible to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as a witness. These notices are deemed to fulfil the requirements of RRS 63.1. Representatives of boats, who are parties to hearings, and their witnesses, are advised to remain on call in the vicinity of the regatta office (or such other place as directed by the jury secretary).

HANDICAPS AND SCORING

Class	No. of Scheduled Races	Handicap System	Multiplier
Rating	7	IRC	Time Corrector (TCC)
TP52	7	TPR	Time Corrector
Super40 Plus	8	SFR (Super40 Rating) IRC ORC	SFR Time Correction IRC Time Corrector ORC GP/WL ToT
Hamilton Island	6	Event Handicap (EHC)	Time Correction Factor (TCF)
Non-Spinnaker	6	Event Handicap (EHC)	Time Correction Factor (TCF)
Hamilton Island Multihull	6	Event Handicap (EHC)	Time Correction Factor (TCF)
Multihull Racing	7	OMR EHC	OMR Time Corrector Time Correction Factor (TCF)
Trailer Yacht	6	Event Handicap (EHC)	Time Correction Factor (TCF)

- 22.2

Results will be calculated by the application of the appropriate class multiplier of elapsed time as shown in the table above. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, (if any) will be placed first and so on.
- 22.3

Performance Based Handicap TCF's (EHC & TCF) for each boat will be determined by the HIYC handicap committee and may be altered at any time. The decision of the handicap committee or their representative on any handicap matter will be final and will not be grounds for requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

23. SAFETY

23.1

The safety regulations will be the AS Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 5 races and they apply to all boats.

23.2

A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Special Regulations or Rating Certificate.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

24.1

The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF: time checks and starting times, starting order and designation of race areas, confirmation of any visual signal displayed, courses including bearing and distance to the first mark, change of course, shortening, postponement, abandonment and other information explaining the intentions of the race committee. The race committee may also transmit course and other information by Short Message Service (SMS).

- 20.6

Unless otherwise stated in a rule, the jury may apply a penalty other than disqualification (which may include no penalty.) This changes RRS 60.5.

21. ARBITRATION

21.1

Arbitration will be used in accordance with RRS Appendix “T”.

21.2

The arbitrator may be a member of any subsequent jury or may give evidence to the jury.

22. HANDICAPS AND SCORING

22.1

The scoring system shall be the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A except if there are five or less races sailed for a division then all races will count. One race will constitute a series in each division. The number of scheduled races and handicap system in each class is as follows:

- 24.2

Delay in the broadcast of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the transmission or reception of these, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 24.2

In accordance with SI 2.4 boats shall maintain a radio watch on the race frequency when in the vicinity of Dent Passage and shall comply with the directions given by the race committee, marshal, or race committee vessels. Refer SI 2.4.
- 24.3

Nautilus Classic Race

During the Nautilus Classic Race, the leading boat and the last boat are requested to call the race committee (VHF Ch 81) as they round each major mark of the course. Mandatory position reporting radio schedules on VHF channel 81 will be conducted at 1803 hrs and 2103 hrs. Boats still racing will be called in alphabetical order at these times. Breaches of this rule may only be protested by the race committee. This changes rules 60.1.

25.

RACE RESULTS
- Results for each race will be posted on the event website (www.hamiltonislandraceweek.com.au) as soon as practicable after each race.
26.

PRIZES
- 26.1

Daily Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on corrected time in each race for each division except if there are multiple races held for a division the day’s totalled race scores will determine the winners. Daily Prizes will be presented on the main stage opposite the Marina Tavern at approximately 1730 hrs after racing each day. Divisions with less than six (6) boats may be awarded trophies for 1st place only.
- 26.2

At the conclusion of the regatta, trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all divisions based on their overall points score. Divisions with less than six (6) boats may be awarded trophies for 1st place only.
- 26.3

In addition the following special awards will be made at the trophy presentation.

• The “Hitchhiker” Trophy Team Series

• Gun Boat Trophy for the boat which has the most line honours.

• The Leon O’Donoghue Trophy for “Boat of the Week”

• The Don McLean North Queensland Trophy for the best performing boat whose home port is between Bundaberg & Port Douglas.

• The Prix d’Elegance for the best presented boat and crew.

• The Prix d’Elegance for the best themed boat and crew.

(The race committee will determine the winners of these special awards using whatever criteria they deem appropriate.)

26.4

Trophies will be presented at a ceremony on the evening of Saturday 22nd August 2026 at the Convention Centre, Hamilton Island.
- APPENDIX “A” COURSES AND MARK DESCRIPTIONS
- A 1

For Dent Passage starts, the course will be broadcast on the course VHF channel as soon as practical after the warning signal for each division. Courses will also be notified by SMS and will be posted on the official notice board each day. This changes RRS 271

For on-water starts the course for each division will be signalled on a numeral board displayed from the race committee vessel at the warning signal. The course to be sailed may also be broadcast on the designated course VHF channel.

A 2

The following course descriptions list the order marks and which side they are to be rounded. Please note; marks denoted * are passing marks. If a laid mark is missing or out of position by more than 0.2 of a nautical mile, boats shall round the charted position of the missing mark.

A 3

The approximate position given is the pinnacle of the island or rock designated as a mark of the course. Marks designated as Laid Marks will be white cube inflatable buoys.

A 4

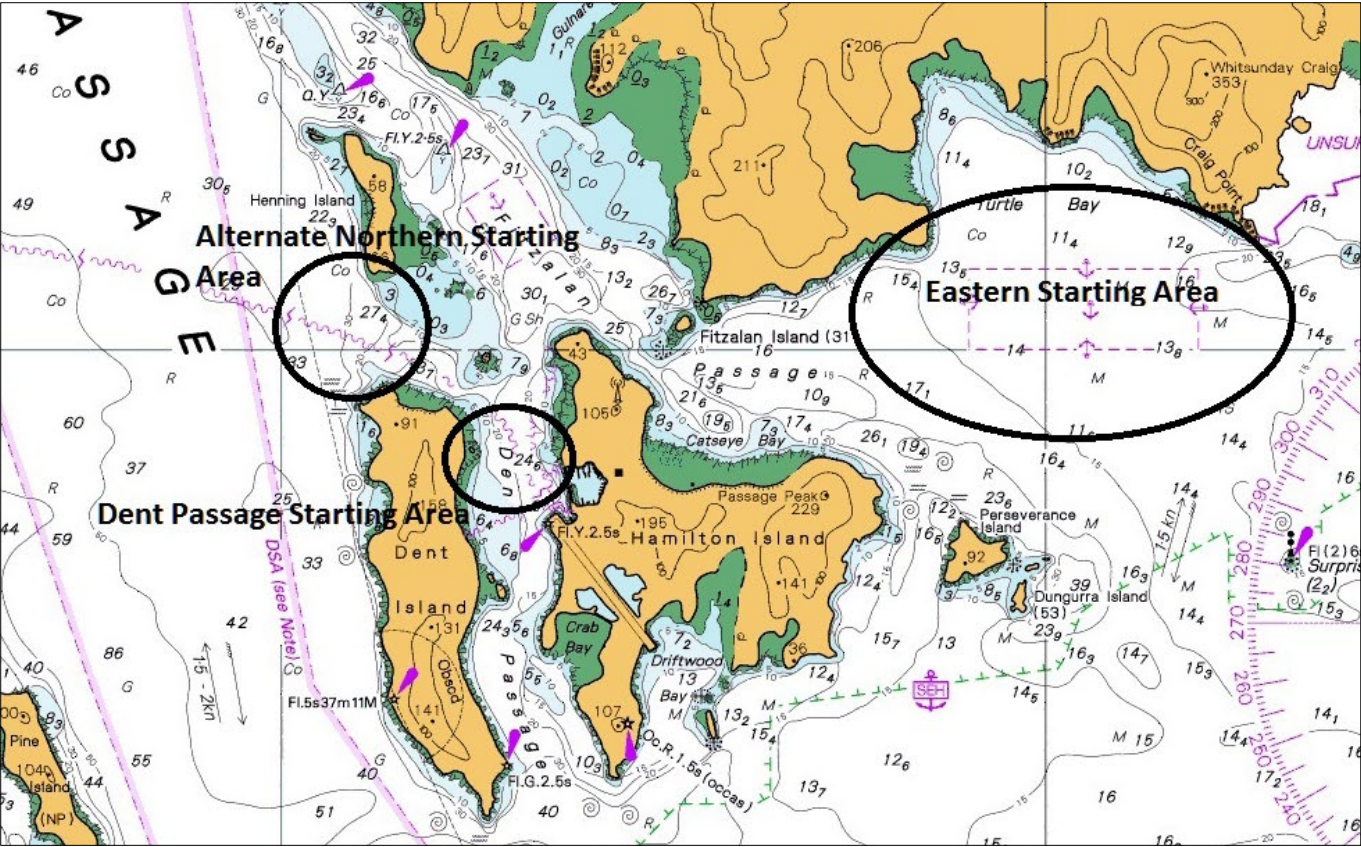
All Passage Courses starting in the Eastern Starting Area may have a white inflatable windward mark laid at approximately 0.8 nm – 1.75 nm from the starting line as the first rounding mark of the course. The direction of rounding the mark will be indicated from near the bow of the race committee vessel – green flag for starboard rounding, red flag for port rounding. If no signal is made the mark is deleted from the course.

A 5

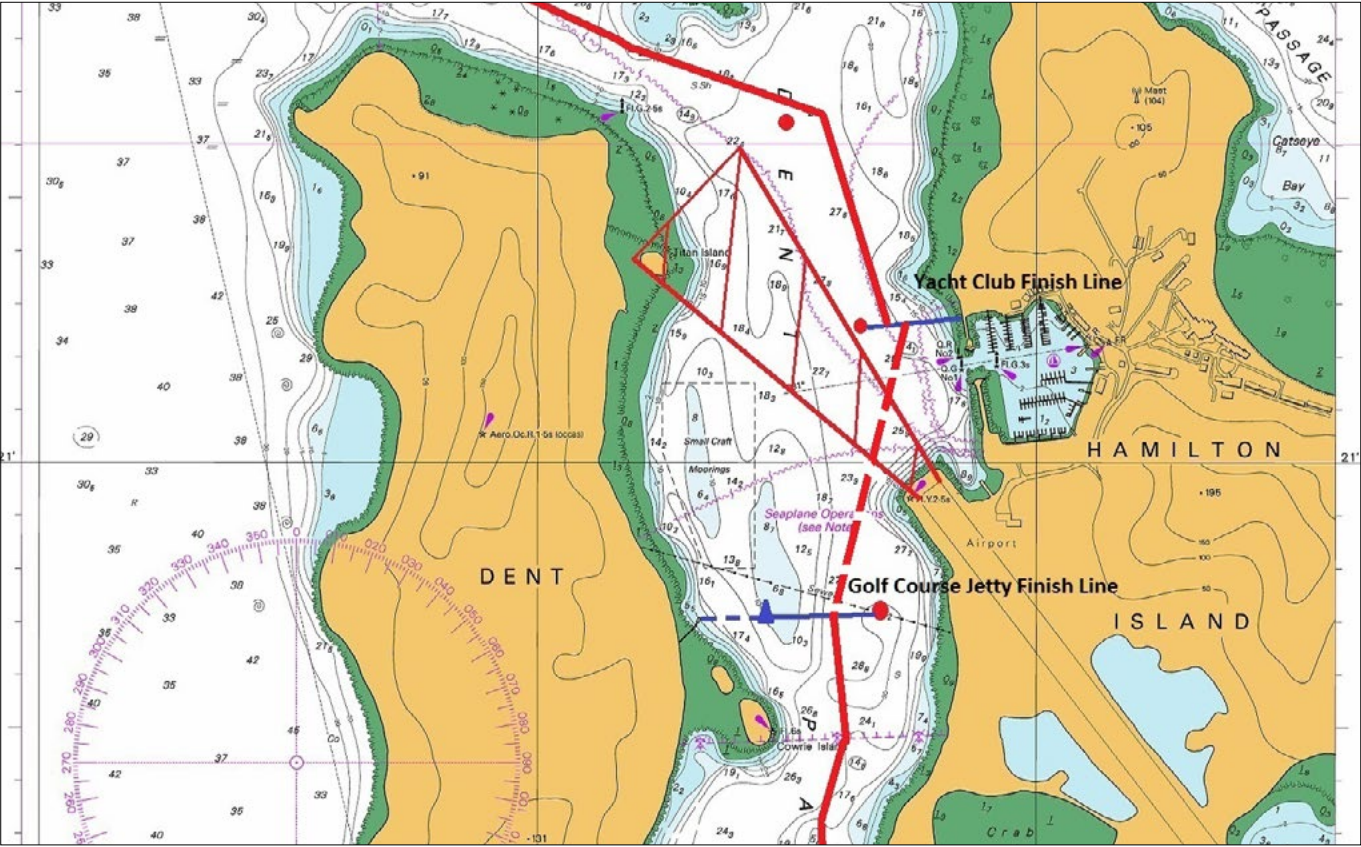
Suprise Rock (Approx S 20° 21.31’, E 149° 01.59’) has a 200-meter Prohibited Water zone around it. The zone is deemed to be an Obstruction (RRS 19, 20).
- | MARKS OF THE COURSE | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mark | Position |
| Dent Passage Start Laid Mark | Approx S 20° 21.03’, E 148° 56.34’ |
| Ann Island | Approx S 20° 25.22’, E 149° 01.01’ |
| Baynham Island | Approx S 20° 26.17’, E 149° 06.16’ |
| Cole Island | Approx S 20° 25.51’, E 149° 00.45’ |
| Condor Laid Mark | Approx S 20° 14.48’, E 148° 54.60’ |
| Daydream Island | Approx S 20° 15.44’, E 148° 48.86’ |
| Dead Dog Island | Approx S 20° 32.85’, E 149° 07.57’ |
| Denman Island | Approx S 20° 16.93’, E 148° 50.98’ |
| Dent Island | Approx S 20° 20.95’, E 148° 55.85’ |
| Dent Laid Mark | Approx S 20° 20.40’, E 148° 56.51’ |
| Dungurra Island | Approx S 20° 21.55’, E 148° 59.82’ |
| Fairlight Rock | Approx S 20° 32.93’, E 149° 08.01’ |
| Hamilton Island | Approx S 20° 20.98’, E 148° 58.46’ |
| Henning Island | Approx S 20° 19.38’, E 148° 55.63’ |
| Isolated Rock | Approx S 20° 24.35’, E 149° 00.39’ |
| Lindeman Island | Approx S 20° 26.74’, E 149° 02.78’ |
| Mansell Island | Approx S 20° 28.27’, E 149° 07.64’ |
| Mid Molle Island | Approx S 20° 14.80’, E 148° 49.86’ |
| North Molle Island | Approx S 20° 13.62’, E 148° 49.29’ |
| Pentecost Island | Approx S 20° 23.81’, E 149° 01.79’ |
| Pine Island | Approx S 20° 22.63’, E 148° 53.44’ |
| Sidney Island | Approx S 20° 26.99’, E 149° 00.56’ |
| South Molle Island | Approx S 20° 16.47’, E 148° 50.24’ |
| Spitfire Laid Mark | Approx S 20° 28.70’, E 149° 01.60’ |
| St Helen Rock | Approx S 20° 33.21’, E 149° 04.68’ |
| Thomas Island | Approx S 20° 32.82’, E 149° 06.77’ |
| White Rock | Approx S 20° 18.13’, E 148° 48.61’ |
| Yellow Special Purpose Mark 1 | Approx S 20° 17.83’, E 148° 55.00’ |
| Yellow Special Purpose Mark 2 | Approx S 20° 18.80’, E 148° 56.05’ |
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COURSE MAPS

Starting Areas



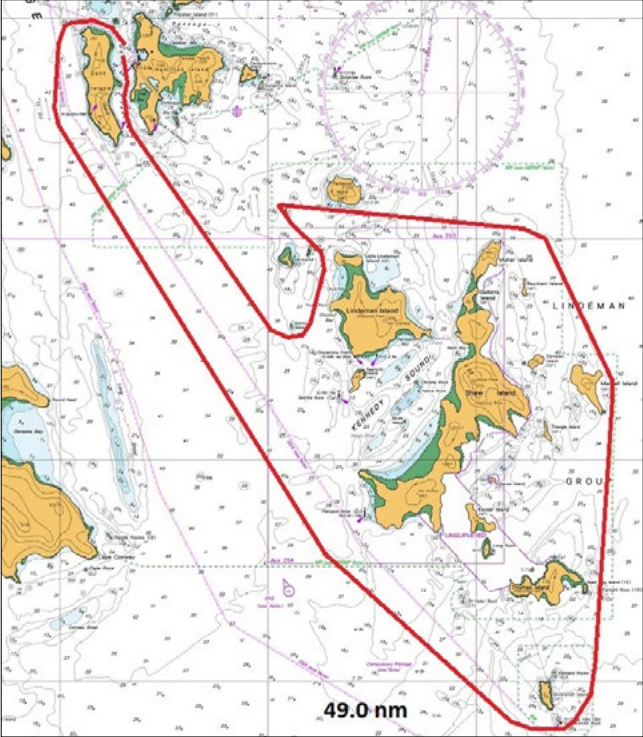
Dent Passage Finish



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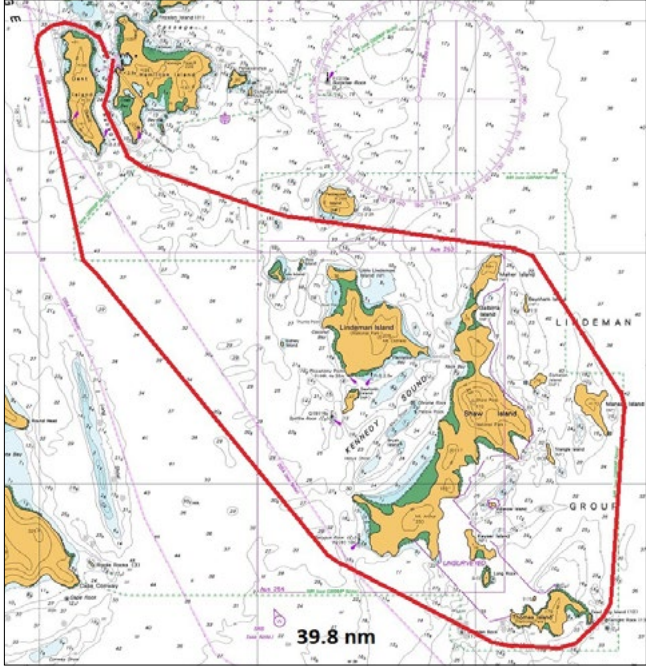
ALL ISLAND PASSAGE RACES USE THE FOLLOWING COURSES

Nautilus Classic Long Race
49 nm approx



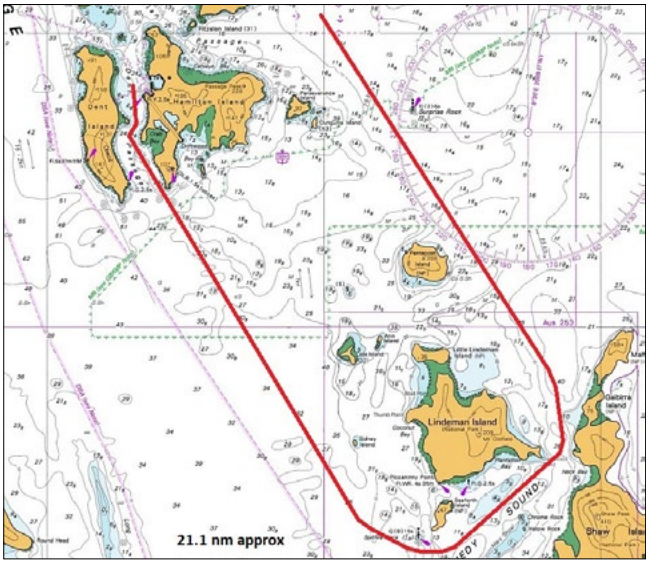
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
Coppersmith Rock	Port
Dead Dog Island*	Port
Fairlight Rock*	Starboard
Mansell Island	Port
Isolated Rock	Port
Ann Island	Starboard
Sidney Island	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Nautilus Classic Medium-Distance Race
39.8 nm approx



Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
St Helen Rock	Port
Thomas Island	Port
Dead Dog Island*	Port
Fairlight Rock*	Starboard
Mansell Island	Port
Pentecost Island	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 1
23.8 nm approx.



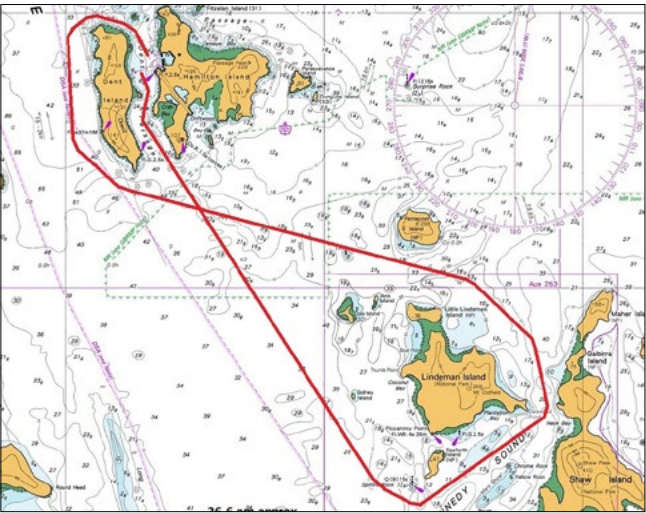
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Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Lindeman Island	Starboard
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Dent Island*	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 2
16.7 nm approx.



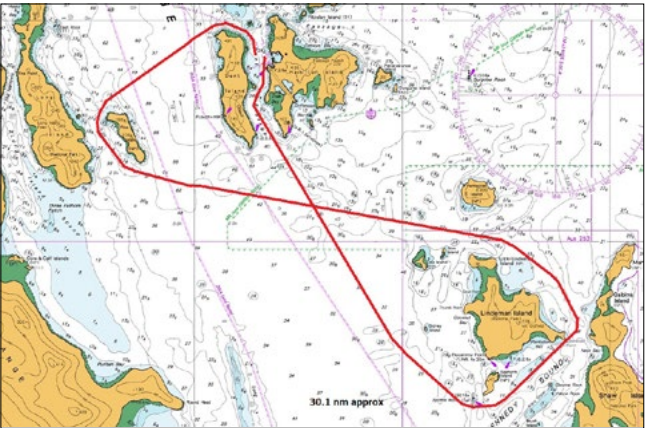
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Isolated Rock	Port
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Cole Island	Starboard
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Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 3
29.4 nm approx.



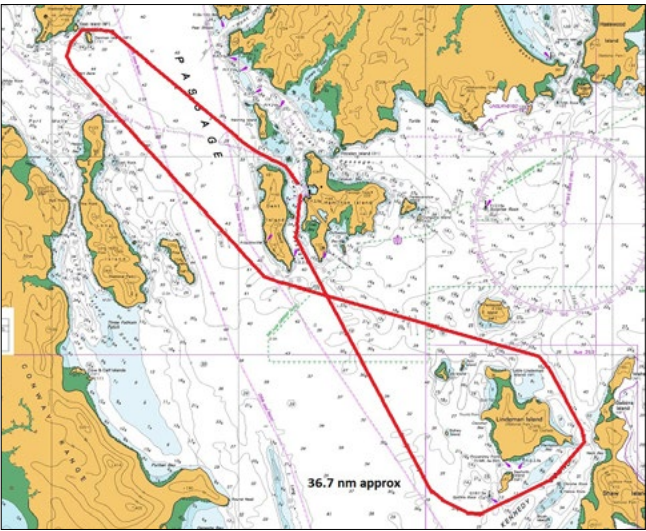
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Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
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Dent Island	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 4
33.6 nm approx.



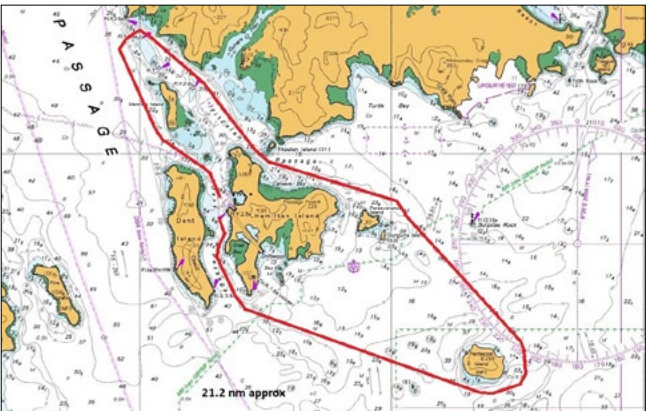
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
Pine Island	Port
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Dent Island*	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 5
36.8 nm approx.



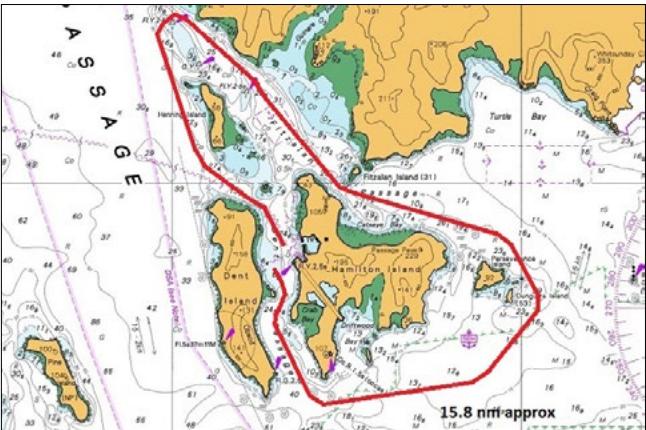
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Denman Island	Port
Dent Island	Port
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Dent Island*	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 6
21.2 nm approx..



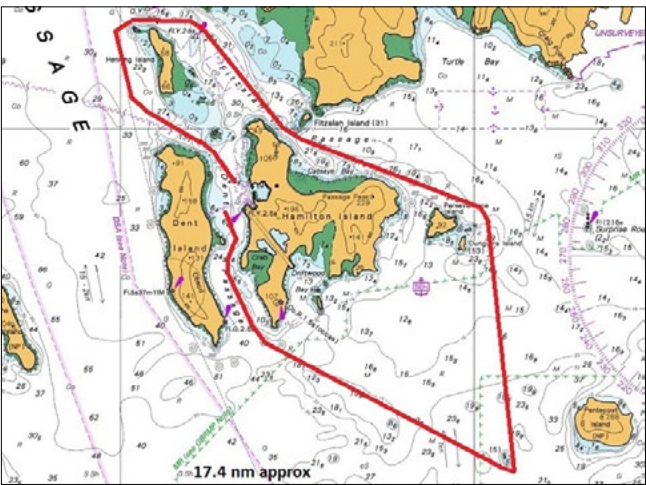
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
Henning Island	Starboard
Yellow Special Purpose Mark 1	Starboard
Yellow Special Purpose Mark 2	Starboard
Fitzalan Island	Port
Dungurra Island*	Starboard
Pentecost Island	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 7
15.8 nm approx.



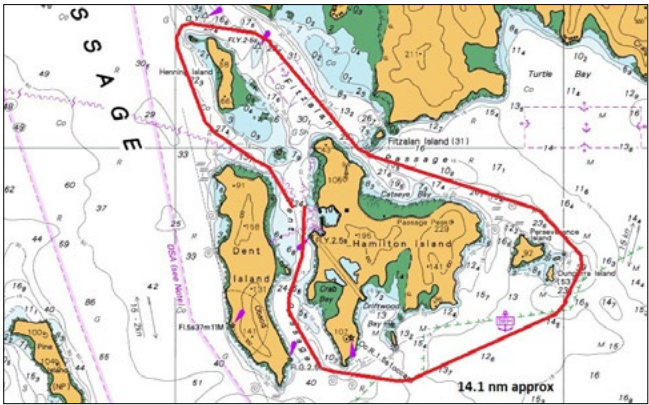
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Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
Henning Island	Starboard
Yellow Special Purpose Mark 1	Starboard
Yellow Special Purpose Mark 2	Starboard
Fitzalan Island	Port
Dungurra Island	Starboard
Hamilton Island	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 8
17.4 nm approx.



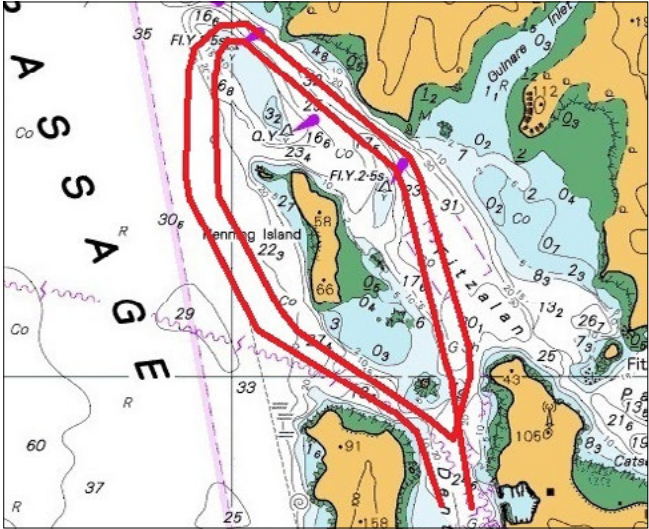
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Henning Island	Starboard
Yellow Special Purpose Mark 2	Starboard
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Dungurra Island	Starboard
Isolated Rock	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 9
14.1 nm approx



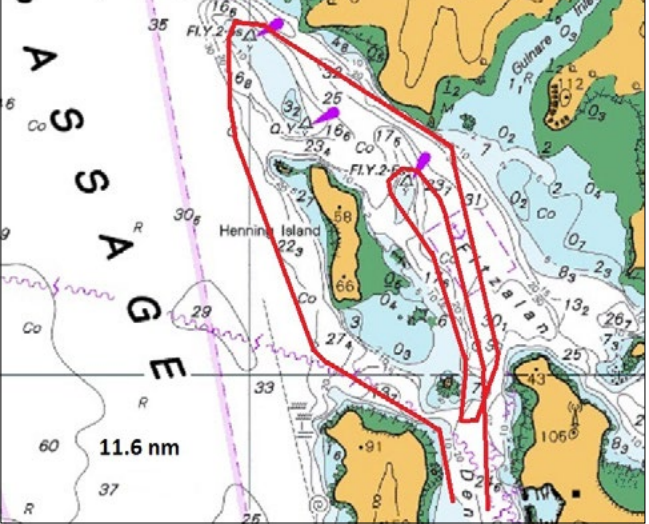
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Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Henning Island	Starboard
Yellow Special Purpose Mark 2	Starboard
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Dungurra Island	Starboard
Hamilton Island	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 10
13.6 nm approx



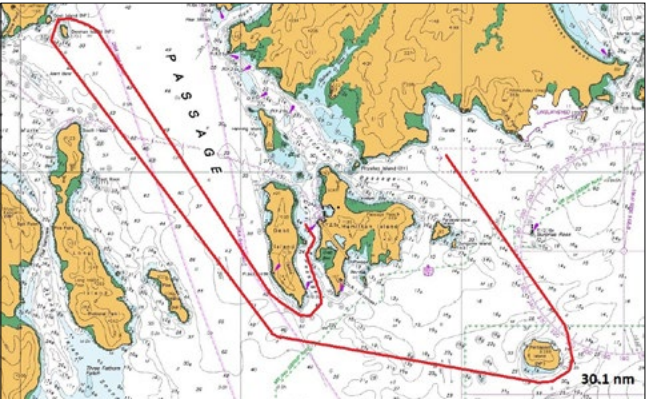
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Henning Island	Starboard
Yellow Special Mark 1	Starboard
Yellow Special Mark 2	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Henning Island	Starboard
Yellow Special Mark 1	Starboard
Yellow Special Mark 2	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark*	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 11
11.6 nm approx



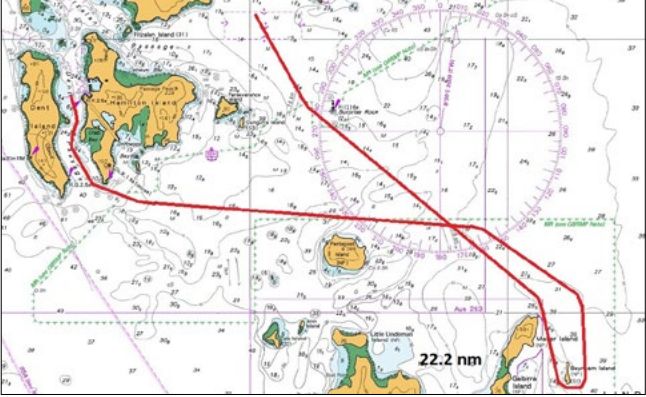
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Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Henning Island	Starboard
Yellow Special Mark 1	Starboard
Yellow Special Mark 2	Starboard
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Yellow Special Mark 2	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark*	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 12
30.1 nm approx



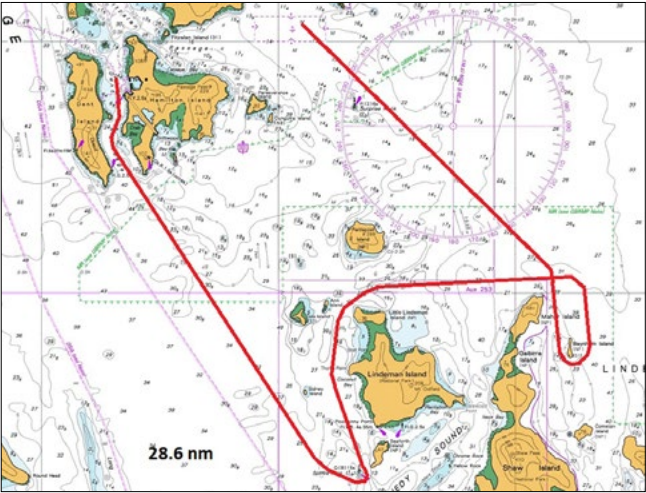
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Pentecost Island	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
Dent Island	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 13
22.2 nm approx



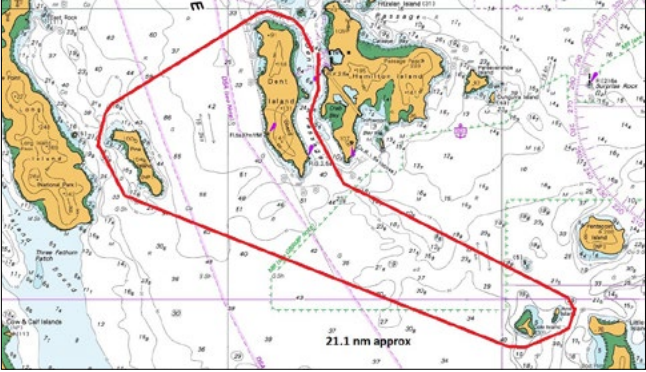
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Baynham Island	Port
Hamilton Island	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 14
28.6 nm approx.



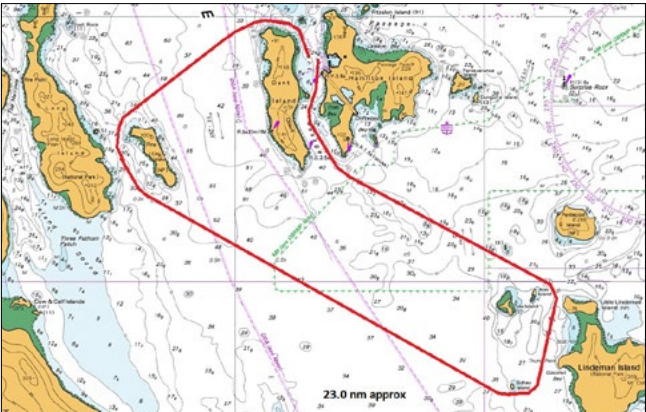
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Baynham Island	Port
Lindeman Island	Port
Spitfire Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 15
21.1 nm approx.



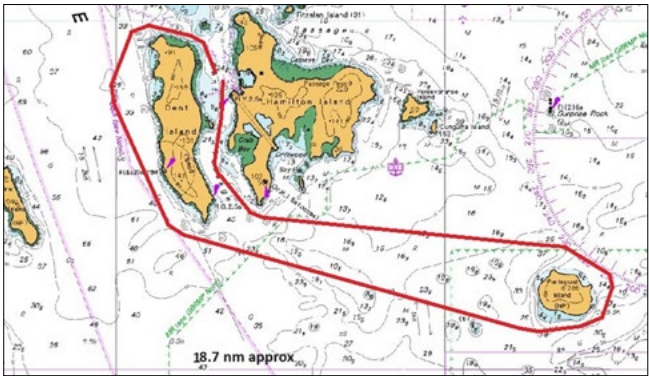
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
Pine Island	Port
Cole Island	Port
Ann Island	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 16
26.0 nm approx.



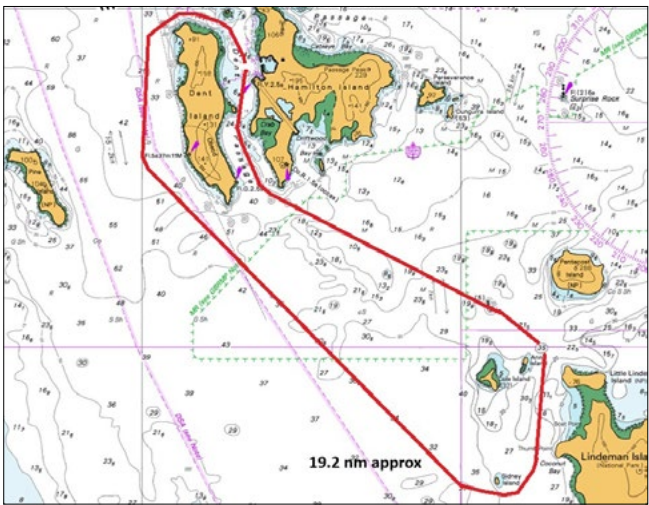
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
Pine Island	Port
Sidney Island	Port
Ann Island	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 17
18.7 nm approx.



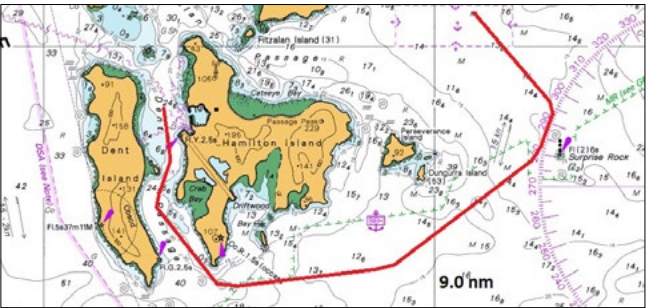
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
Pentecost Island	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 18
19.2 nm approx.



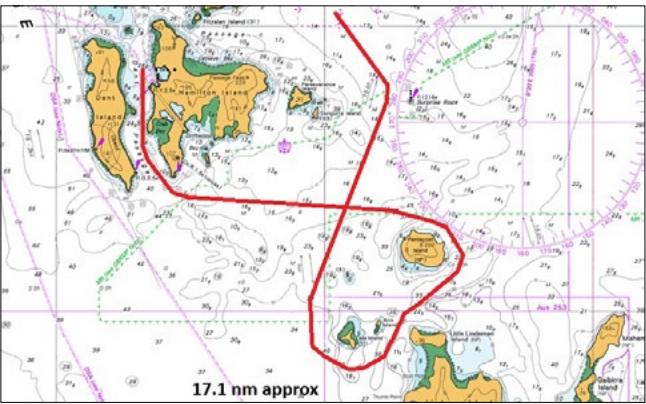
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
Sidney Island	Port
Ann Island	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 19
9.0 nm approx.



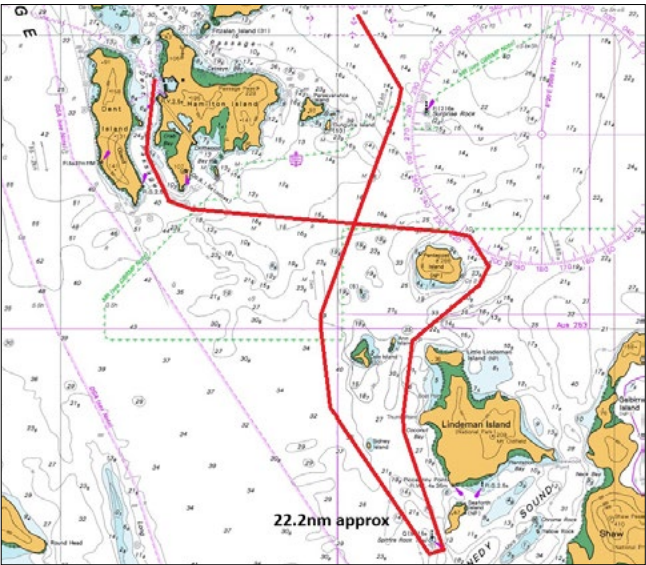
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Hamilton Island	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 20
22.2 nm approx.



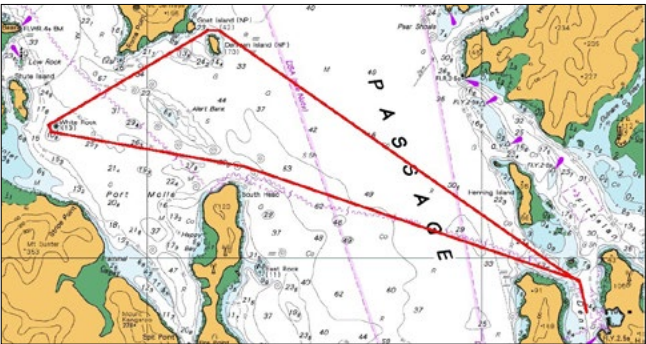
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Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Cole Island	Port
Pentecost Island	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 21
19.6 nm approx.



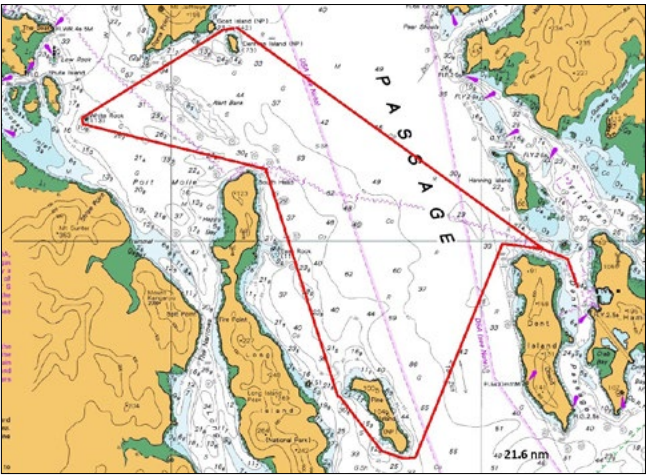
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Cole Island	Port
Spitfire Laid Mark	Port
Lindeman Island	Starboard
Pentecost Island	Port
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction

Course 22
17.8 nm approx.



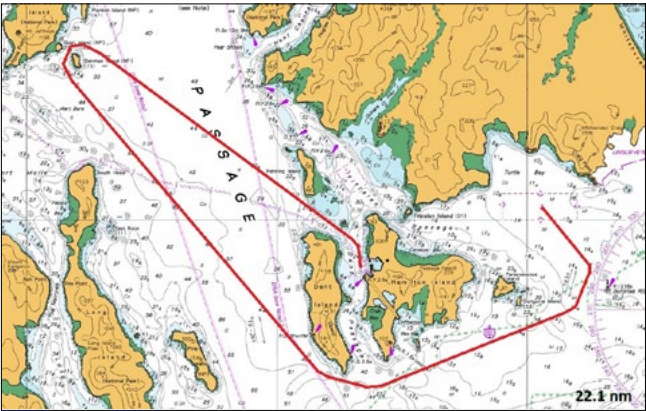
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
White Rock	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 23
21.6 nm approx.



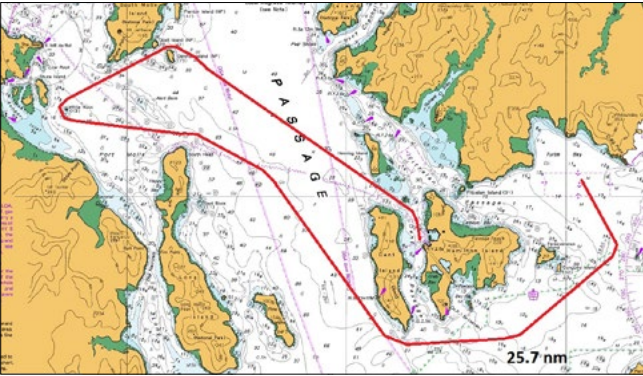
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Pine Island	Starboard
White Rock	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 24
22.1 nm approx.



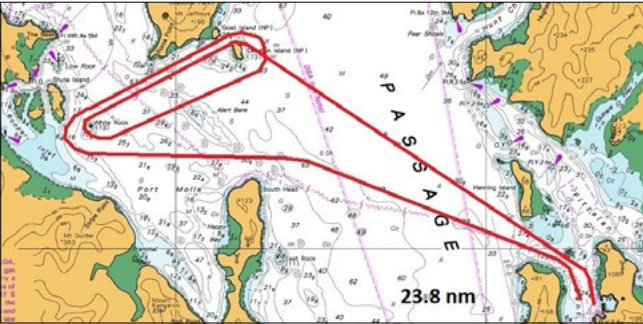
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Dungurra Island*	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark*	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 25
25.7 nm approx.



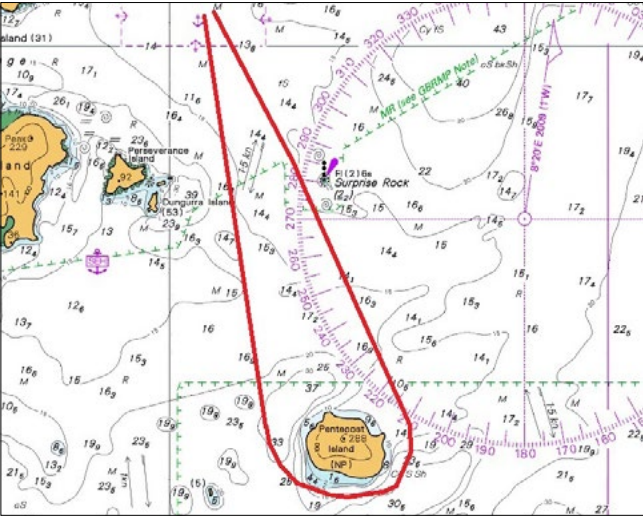
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Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Dungurra Island*	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
White Rock	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark*	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 26
23.8 nm approx.



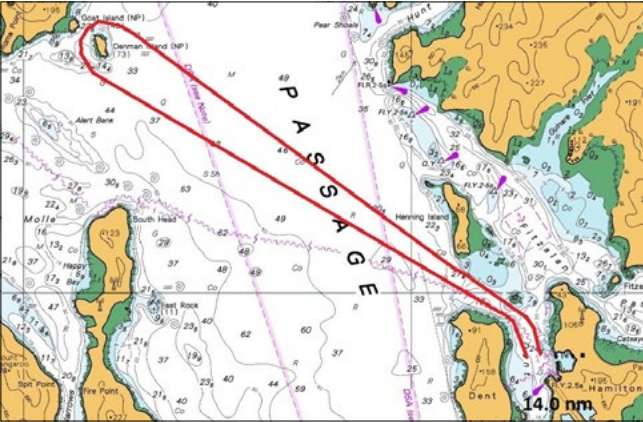
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
White Rock	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
White Rock	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 27
10.5 nm approx.



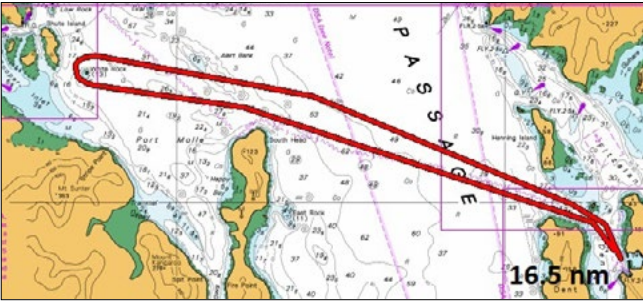
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Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Pentecost Island	Starboard
Finishing Line	Race committee vessel as per 17.3

Course 28
14 nm approx.



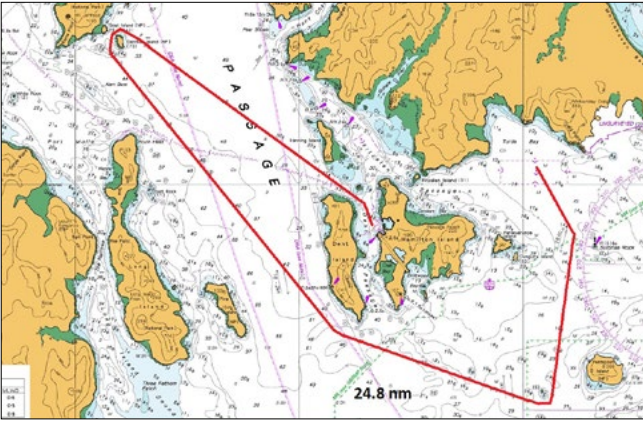
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Denman Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 29
16.5 nm approx.



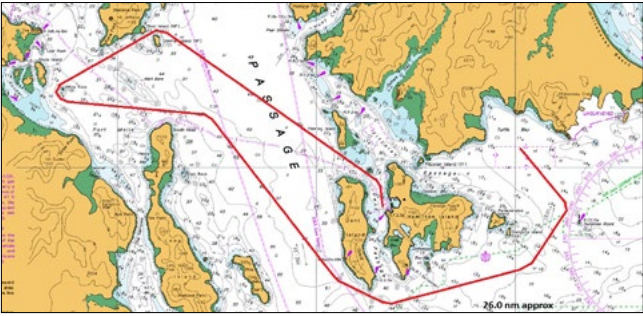
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
White Rock	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 30
24.8 nm approx.



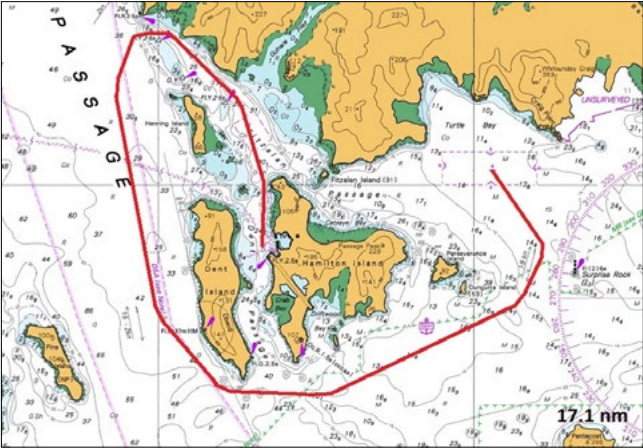
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Isolated Rock	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 31
26 nm approx.



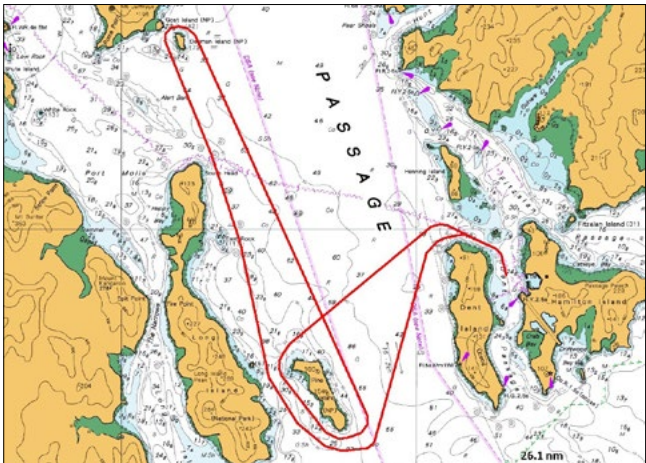
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Dungurra Island*	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
White Rock	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 32
17.1 nm approx.



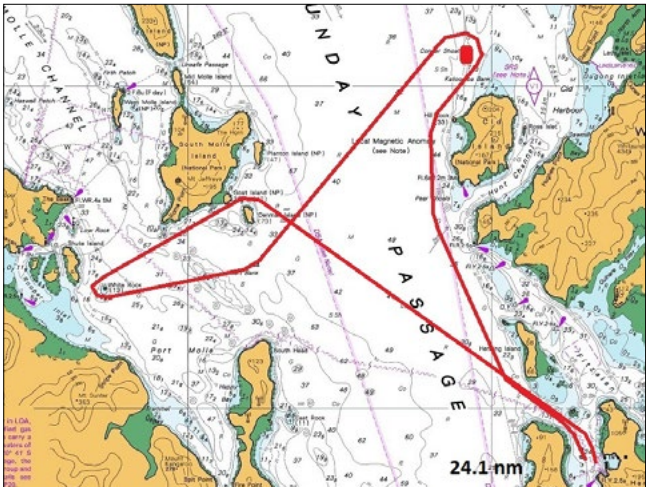
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Dungurra Island*	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
Yellow Special Mark 1	Starboard
Yellow Special Mark 2	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark*	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 33
26.1 nm approx.



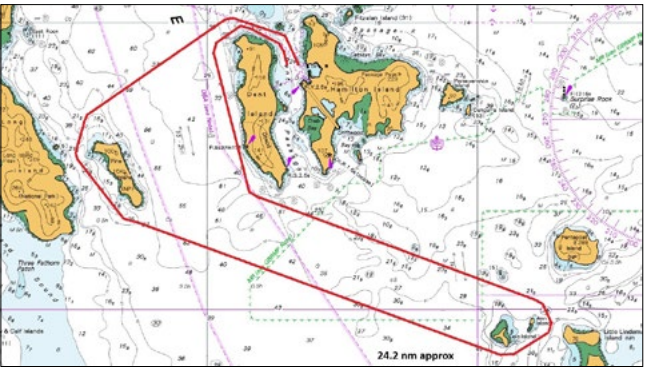
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Pine Island	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
Pine Island	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 34
24.1 nm approx.



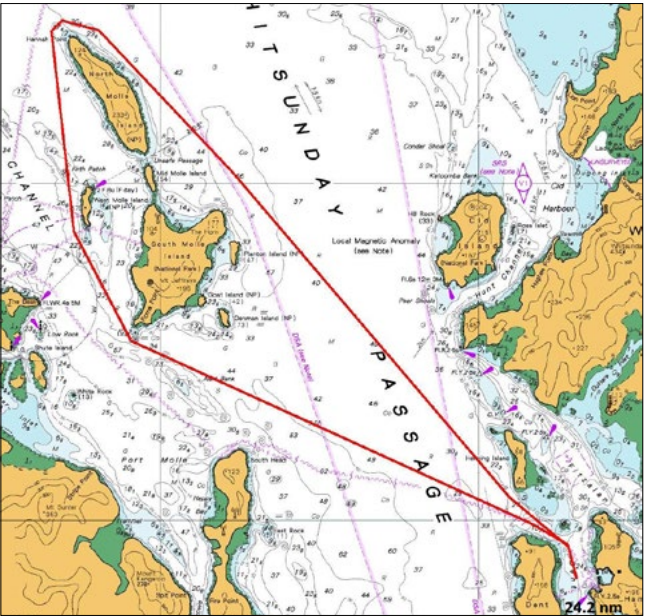
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Condor Laid Mark	Port
Denman Island	Starboard
White Rock	Starboard
Denman Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 35
24.2 nm approx.



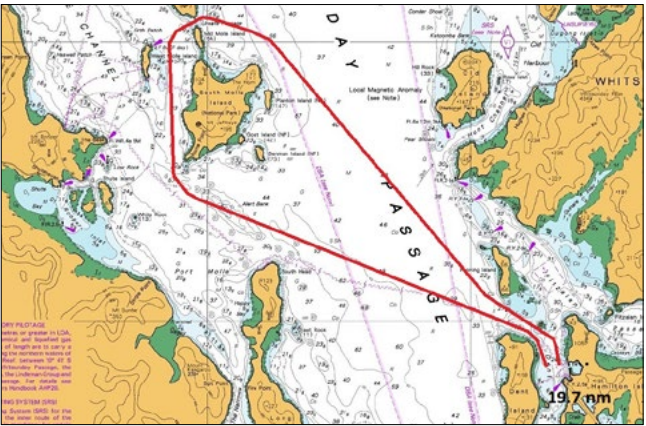
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
Dent Island	Port
Ann Island	Starboard
Cole Island	Starboard
Pine Island	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 36
24.2 nm approx.



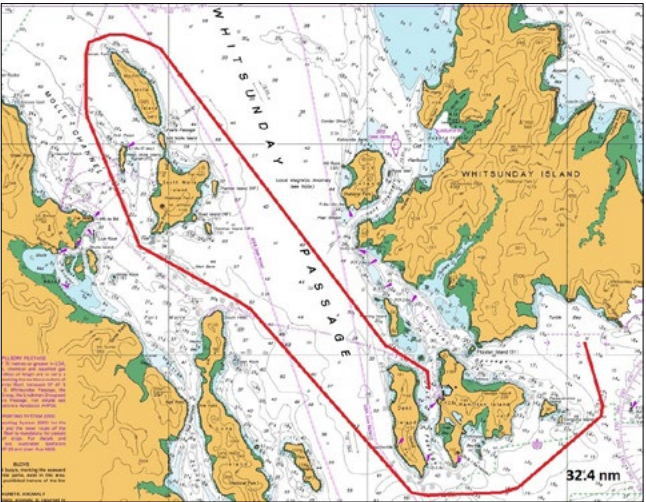
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
South Molle Island	Starboard
North Molle Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 37
19.7 nm approx.



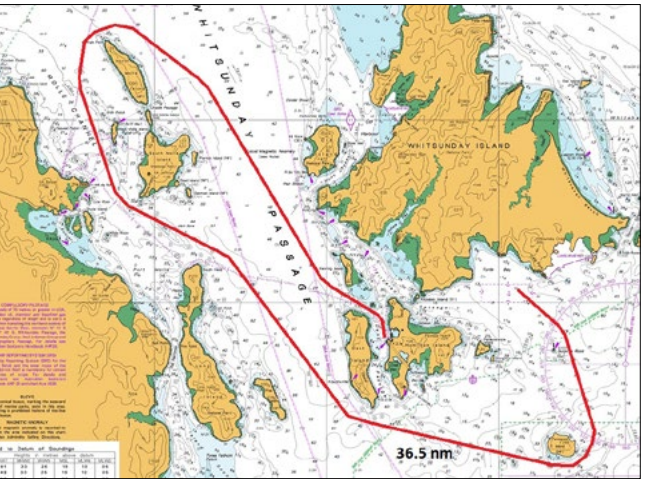
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Dent Passage in a northerly direction
South Molle Island	Starboard
Mid Molle Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 38
32.4 nm approx.



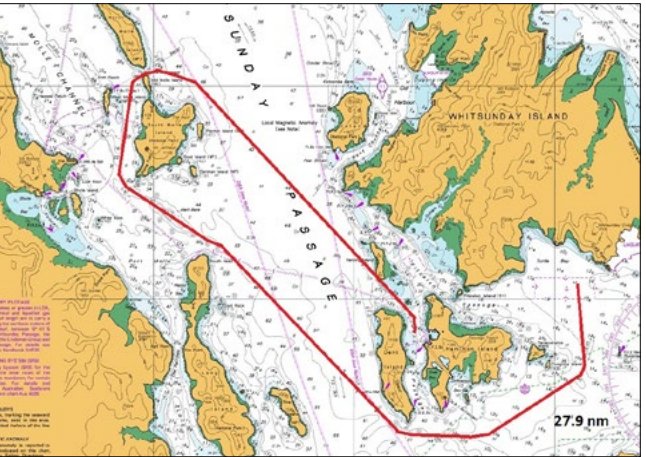
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Dungurra Island*	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
South Molle Island	Starboard
North Molle Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 39
36.5 nm approx.



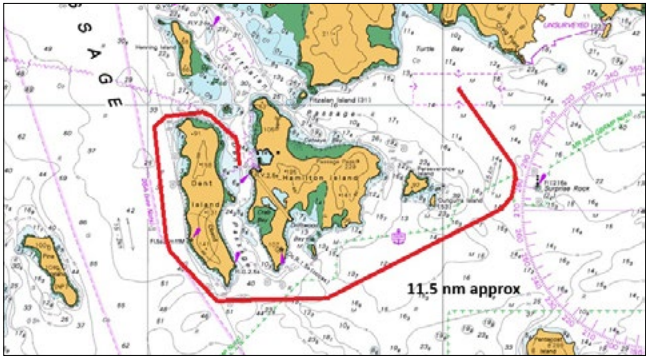
Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Pentecost Island	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
South Molle Island	Starboard
North Molle Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 40
27.9 nm approx.



Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Dungurra Island*	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
South Molle Island	Starboard
Mid Molle Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

Course 41
11.5 nm approx.

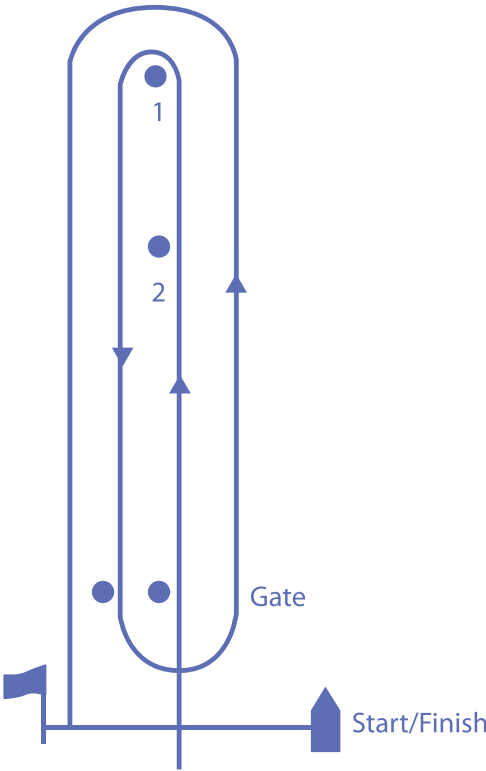


Course Mark	Required Side
Starting line	Eastern Starting Line
Laid Mark	As described in A 4
Dungurra Island*	Starboard
Dent Island	Starboard
Dent Laid Mark	Starboard
Finishing Line	Dent Passage in a southerly direction

WINDWARD / LEEWARD COURSES

- A 6 The following course descriptions lists the order each mark is be rounded.
- A 7 All single marks (not the gate) shall be rounded to PORT. If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round that mark to port.
- A 8 The course to be sailed for each division will be signalled by a numeral board displayed from the race committee vessel. The course to be sailed may also be broadcast on the designated course VHF Channel.
- A 9 A board displaying the approximate compass bearing from the race committee vessel to Mark 1 and Mark 2 will be displayed from the race committee vessel.
- A 10 Mark 1 and Mark 2 will be laid to windward of the starting line. The gate will be laid approximately 100 metres to windward of the starting line. (Note: The gate may be laid after the starting signal).
- A 11 For a change of course the race committee will move the original mark (or marks) or will lay a new mark (or marks) identical to the original at the new position. Any subsequent marks may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.
- A.12 Mark 2 will only be laid if required.

Course Mark	Mark Description
Start / Finish Mark	Yellow inflatable buoy
Mark 1	Yellow inflatable buoy
Mark 2	White inflatable buoy
Gate	White inflatable buoys



Course Signal	Course to Sail
1	Start – 1 – Finish
2	Start – 1 – Gate – 1 – Finish
3	Start – 1 – Gate – 1 – Gate – 1 – Finish
4	Start – 2 – Finish
5	Start – 2 – Gate – 2 – Finish
6	Start – 2 – Gate – 2 – Gate – 2 – Finish

IMPORTANT RACE WEEK COMMUNICATIONS

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND COMMUNICATIONS

On Island Emergencies

From an island phone: 000

Inform operator of known relevant details and be guided by the operator. Relevant details include location of incident and number of injured persons etc. The trained operator will assess the information and notify the appropriate agency.

Off Island Emergencies

Yacht returning to Hamilton Island: 000

Inform operator of known relevant details and be guided by the operator. Relevant details include location of incident and number of injured persons etc. The operator will coordinate the most appropriate emergency response.

RETURN TO EITHER A1 OR A2 JETTY.

IMPORTANT RACE WEEK NUMBERS

Emergency (from landline).....000
Emergency (from mobile)..... 112
Marina Office..... 07 4946 8353
Medical Centre..... 07 4804 5688
Race Week Office 07 4946 8646 (EXT 68646)
Race Week Office Enquiries raceoffice@hamiltonisland.com.au

Local Marine Industry

Hamilton Island Shipyard/Chandlery07 4946 8138
North Sails..... 0434 955 112
Airlie Sails.....07 4946 1125
Hawkes Boatyard 07 4946 6700
Shute Harbour Slipway/Chandlery 07 4948 8239
Coral Sea Marina07 4946 2400
Whitsunday Sailing Club.....07 4946 6138
All Marine Services07 4946 5411
Quadrant Marine Chandlery..... 07 4946 4033
ENZED (Hydraulics) 07 4946 4470

Travel

Cruise Whitsundays07 4846 7000
Jetstar 13 15 38
Virgin Australia13 67 89
Qantas13 13 13

Off Island Emergencies

Yacht not returning to Hamilton Island heading elsewhere: 000

Inform operator of known relevant details and be guided by the operator. Relevant details include location of incident and number of injured persons etc. The operator will coordinate the most appropriate emergency response.

Off Island Emergencies

Out of mobile range: VHF channel 16 or 68

Contact Hamilton Island Marina Office and inform marina staff of all known details of the incident. Marina Office staff will coordinate the most appropriate emergency response.

ALL VESSELS WITH EMERGENCIES ON BOARD ARE TO GO TO A1 AND A2 JETTIES.

Government

Mackay Customs.....07 4965 7100
Water Police..... 07 4967 8888

Resort

Hamilton Island Reservations..... 137 333
Tour Desk 1300 659 133

Resort Facilities

Resort Buggy Hire..... 07 4946 8263
Explore 07 4946 9664
Pharmacy..... 07 4946 9053
Post Office 07 4946 9462
Hamilton Island Air 07 4969 9599

OTHER INFORMATION

TIDE PREDICTIONS

Times and heights of high and low waters August - 2025

Sunday 16		Monday 17		Tuesday 18		Wednesday 19		Thursday 20		Friday 21		Saturday 22	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0031	3.26	0107	2.85	0149	2.45	0248	2.10	0432	1.89	0630	1.90	0730	2.01
0650	0.57	0732	0.71	0622	0.88	0927	1.05	1049	1.16	1201	1.19	1252	1.15
1311	2.70	1407	2.57	1517	2.49	1644	2.50	1811	2.62	1911	2.78	1953	2.94
1851	0.93	1949	1.26	2121	1.5	2343	1.51						
Sunset													
1752		1752		1752		1753		1753		1753		1754	

TIDAL FLOW

Sunday 16th South until 1.11 pm then north until 6.51 pm
Monday 17th South until 2.07 pm then north until 7.49pm
Tuesday 18th South until 3.17 pm then south until 9.21 pm
Wednesday 19th Lay day (no tidal flow in the resort pools)
Thursday 20th North until 10.49 pm then south until 6.11 pm
Friday 21st North until 12.01 pm then south until 7.11pm
Saturday 22nd North until 12.52 pm then south until 7.53 pm

JURY MEMBERS

Pursuant to Rule 70.3(a), 91(b) and Appendix N of the Racing Rules of Sailing, Australian Sailing confirms that the appointment of an International Jury for this event is approved, and the right of appeal is denied.

Australian Sailing has approved the following International Jury as appointed by Hamilton Island Yacht Club.

Philippe Mazard Chair (IJ)	France
Richard Slater, (IJ) (IU)	NSW (Australia)
Russell Green (IU)	New Zealand
Jamie Sutherland (IJ)	New Zealand
Mark Gallagher (NJ)	QLD, Australia

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Denis Thompson (IRO) Regatta Director
Greg Sinclair (NRO)..... Race Officer
Jenni Birdsall (SRO).....Timing/Computer
Mark Dingley (NRO) Race Officer
Michael Spies..... Handicapper/Trophies
Philippe Mazard (IJ, IU) FRAJury Chairman
Richard Slater (IJ, IU) AUS Jury
Russell Green (IU) NZL Jury
Mark Gallagher (NJ) AU Jury
Jamie Sutherland (IJ, NU) NZL Jury
Ted Anderson (NRO) Pin Mark
Paul Borel (SRO) Marks
Nick Campbell..... Marks
Jack Buchan (NRO)..... Marks
Geoff Campbell Marks
Sharon Henwood..... Office
Matthew Dickinson Signals/Marks
Lucas Malige (RRO) FRA Signals/Marks
Kayla Boothby..... Signals/Marks
Daniel Richardson..... Signals/Marks
Kylie Flemming..... Signals/Scribe
Jess Campbell..... Signals/Scribe
Elaine Fowler (NRO).....Timer

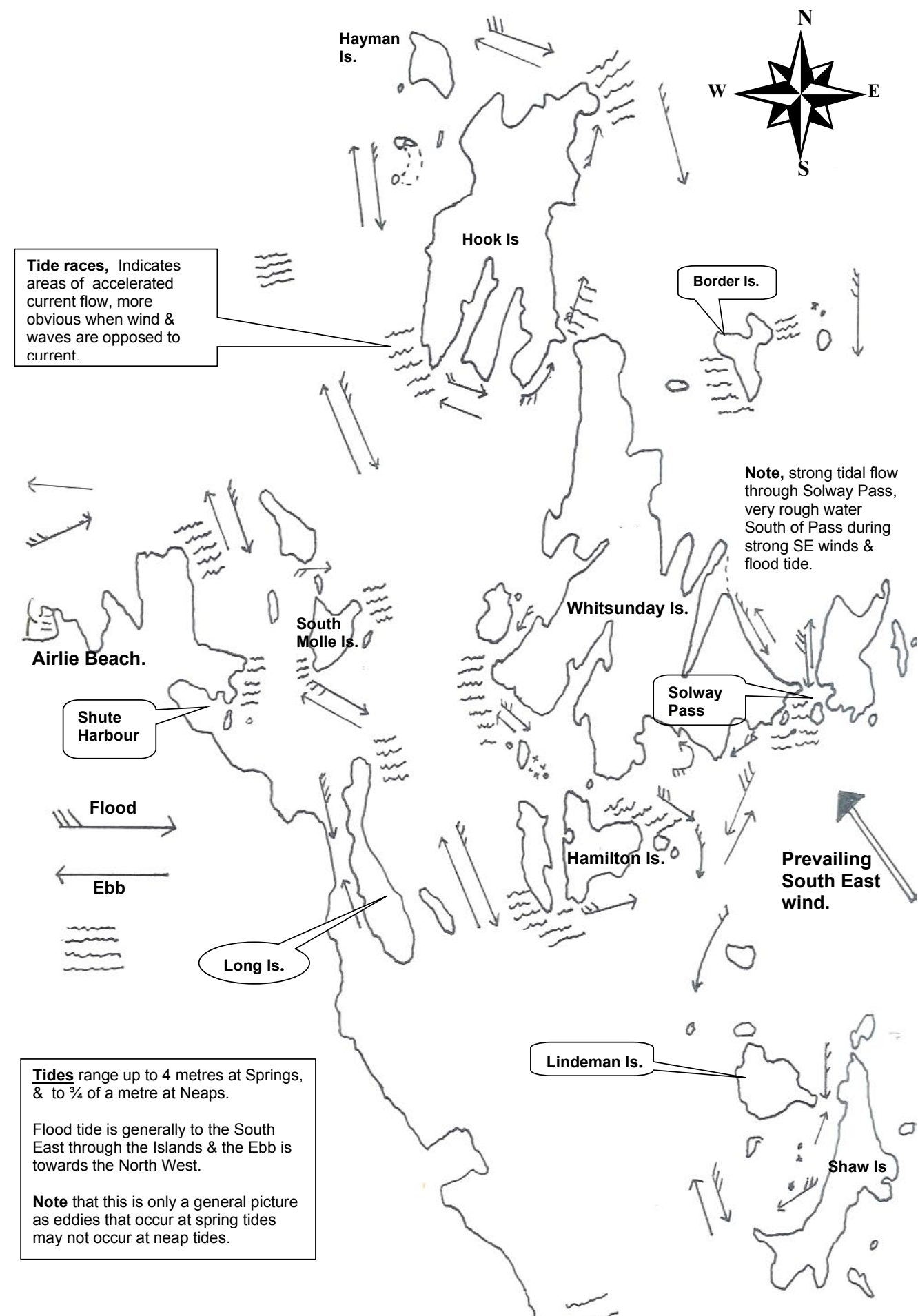


HAMILTON ISLAND APP



Scan to download the Hamilton Island App, or visit the App Store or Google Play. The App is the best way to make restaurant bookings and also includes an activities calendar, transport timetables and live weather updates.

WHITSUNDAY TIDAL FLOW CHART



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SHALLOW WATER WARNING BUOY

Yellow triangle buoys may be laid to mark shallow areas of Dent Passage. These buoys are not marks of any course and are only intended to remind yachts that there is shallow water in the vicinity.



Department of Transport and Main Roads - Maritime Safety Queensland

NOTICE TO
MARINERS

318 of 2025



Issued by Mackay Maritime Region on 11 July 2025

Area: Whitsundays pilotage area
Locality: Hamilton Island airport runway
Activity: Flight path caution to vessels

Mariners are advised that:

Vessels operating in Dent Passage between Titan Island and the Hamilton Island airstrip are advised that there are frequent aircraft movements in this area 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Vessels with an overall height greater than eight metres are advised to keep clear of the flight path zone during aircraft movements. These vessels if entering Hamilton Island marina are advised to keep to the eastern side of Dent passage and are not to stop in the aircraft zone (refer attached chartlet). This restriction also applies to the southern end of the runway in Driftwood Bay.

Mariners should navigate with caution in the area.

Refer to notice: none
Cancel notice: none

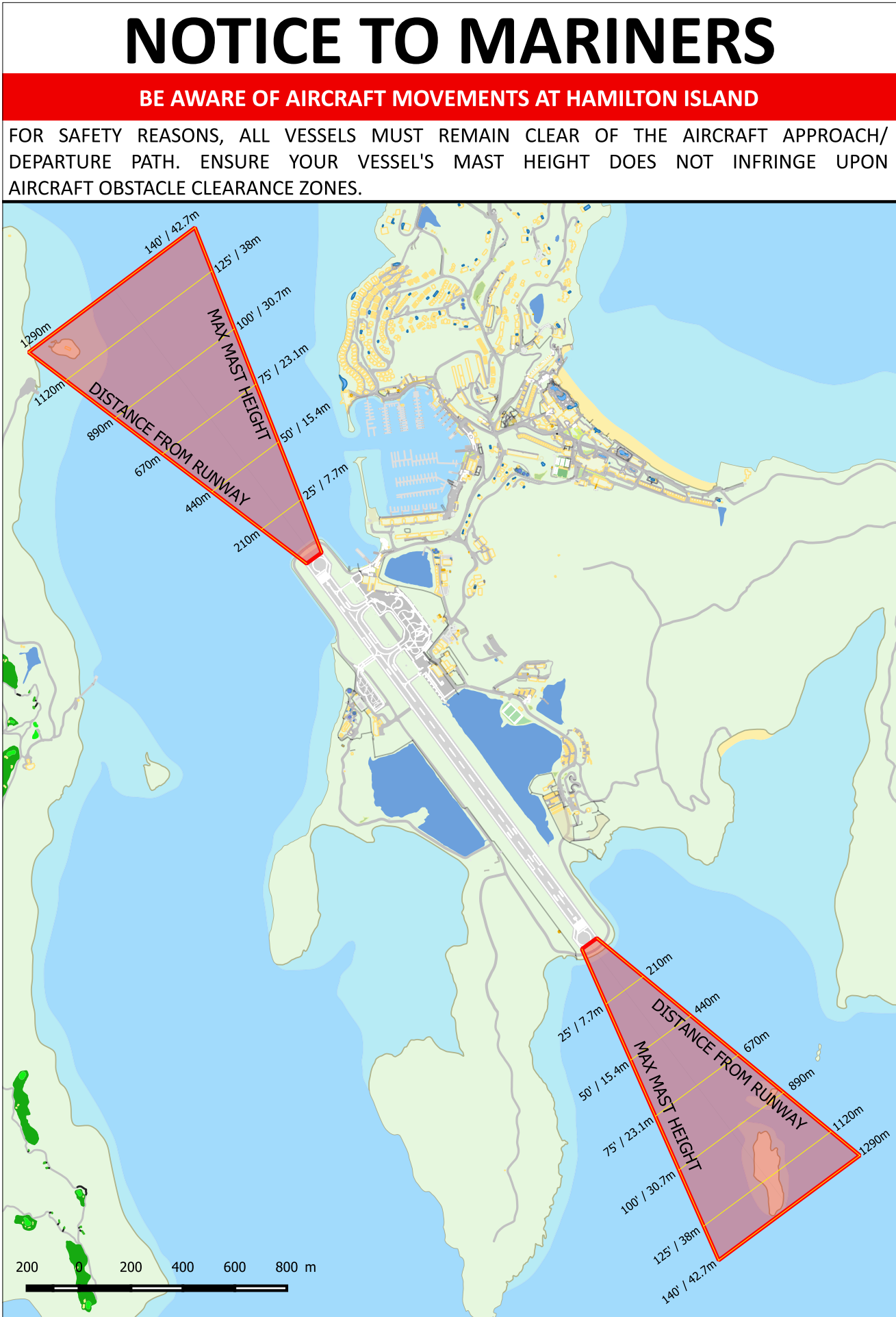
AUS charts affected: 252, 253
ENC Cells affected: AU5HTI01

Latitude and longitude positions are on WGS84 horizontal datum and are compatible with GDA2020 datum.

For further information about this notice, please contact:

The Mackay Regional Harbour Master's office:
Phone 07 4944 3700 Email: vtshaypoint@msq.qld.gov.au

Notice authorised by: Regional Harbour Master (Mackay) - Maritime Safety Queensland



SAILORS PLEASE BE AWARE OF MEDIA CRAFTS

During Race Week this year there will be a number of media following the racing both from the water and from the air.

The skippers of the media boats and the pilots of the helicopters will make every effort to make sure they do not interfere with the racing as much as they can. However there may be occasions when they find themselves in a position where the wake from a boat or the down wash from the rotors of the helicopters may briefly affect the racing yachts.

This is sometimes unavoidable and we ask you to understand that they are trying to get the best shots for the media exposure the regatta deserves.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, we appreciate your help.

AIRCRAFT ARE HAZARDOUS TO YACHTS

Have you ever sailed in the dirty air from another boat? Try sailing in the dirty air from an Aircraft. Wake turbulence generated from the wind of an aircraft can cause sudden and violent wind changes (up to 80 feet/sec), possibly resulting in equipment damages or injuries.

Vortices have enough energy to create multiple whirlwinds lifting water from the surface. Vortices can exist for in excess of 3 minutes.

Jet blast from the aircraft engines can also be dangerous. Full power is required for take off on Hamilton Island's short runway. The Airbus A320 produces 26,500 lbs of thrust per engine. The thrust can carry aft of the engine for at least 1150'/348m where the wind gusts will be in excess of 40 knots.

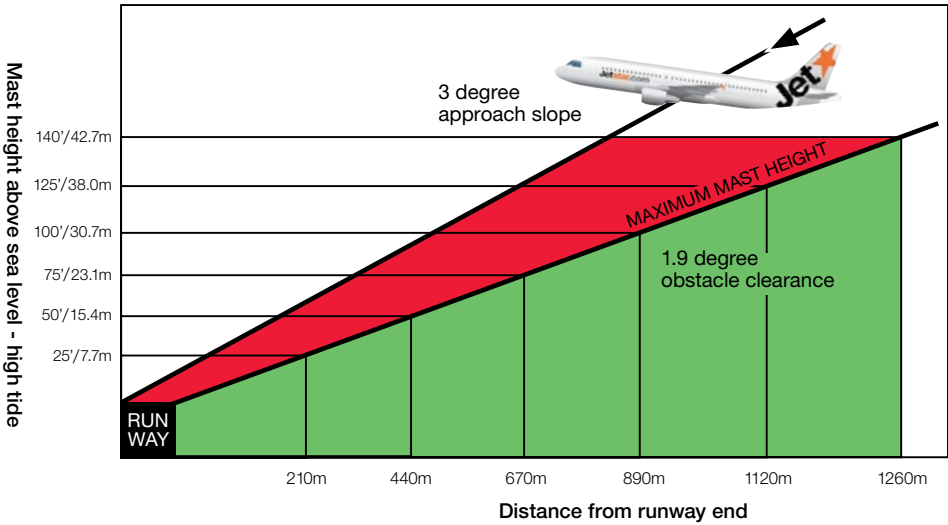
YACHTS ARE HAZARDOUS TO AIRCRAFT

During landing, a Jetstar, Airbus A320 Aircraft can weigh up to 66,000kg and travels at an airspeed of 140 knots. Our normal approach path is a 3-degree slope. For Jetstar to have the required obstacle clearance above your mast, plot your mast height against the required distance from the runway.

Conducting a missed approach can present a dangerous situation. A jet aircraft can take up to 6 seconds to start climbing. During this time it will travel over 1400 feet (431 metres) and descend about 50 feet.

Mast height (ft)	Height (m)	Distance out from runway
30	9.1	250m
40	12.1	340m
50	15.4	440m
60	18.4	530m
70	21.4	620m
80	24.4	710m
90	27.4	800m
100	30.7	890m
110	33.7	990m
120	36.7	1080m
130	39.7	1170m
140	42.7	1260m

Every boat has a different limit. When sailing the Dent Passage, ensure the runway approach path is clear. Check your mast height against the table and know your distance limit before you sail out.



A alpha

B bravo

C charlie

D delta

E echo

F foxtrot

G golf

H hotel

I india

J juliet

K kilo

L lima

M mike

N november

O oscar

P papa

Q quebec

R romeo

S sierra

T tango

U uniform

V victor

W whiskey

X xray

Y yankee

Z zulu

1st Substitute

2nd Substitute

3rd Substitute

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RULES FOR WATCHING MARINE MAMMALS

The Whitsundays is a designated Whale Protection Area, and Whale Heritage Site, specifically recognising its importance as a birthing and calving ground for humpback whales. As you sail amidst the migrating humpback whales, please keep your distance and stay vigilant to ensure the safety and wellbeing of both our competitors and these majestic mammals.

There are a number of rules that are in place to make sure marine mammals can live naturally in Queensland waters without being disturbed, while at the same time allowing us to watch them in safety.

Legal requirements are set out in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 2019 and are complemented under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

Approach distances for whales and dolphins

Approach distances reduce the risk of disturbing whales or dolphins. They apply to boats (including kayaks and paddle boards), prohibited vessels (e.g. jet skis and hovercraft), aircraft, remotely piloted aircraft (e.g. drones), helicopters and people who are in the water.

Approach distances for dugongs only apply where a special management declaration has been made.

Approach distances are divided into caution zones and no approach zones.

Caution zones

The caution zone is an area surrounding a whale or dolphin in which boats cannot travel at speeds of more than six knots or speeds that create a wake. The caution zone extends out to 300 metres from a whale, and 150 metres for a dolphin.

No approach zones

Within a caution zone there are areas designated as ‘no approach’ zones that boats cannot enter. These are the areas closest to an animal and directly in front of and behind an animal. For a whale, the no approach zone surrounds the animal for 300 metres and 500 metres within 30 degrees of the whales direction of travel - in front and behind. For dolphins, the no approach zone surrounds the animal for 50 metres and extends 150 metres in front of and behind the animal.

Something to think about

A fully loaded semi-trailer weighs 36 tonnes. A fully-grown humpback whale weighs up to 45 tonnes. You wouldn’t stand in front of a moving semi-trailer, so why would you put your boat in the way of a whale?

When a marine mammal approaches a boat

If a whale approaches a boat so that the boat is within the caution zone, the operator of the boat must turn its engines off or disengage its gears, or withdraw from the no approach zone at a speed that is less than six knots and doesn’t create a wake.

If a dolphin approaches a boat within the caution zone or the no approach zone, a moving boat can continue on its way as long as any change in speed or direction is made gradually in a way that is unlikely to disturb the dolphin, particularly if it is bow riding. The boat may even slow down or stop to watch the dolphin providing it does so in a way that does not disturb it.

When a marine mammal appears disturbed

If a marine mammal shows signs of disturbance (e.g. acting in an aggressive manner, changing its breathing patterns) a boat must withdraw beyond the caution zone at a speed that is not more than six knots so as to not create a wake.

Other situations where specific approach distances apply

Specific approach distances also apply for the following:

- ‘prohibited’ vessels (e.g. jet skis and hovercraft): not within 300 metres of a whale or a dolphin
- aircraft: not within 300 metres of a whale or a dolphin
- remotely piloted aircraft (drones): not within 300 metres of a whale or a dolphin
- helicopter: not within 500 metres of a whale or a dolphin, and no hovering above a marine mammal
- a person in or entering the water: not within 100 metres of a whale or within 50 metres of a dolphin.

In the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and other Commonwealth waters, boats must not come within 300 metres of a whale calf or within 150 metres of a dolphin calf. If a calf appears, causing a boat to be within a no approach zone, the boat should stop with the engines turned off or the gears disengaged, or the boat should withdraw at a slow, constant speed.

Special Management Declarations

The Special Management Declaration framework gives marine mammals additional protection when it is required and provides a flexible and streamlined management tool for responding quickly to situations where marine mammals are under threat.

Special Management Declarations can be either temporary or permanent and made for animals (special management marine mammal declarations) or areas (special management area declarations) that need to be given greater protection or require additional management.

At present there are two permanent Special Management Declarations. One has been made declaring Migaloo and other humpback whales that are more than 90% white to be special management marine mammals. This means boats and prohibited vessels cannot approach within 500 metres of a predominantly white whale and aircraft cannot approach within 610 metres.

Special Management Declarations can be made in different situations including when:

- an animal is at risk of stranding
- a calf becomes separated from its mother or group
- a female marine mammal is about to, or has recently, given birth
- dugongs need additional protection to help them recover from habitat loss when their usual seagrass feeding area has been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster.

General boating regulations around marine mammals

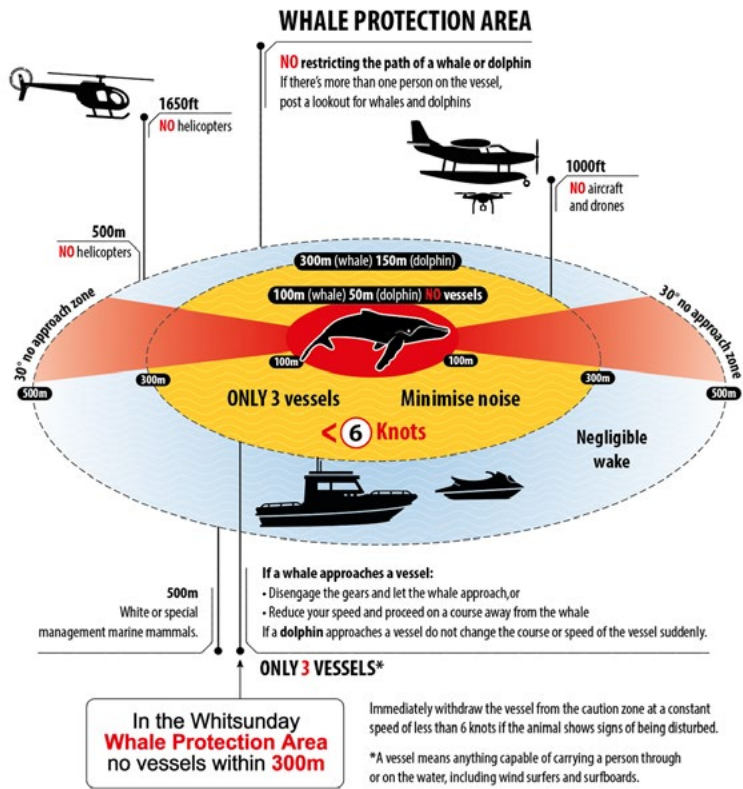
Please follow these general rules to protect marine mammals:

- Never restrict the path of a marine mammal or cause it to change direction.
- Never drive a boat into a pod or herd of marine mammals causing it to divide into smaller groups.
- Do not deposit rubbish near, make a loud or sudden noise near, or attempt to touch or feed a marine mammal, unless it is part of an authorised dolphin feeding program.

Report any sick, injured or dead marine mammals or marine turtles by contacting the department on 1300 130 372.

Keep the Sea Clean

We are pleased to announce our new partnership with Eco Barge Clean Seas. Please use the complimentary sacks and island bins to recycle containers, helping to keep our waters clean and our marine wildlife safe.



Current information on Whale, Dolphin and Dugong protection measures and regulations are available on the GBRMPA [website](#).
The [Whale Protection video](#) is available on the GBRMPA You Tube Channel.

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