



PRE RACE BRIEFING

ORCV 2026 Melbourne to King Island yacht race

Please put the boat name and your name (incl anyone with you) in the chat so we can record attendance.

There will be questions at the end but if you have any questions along the way, put them in the chat.

Keep yourself on Mute at all times.



WELCOME

CATHERINE NORTH – RACE DIRECTOR

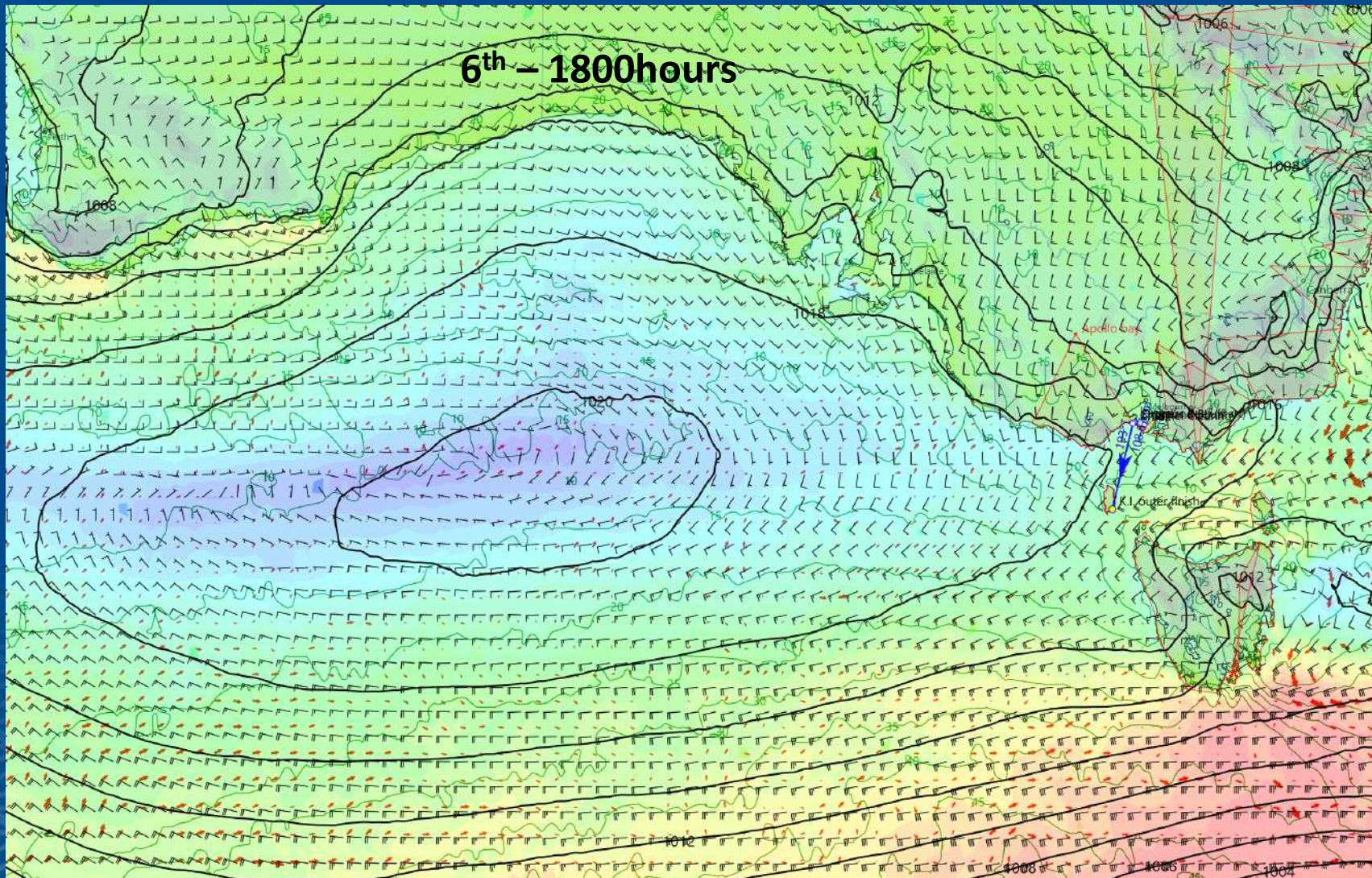
- **We will give you a Weather Briefing**
- **We will introduce the team**
- **We will discuss hospitality at King Island**
- **We will cover some final instructions and reminders**
- **There will be an opportunity for questions**

BUT FIRST

Let us acknowledge and thank the numerous ORCV and KIBC volunteers and staff who are helping to run this race – for you.



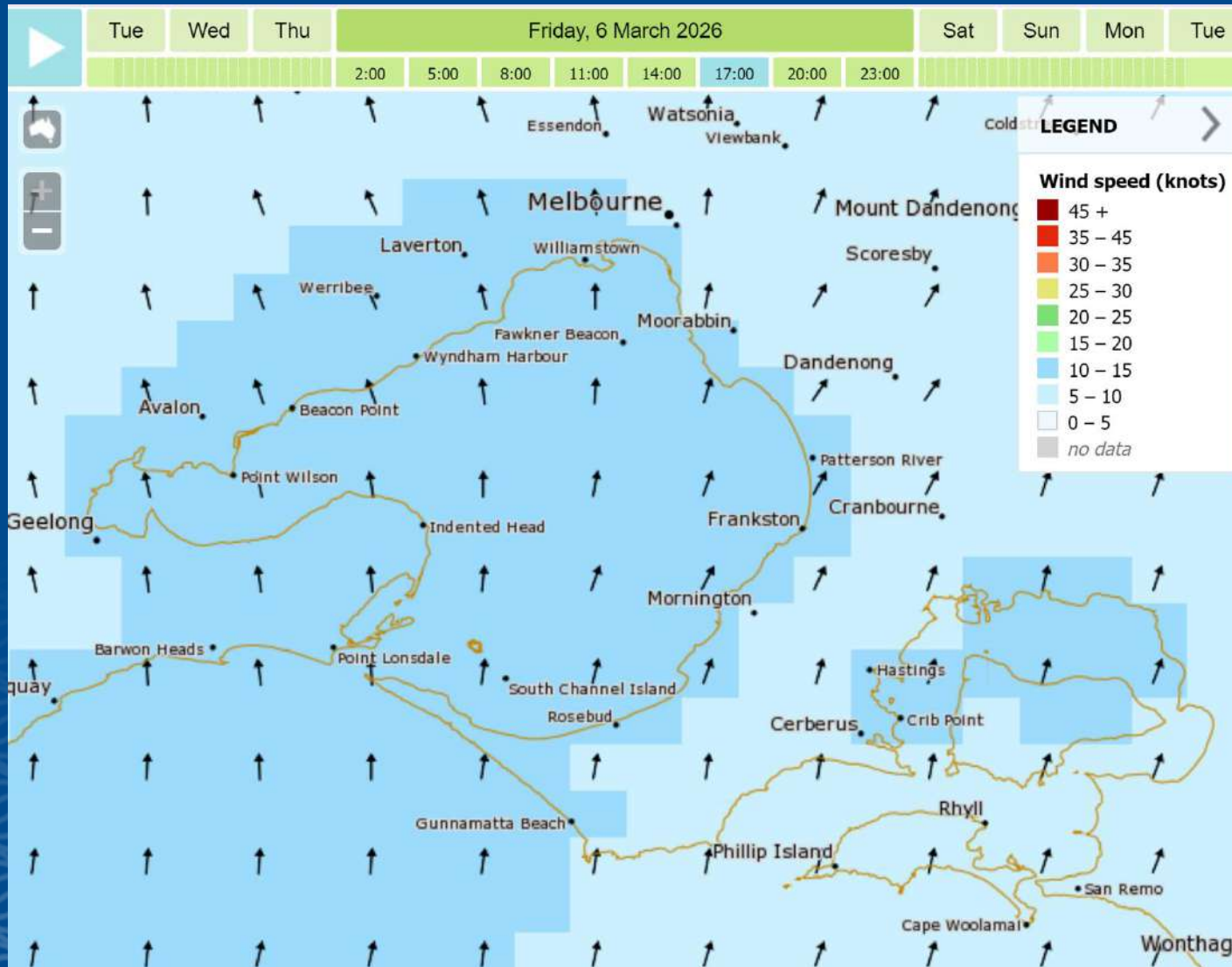
WEATHER BRIEFING – PROGNOSIS CHART



Race Start (Friday 1715)

- Dominated by high in the bight which is producing fairly stable southerly winds
- Front passing Southern Bass Strait Thur with W winds then tending S
- Generally starting @ 15-20kts and easing throughout the race but picking up again towards the back of the race

WEATHER BRIEFING – BOM FORECAST (METEYE)

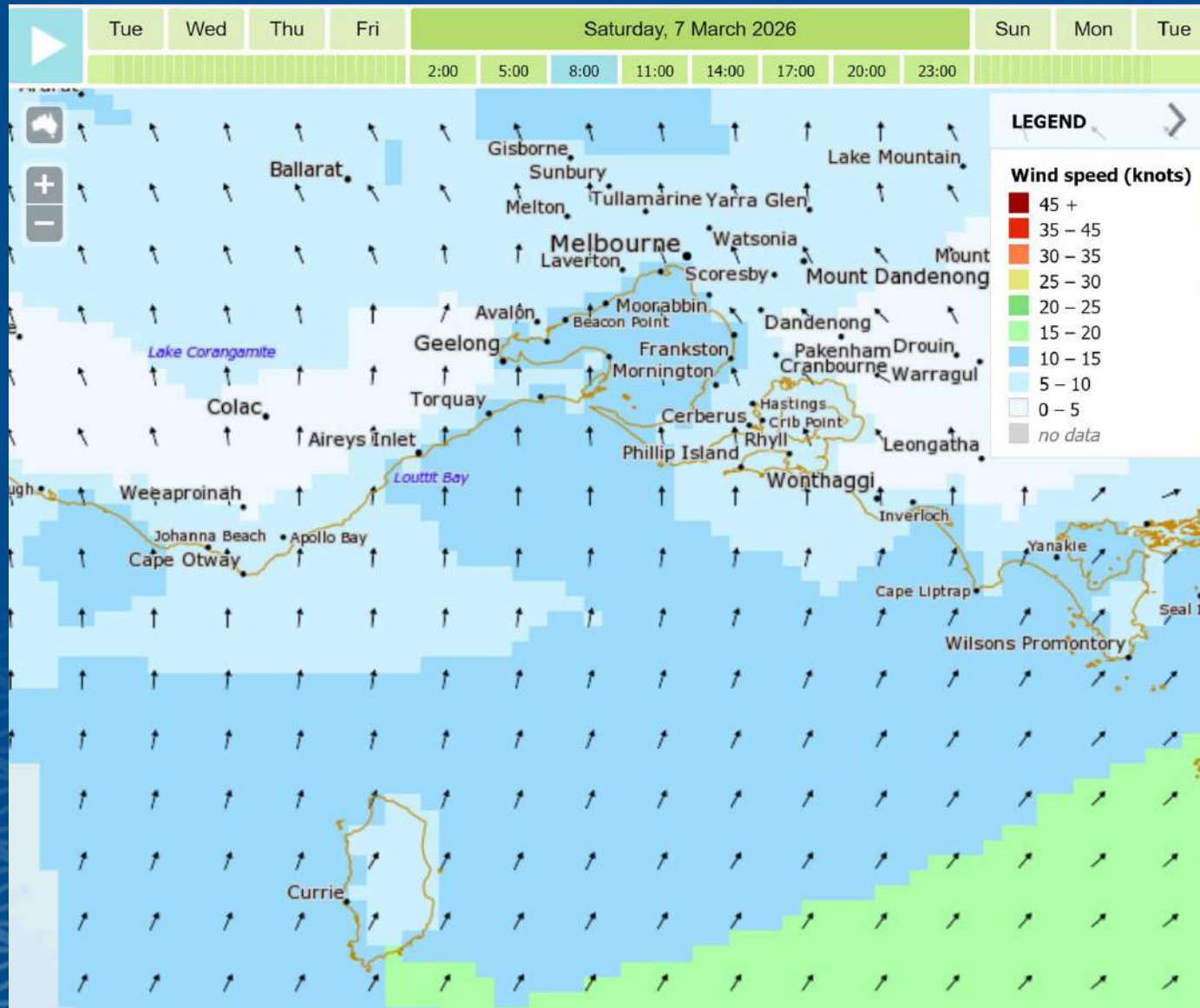


Race Start (Friday 1715)

- Winds 15-20 kts - Southerly
- Keep clear of all shipping
- Remember the exclusion zone in the Heads
- Keep clear of the Pilot Boarding Area
- Allow a little extra time to get to start
- May see a little rain Friday Evening



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- **DURING**

Mild temps

Significant cloud cover

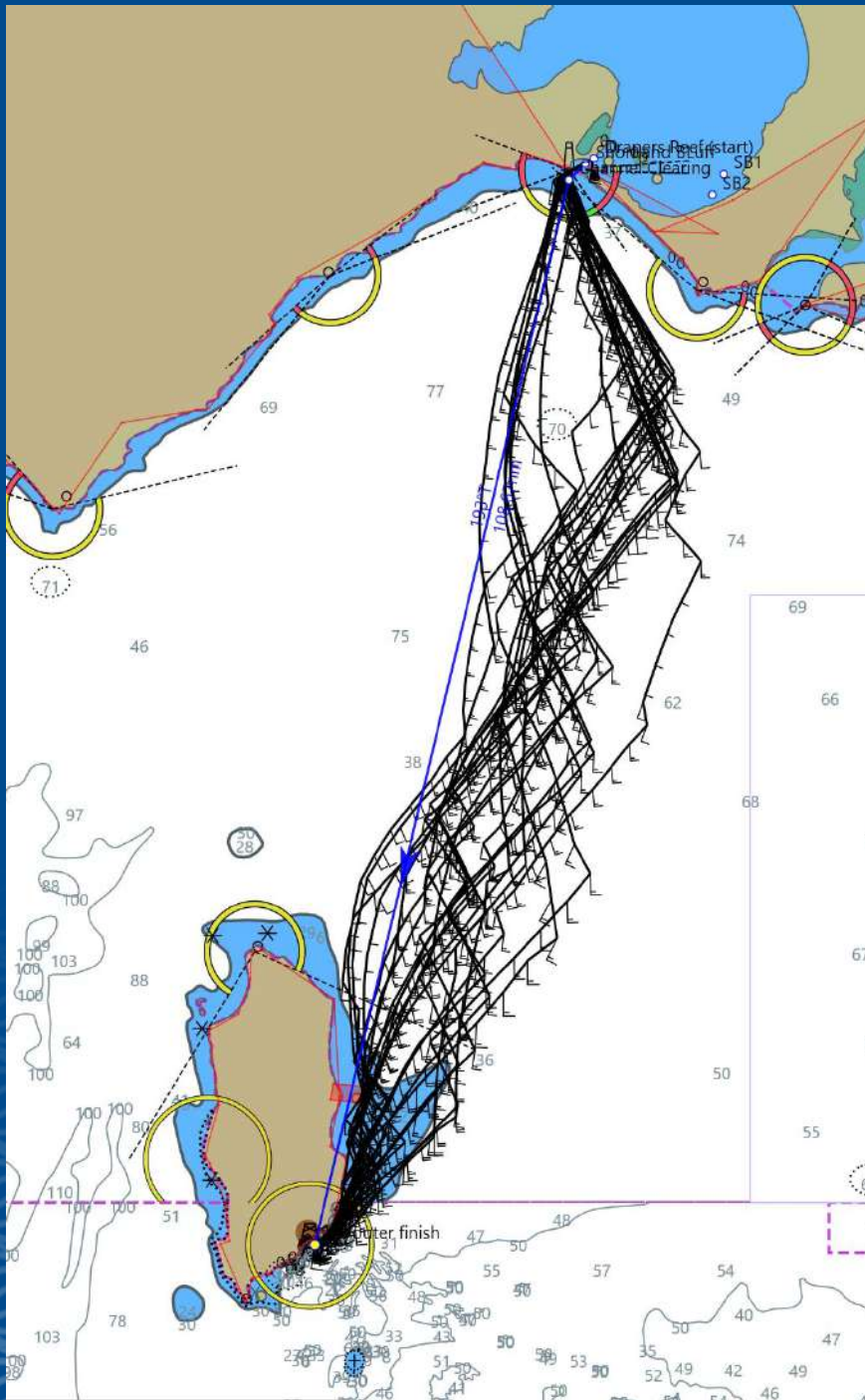
The slower boats are likely to see the wind backing 20-30° later in the race

- **RETURN**

Winds tending to East throughout Sunday and increasing to 20-25kts

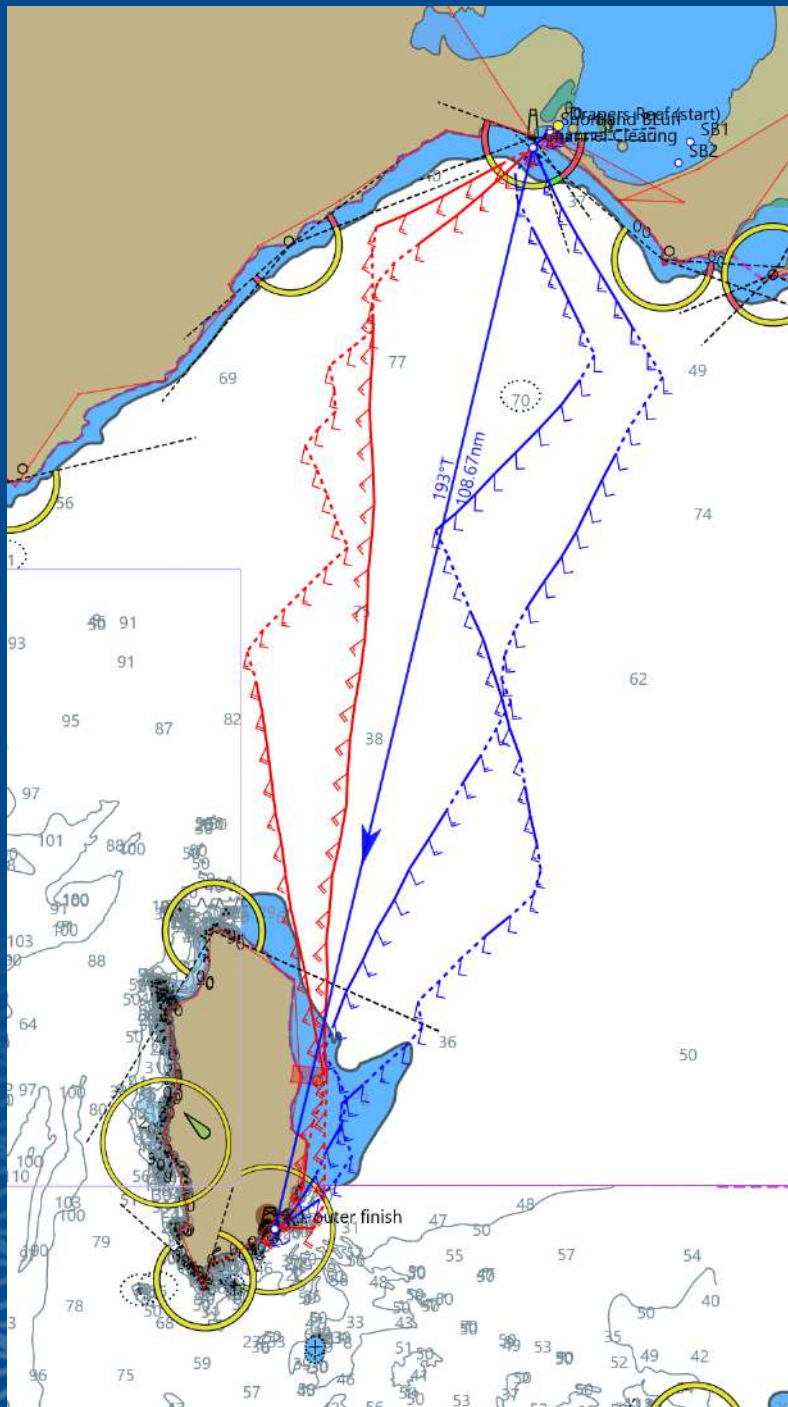


FLEET ROUTING



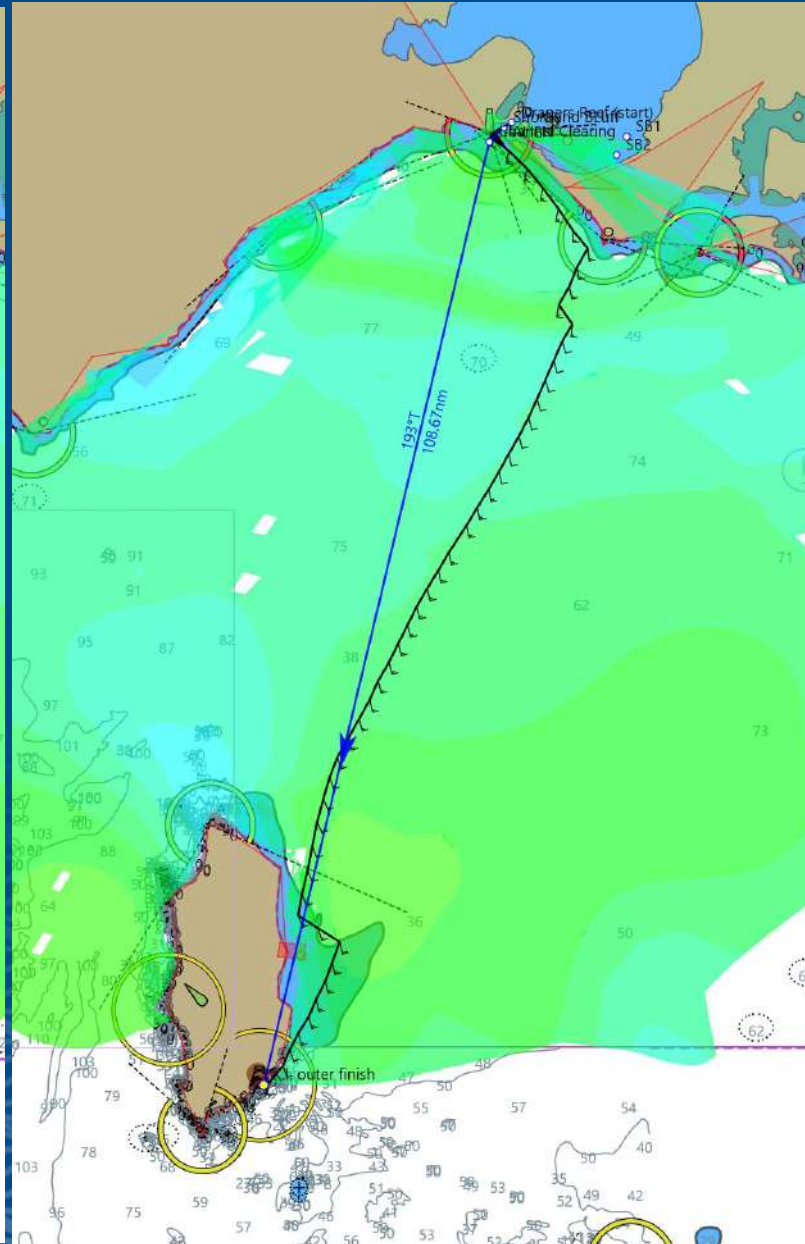
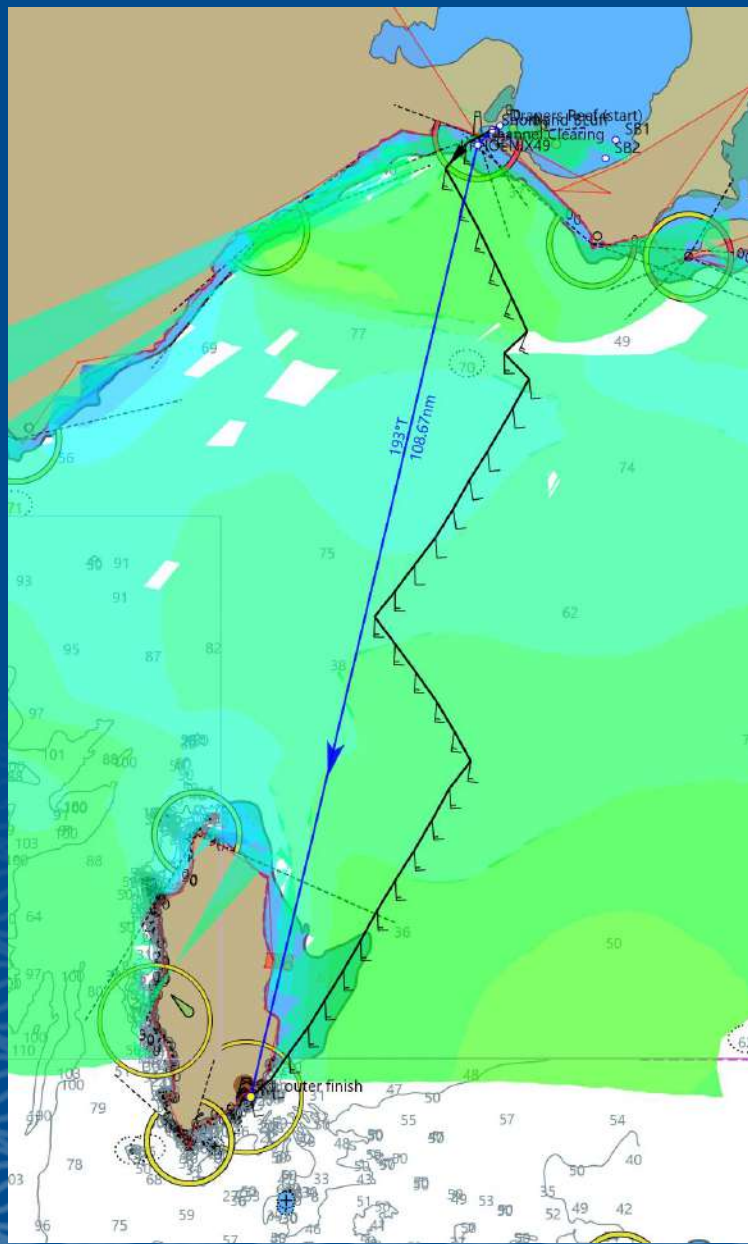
- Note the variation in routes
- The critical decision will be when to put in the first tack
- The slower boats are likely to see cracked sheets towards the backend
- Fastest time @ 16:30 hours
- Mean time @ 22:00 hours
- Slowest time @ 26:00 hours

ENSEMBLE ROUTING



- ECMWF – GFS – PWE – PWG
- Clearly see the models not aligning towards the backend of the race with some models showing the wind backing and others have it clocking.
- All models are showing similar finish times

WEATHER BRIEFING – ALONG THE ROUTE

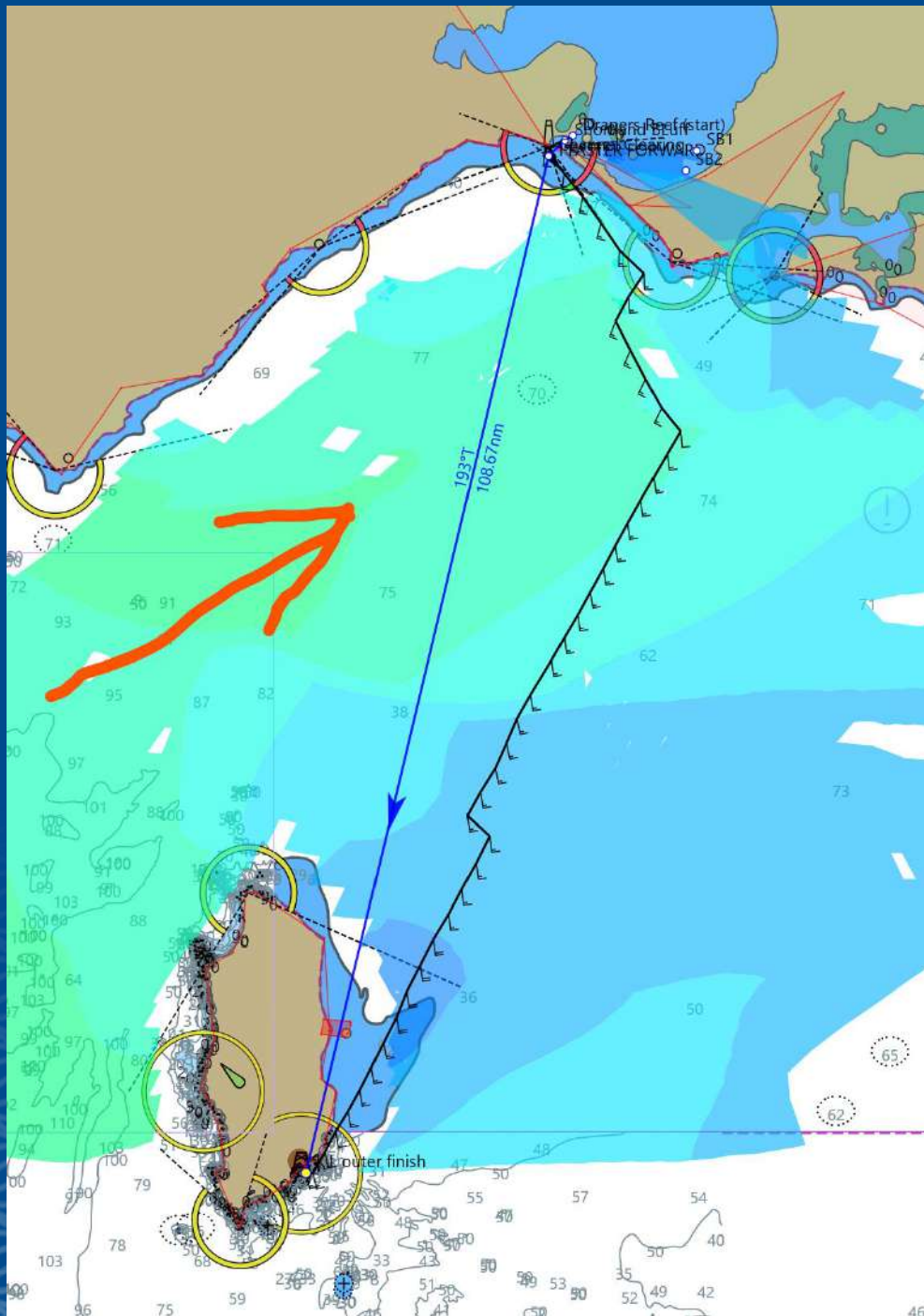


There is consistency across the fleet starting in 15-20kts and easing throughout down to 10kts

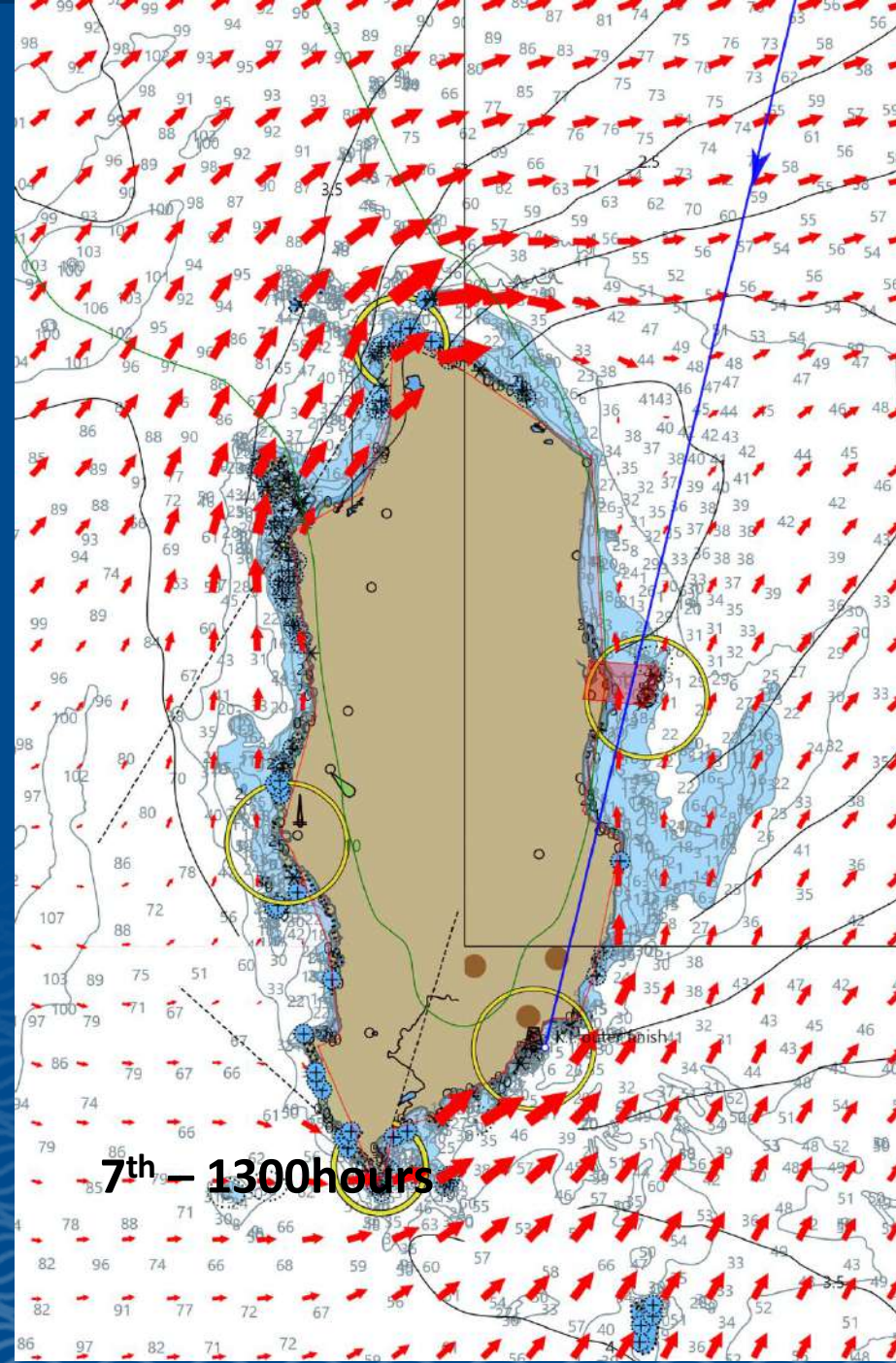
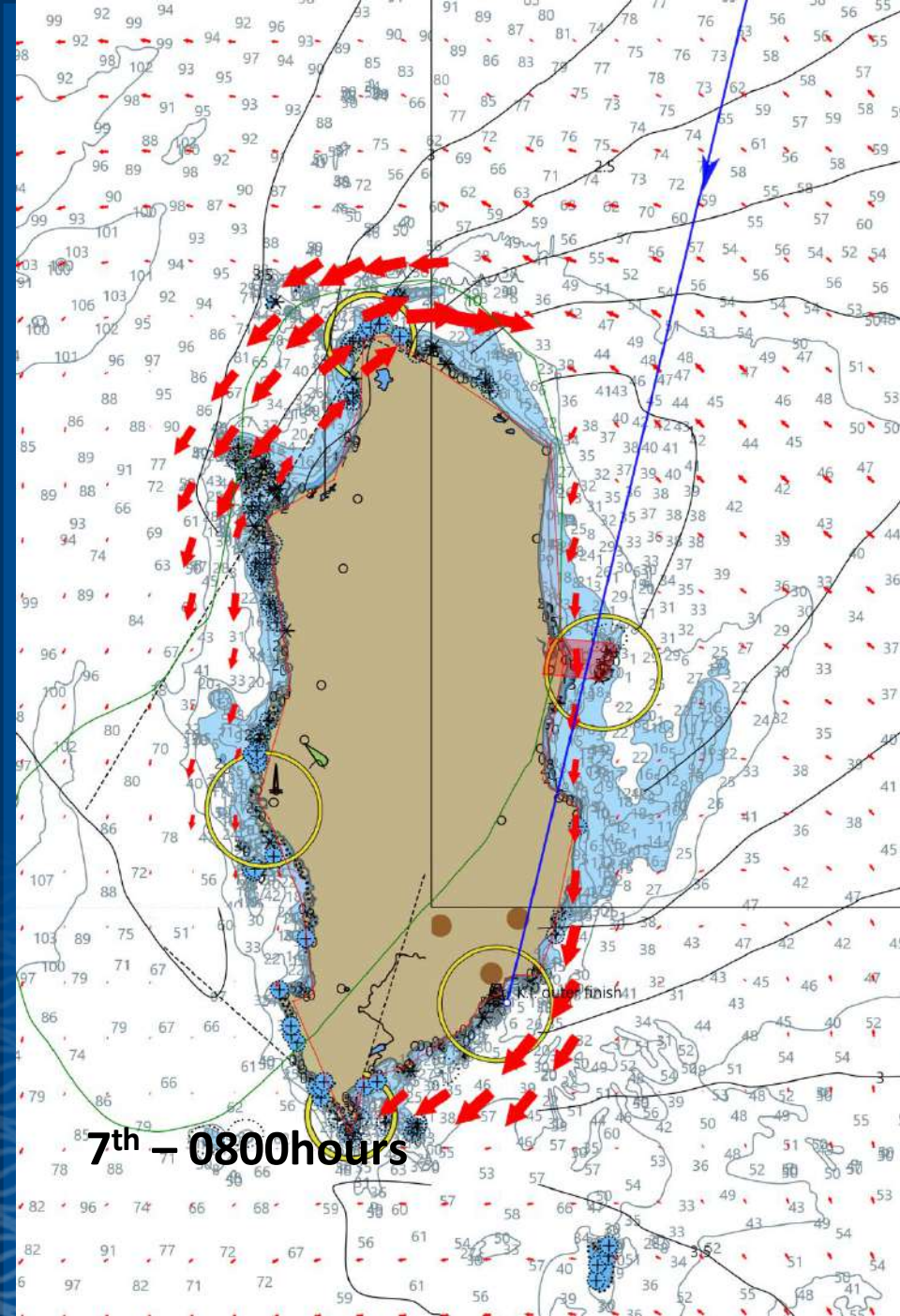
Slower boats likely to see increase later in their race

Bass Strait has a reputation for large holes to appear from time to time

SIGNIFICANT WAVE



- The biggest waves are likely to be throughout Friday night with significant waves being 3.5m
- Abating in the shadow of King Island
- Bigger on western side
- Direction of primary swell from SW with wind waves from S



TIDES – SLACK WATER @ RIP



 The Rip, VIC – March 2026

 PRINT TABLE

Please note: The predictions are in daylight saving time when it is observed.

MON 2 MAR			○ TUE 3 MAR			WED 4 MAR			THU 5 MAR			FRI 6 MAR			SAT 7 MAR			SUN 8 MAR		
SLACK	MAXIMUM		SLACK	MAXIMUM		SLACK	MAXIMUM		SLACK	MAXIMUM		SLACK	MAXIMUM		SLACK	MAXIMUM		SLACK	MAXIMUM	
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2:37 am	4:48 am	-2.63	3:42 am	6:06 am	-3.22		12:56 am	+3.69		1:51 am	+3.87		2:37 am	+3.95	12:35 am	3:18 am	+3.95	1:12 am	3:54 am	+3.86
8:04 am	10:57 am	+1.91	9:46 am	12:33 pm	+2.52	4:33 am	7:05 am	-3.98	5:14 am	7:51 am	-4.66	5:48 am	8:30 am	-5.21	6:19 am	9:03 am	-5.62	6:48 am	9:34 am	-5.84
1:12 pm	4:23 pm	-4.27	2:54 pm	5:54 pm	-4.37	10:53 am	1:42 pm	+3.22	11:44 am	2:30 pm	+3.71	12:26 pm	3:09 pm	+4.02	1:03 pm	3:43 pm	+4.20	1:36 pm	4:17 pm	+4.26
8:48 pm	11:50 pm	+3.49	10:02 pm			4:18 pm	7:05 pm	-4.69	5:24 pm	8:03 pm	-4.92	6:18 pm	8:54 pm	-4.99	7:04 pm	9:37 pm	-4.95	7:44 pm	10:17 pm	-4.81

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TIDES



 King Island (Grassy), TAS – March 2026

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MON 2 MAR		 TUE 3 MAR	WED 4 MAR		THU 5 MAR		FRI 6 MAR		SAT 7 MAR		SUN 8 MAR		
LOW	6:44 am 0.68 m	HIGH	12:47 am 1.19 m	HIGH	1:34 am 1.22 m	HIGH	2:11 am 1.24 m	HIGH	2:41 am 1.25 m	HIGH	3:07 am 1.24 m	HIGH	3:31 am 1.22 m
HIGH	10:19 am 0.80 m	LOW	7:31 am 0.54 m	LOW	8:05 am 0.40 m	LOW	8:33 am 0.27 m	LOW	8:56 am 0.16 m	LOW	9:16 am 0.08 m	LOW	9:38 am 0.04 m
LOW	5:39 pm 0.28 m	HIGH	12:26 pm 0.88 m	HIGH	1:40 pm 1.02 m	HIGH	2:30 pm 1.14 m	HIGH	3:11 pm 1.23 m	HIGH	3:48 pm 1.30 m	HIGH	4:24 pm 1.32 m
		LOW	7:13 pm 0.25 m	LOW	8:05 pm 0.24 m	LOW	8:45 pm 0.26 m	LOW	9:15 pm 0.29 m	LOW	9:41 pm 0.33 m	LOW	10:08 pm 0.38 m

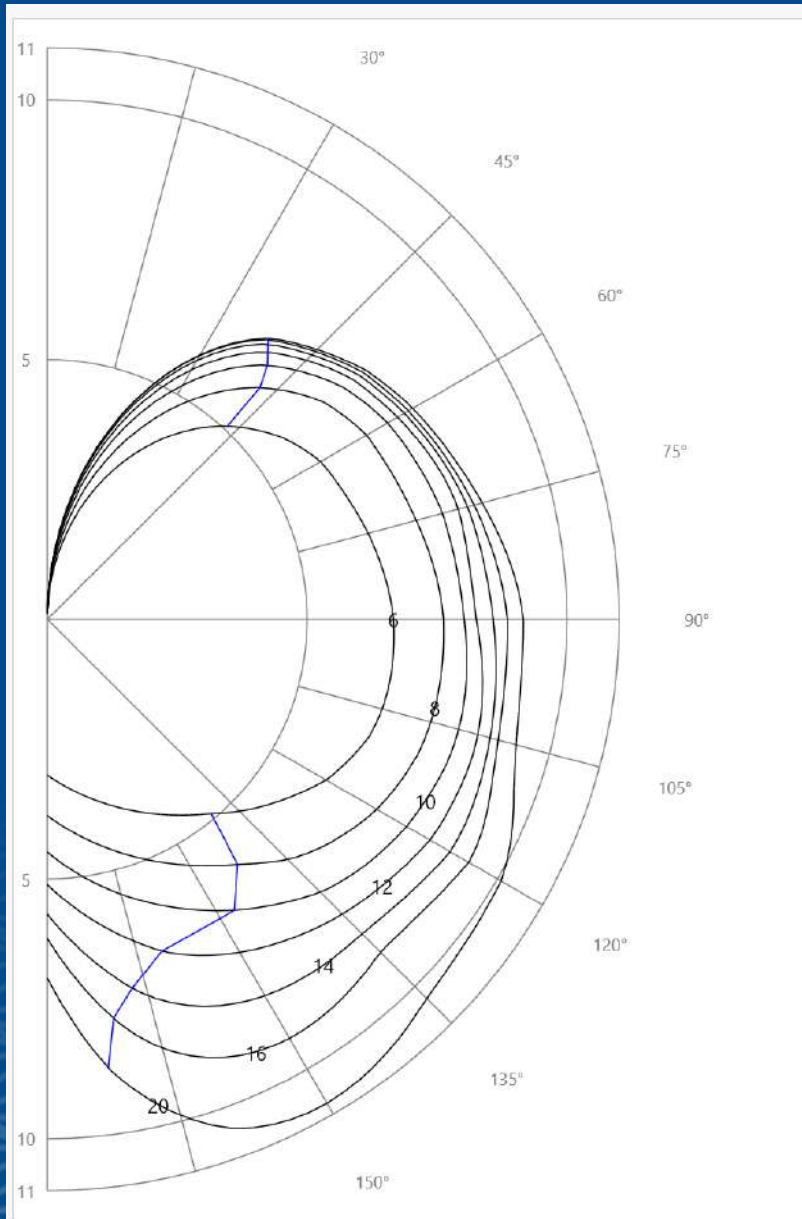
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YOUR POLARS



- Our Weather briefings moving forward will be based off your performance – not just the standard First 40
- Also helps the RD determine where boats might be given the weather conditions
- Request for each boat to supply their polars to the office for more detailed future briefings



RACE MANAGEMENT – KEY PLAYERS

- **Race Directors**

- Race Director (PRO) – Catherine North
- Assistant Race Director – Angela Riolo
- Start Race Directors – David Schuller and Peter Forbes
- Media Support – Delma Dunoon, Krizza Martinez, Cas Bukor

- **Weather**

- Rod Smallman

- **Incident Management**

- Sally Williams, Bruce Reidy, Vanessa Brotto – IMT mentor
- Prarthana Karanth (Medical)

- **Office Staff**

- Annabel O’Connor & Hannah Williams

- **Race Champion**

- Andrew McConchie

- **KIBC Commodore**

- Corey Brazendale (Commodore) and Mark Poulsen (Vice Commodore)

COMPETITORS – 22 BOATS PARTICIPATING



BOAT NAME	SAIL NO	SKIPPER	FROM	DESIGN
ALIEN	R880	Justin Brenan	RYCV	Lidgard 36
ARCADIA	S17	Peter Davison	RMYS	Archambault 40 R C
BELLE	SM700	Richard Taylor / Kylie Balharrie	SYC	ly60
BLUE WATER TRACKS	B1	Grant Dunoon	RBYC	Moody 54 Ds
CADIBARRA	SM615	Paul Roberts	SYC	Sydney 41
FASTER FORWARD	R6155	Matt Fahey	RYCV	Sydney 38
FOGGY DEW	SM1808	Robert Darcy / Janet Wilkes	SYC	J99
GODZILLA	R111	Joel Matthews	RYCV	Hick 31
HOT CHIPPS	SM46	John Chipp	SYC	Dehler 46
HOW BIZARRE	S13	Scott Robinson	RMYS	Seaquest Rp36
JAC HOI	G88	Danielle Fraser	RGYC	Solaris 47
JAFFA	R39	Stuart Mellington	SYC	Runnalls 39
ORA	R360	Allan Gontar	RYCV	Sydney 36 Cr
PHOENIX49	AUS49005	Brenton & Jennifer Carnell	RGYC	Marten 49
QUIXOTIC	R7779	Andrew Middleton	RYCV	X-41
SHIMMER	SB5005	Steve Twentyman	SBSC	Hanse 505
SPIRIT OF DOWNUNDER	R1200	Marty Bennett / Rick Whitehouse	RYCV	Cameron De Lange 12m
TEVAKE 2	G1011	Tobias Swanson	RGYC	Radford 13.7
THE JACKAL	S113	Matt Setton	RMYS	Ker 11.3
VAGABOND	S477	Andrew McConchie	RMYS	Beneteau First 47.7
VOODOO CHILD	G6222	Jason Farnell	RGYC	Northshore 369
WHITE SPIRIT	R500	Cyrus Allen	ORCV	Beneteau First 50

Decisions made

- No division split, not enough entries
- Cruising division is cancelled (only one entry)

Outstanding Items -

- Please attend to any outstanding items as soon as possible

We need all details asap to enable a complete risk Assessment for the race.

Handicaps will be finalised by Wednesday evening.

COMMUNICATIONS – REMINDERS

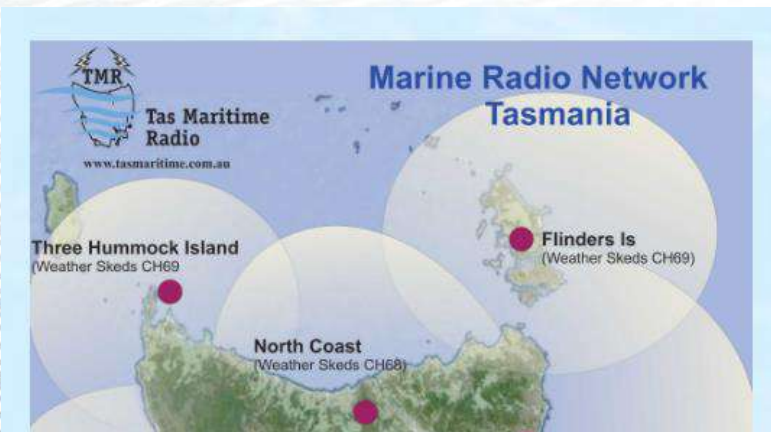
- **TES is locked out for competitors to change – any further changes via the office when open or Race Director phone if out of hours**
 - Adding crew already in TES is easy, new crew not in TES we need all info (NOK etc)
 - You still need to comply with NoR requirements
- **VHF Sign on – Remember to include your NoR declaration and PoB.**
 - David Schuller and Peter Forbes will monitor VHF 82 pre start and check POB against TES
- **Skeds:**
 - Twice a day, see SIs
 - The position recorded is at the specified time (e.g. 15mins prior to the hour) not when you radio or text in
 - Sat phones report in 10mins prior to the hour, HF radio 5mins past the hour
 - Monitor VHF16 for anyone who hasn't responded

COMMUNICATIONS – SEE SI DOCUMENT

Marine Radio Victoria cover VHF16 coast line 20Nm off shore 24x7

TMR volunteers monitor VHF16 and HF distress frequencies 7am-7pm daily. Outside of those hours VHF16 is monitored by others.

Use VHF69 repeater (SI error)



Date	Time	Action	Channel / Number	Station
5 March	1800-2100	Late Crew Changes	0418 396 605	Race Director
6 March	1615-1700	Monitor (Pre-Race Comms)	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
6 March	1630-1700	Sign-On Schedule	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
6 March	1700	Shipping Advice	VHF Channel 12	Ocean Racing
6 March	1710-1715	Starting Sequence	VHF Channel 12	Ocean Racing
6 March	1715	Individual recalls may be notified	VHF Channel 12	Ocean Racing
6 March	2045 2105	Position Schedule (SP) Position Schedule (R)	SMS 0418 396 605 HF or VHF	Race Director Tas Maritime
7 March	0305	Listening Watch	See A13	Kordia (Charleville Radio)
7 March	0845 0905	Position Schedule (SP) Position Schedule (R)	SMS 0418 396 605 HF or VHF	Race Director Tas Maritime
7 March	1505	Listening Watch	See A13	TMR
Thereafter every day in this cycle	Times may be altered by Radio Stations if necessary	Position Schedules and Listening Watches	SMS 0418 396 605 HF or VHF See A13	Race Director TMR/Kordia (Charleville Radio)
30 minutes before finish		1 st Finishing Report	SMS 0418 396 605 Or VHF 73	Race Director
Approaching finish line approx. 5 minutes from finishing		2 nd Finishing Report	VHF Channel 73	Race Director
Finishing and Post Finish communications		Finishing and Post Finish – Race Director	VHF Channel 73	Race Director
Berthing		Post Finish - KIBC	VHF Channel 72	KIBC Tender

Note listening skeds by Kordia, position skeds by TMR

Position skeds:

- Frequencies listed in SIs
- Try secondary frequency
- Try mobile
- Try relay via a nearby competitor VHF16

DIFFERENT COMPETITORS, DIFFERENT COMMS

HF Boats – Usual Sked Procedure

Sat Phone Boats – 20 min earlier than HF Schedule

Satphone boats (via WhatsApp)

Belle
Cadibarra
Faster Forward
Hot Chipps
How Bizarre
Jac Hoi
Ora
Phoenix49
Shimmer
Spirit of Downunder
Voodoo Child
White Spirit

Satphone boats SMS reporting

Foggy Dew
Quixotic
Tevake 2
The Jackal

HF boats

Alien
Arcadia
Blue Water Tracks
Jaffa
Vagabond

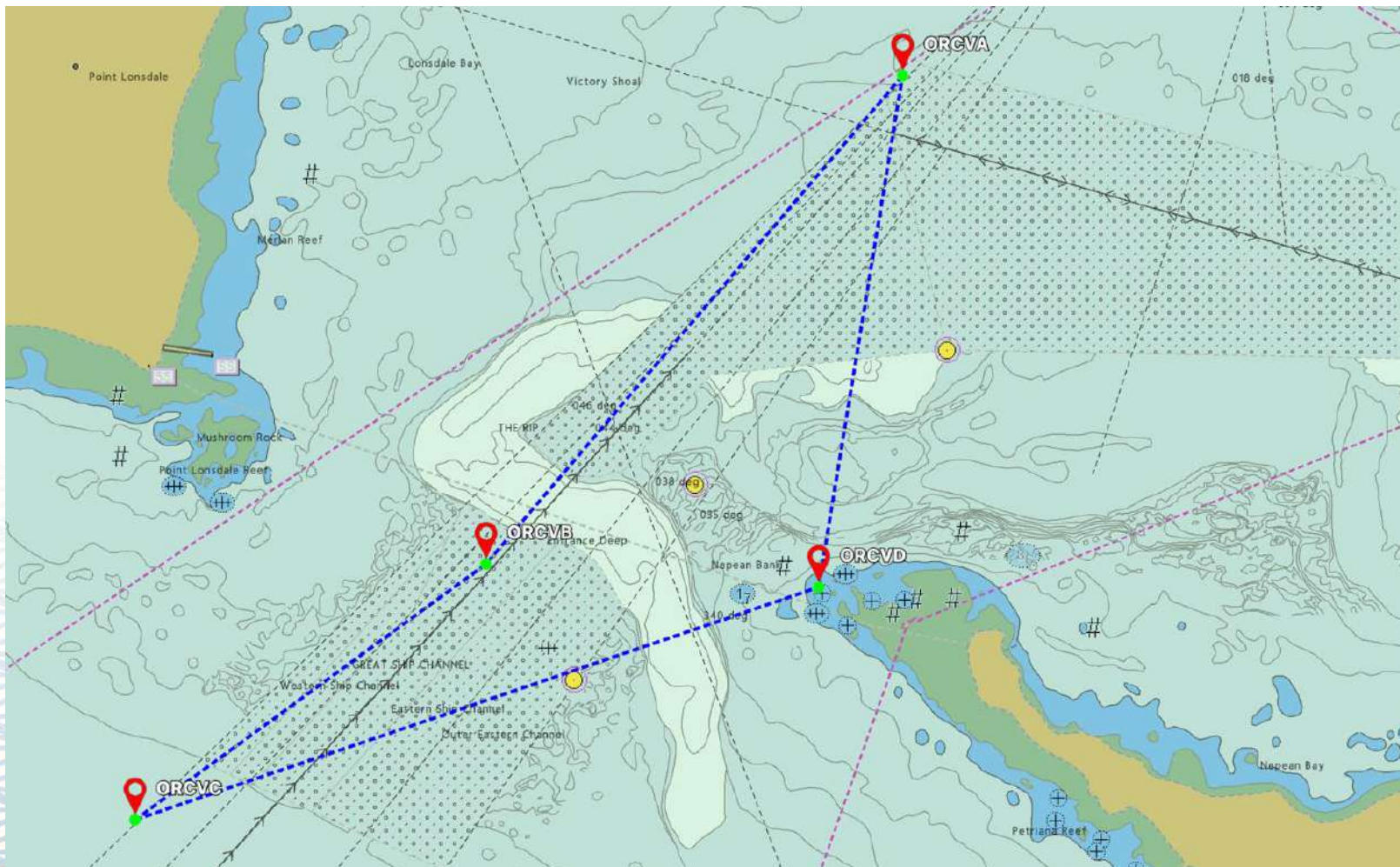
TRACKERS – YOU SHOULD KNOW WHERE TO COLLECT IT

Turn it on before you leave the dock

- Fit it to your **pushpit** with clear line of sight to the satellites
- Blue Water Tracks will show tracking from **9am Thursday 5 March**
<https://race.bluewatertracks.com/2026-melbourne-to-king-island-race>
- It is your **responsibility** to check it is tracking
 - You should see yourself appear on the ORCV tracker site after 10 mins (if you are moving)
 - Call 0418 396 605 if help needed
- Read the “how to” guide on the Garmin web site:
<https://www.orcv.org.au/docman-link/tracker-documents/4314-inreach-se-explorer-plus-owners-manual/file>
- It will be charged, but carry a **micro-USB cable** just in case
- Trackers are extremely important, not just for followers of the race but also for Incident Management
- We would like you to use the tracker on the way home however it is **your responsibility** to return it when you get back home
- Please **turn off your tracker** when moored in **Grassy Harbour** and when you arrive **home**
- **Post race**, please return to your **yacht club boating office / reception & advise the ORCV office**
 - Note: the ORCV Office in Albert Park is closed until 16 March due to the Formula 1 Grand Prix
- Trackers have **SMS capability** which you may need - ORCV strongly recommends someone on the boat can operate this function

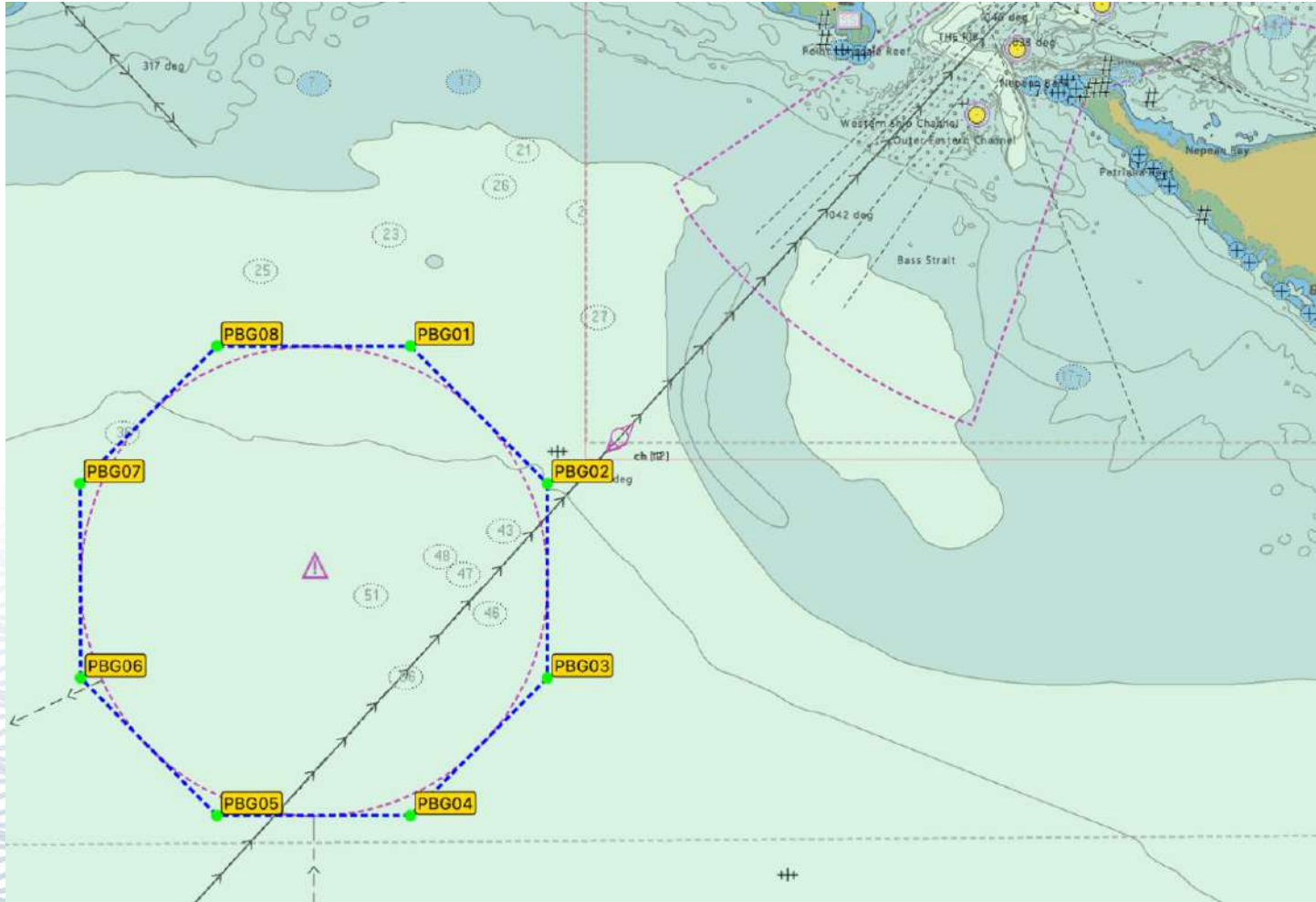


HEADS EXIT – WE WILL BE WATCHING !!



- You must take a photo of your heads exit track on your plotter
- Provide to the Race Director upon request
- We will be watching AIS !!

PILOT BOARDING GROUND – OBSTRUCTION, KEEP CLEAR



- You shouldn't be anywhere near it
- Again, take a photo of your track on your plotter
- Provide to the Race Director upon request

FINISHING

- **Report in (so we can get there to watch)**
 - 30 Minutes SMS RD phone or VHF 73
 - 5 Minutes on VHF 73
 - You don't need to sked if you have reported in
- **Finish**
 - Virtual marks, we will confirm finishing on VHF 73
 - Illuminate your sails
 - Report on VHF 73 when crossing to assist with night finish times.
 - Record your own time (GPS) just in case
- **Post Finish**
 - Sails down, motor in (mooring/rafting up)
 - KIBC tender VHF72 – they will instruct you where to go and where not to
 - Complete and submit your Race Declaration
- **Hospitality**
 - Please come in, even if you don't intend to stay for long – show your appreciation to KIBC



CREATING MEMORIES & PROVIDING INSPIRATION

- **Join the WhatsApp group**
(SMS'd out to all crew today)

- **photo / video competition**
entry closes 3pm on Monday 9th March

**These images help us build ocean racing,
inspiring others to join the race through
shared experiences.**



Sustainability

ORCV has registered M2KI as a **Clean Regatta with Sailors for the Sea** and there are several ways to get involved.

- Enjoy vegan and vegetarian local produce prepared by KIBC volunteers.
- Join us for a beach clean-up walk after presentations.
- Take your waste back to Melbourne.



Together, we can protect our oceans

- Replace single-use bottles and cutlery with reusable ones.
- Sort your rubbish (e.g., recycling and organics) to reduce what is sent to landfill.
- Use reusable storage containers for your meals.
- Pick up litter in marinas or your home club.

Between now and race day

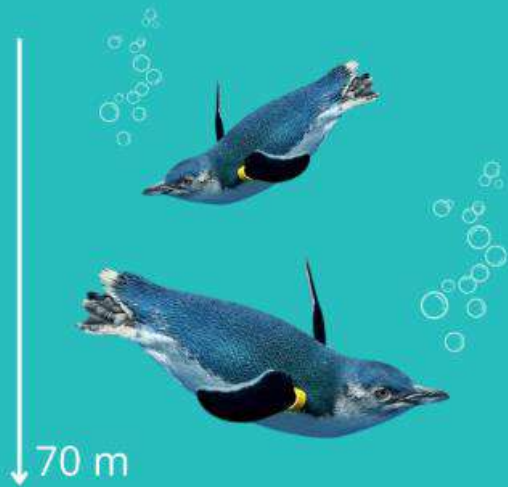
- Discuss with your crew – they may have ideas or are happy to take on the effort. Its not just up to skippers.
- Aim for progress, not perfection. Try one item on the list. Let us know what is easy and hard to manage.

SPECIES SHOWCASE:

Little Penguins, big personalities

PFAs are widespread in Tasmanian penguins and are detrimental to their health

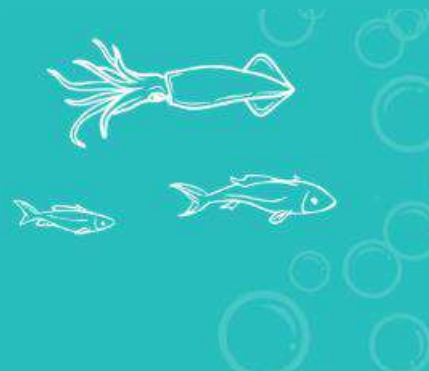
“Poly-fluoroalkyl substances” are forever chemicals. They are causing long term health issues for the penguins



Australia's smallest species of penguin call Grassy on King Island's east coast home. These small but vocal creatures can be seen at dusk returning to their burrows after days spent feeding at sea.

For the number crunchers

- 30cm tall
- 1.5 kg in weight,
- can dive to depths of 70m
- travel up to 20km in a single day in search for food (fish and squid)



Stop throwing food packaging overboard



Check for “fluoro” in your cleaning products (sunscreen, soap, detergent, waterproof sprays, and surface cleaners)



Important biosecurity information for all yacht crews travelling to Tasmania

Tasmania has some of the world's strictest biosecurity requirements. Please help us protect Tasmania from introduced pests, weeds and diseases by ensuring that you are not carrying with you any restricted items.



Fruit and Vegetables



Seafood, some animal products



Plant material, soil and seeds

More detailed information on what you can and can't bring into Tasmania can be found on the Biosecurity Tasmania website:



www.nre.tas.gov.au/travellersguide

**We ALL have a
General Biosecurity Duty**

CREW FEES

- Crew fees for non-members will be invoiced to skippers next week
- Avoid crew fees by joining ORCV

KING ISLAND BOAT CLUB HOSPITALITY

- **Hospitality**

- Saturday night steak sandwiches, burgers, veggie burgers etc
- Breakfast egg & bacon sandwich
- Drinks available at bar prices (bring card and **cash**)
- They will likely have fires
- There is a shower (sort of)

- **Mooring**

- Expect to have to tie up to a mooring buoy or raft up to others
- Shuttle service to shore will run to/from the boats
- If you haven't already, please let us know if you are intending to moor at Grassy via the online form

- **Presentation**

- We will confirm via SMS on the day -
- There will be an auction of crays and cheese !!
- There will be a take away price for slabs of beer after presentation



FINAL WORD

- **Stay safe**

- Go easy on the start line, it's a long race
- Sail smart – Remember more sail doesn't mean you go faster

Rule 3 "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

- **Promote the event**

- Let friends and family know to watch the Tracker via the ORCV web site
- <https://race.bluewatertracks.com/2026-melbourne-king-island-race>

- **Enjoy the event**

- Respect your fellow crew and other competitors
- Respect the volunteers and our hosts at KIBC
- We are committed to the ORCV Code of Conduct



SI 16.2 "Skippers are reminded that crew behaviour is both the skipper and all the crew's responsibility to manage, at all times including during any deliveries or pre and post race social events."

HEADING HOME

- **Tell us if your plans change**
 - Particularly who is on board
- **Keep an eye on each other**
 - Your best Search & rescue asset is your fellow competitor
 - Monitor VHF16 and AIS
- **Message us**
 - On the Race Director phone once you pass through the heads
- **Tracker**
 - Keep it on for your trip home, **turn it off** when you tie up and return it to where you collected it
- **Incident Management**
 - There will be minimal ORCV oversight during your trip home but the ORCV team will be on standby and will assist where we can. If something happens, contact us.



ANY QUESTIONS ?
(VIA CHAT OR UNMUTE YOURSELF)