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Amendments

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Key Information		
	Race Dates and Warning Signals	See Instruction 1
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Sailing Instructions

The 2026-2027 West Offshore Products Coastal Sprint Races will be conducted on the waters of Port Phillip and Bass Strait. The Races are organised and conducted by the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria.

1. Race Program

Races are scheduled as follows:

Race	Date	First Warning Signal	Sunrise Time	Sunset Time	Zone
1	Saturday 19 September 2026	0725	0614	1813	AEST
	Saturday 10 October 2026 Re-sail day for Sprint 1 if needed	TBC			
2	Saturday 05 December 2026	1025	0551	2029	AEDT
3	Saturday 17 April 2027	0855	0648	1751	AEST

2. Rules

2.1. The rules for these Races will be the current versions of:

- The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of Australian Sailing (AS),
- The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS),
- Where a yacht is entered under AMS, the Rules and Regulations of the Australian Measurement System (AMS),
- Where a yacht is entered under ORC, the Rules and Regulations of the Offshore Rating Congress (ORC),
- Where a yacht is entered under OMR, the Rules and Regulations of the Offshore Multihull Rating (OMR) Specification developed by the Multihull Yacht Club Queensland,
- The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (ColRegs),

except as amended by these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.

2.2. All times in these Sailing Instructions are Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) unless otherwise stated.

2.3. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, RRS 10 to 22 inclusive will cease to be applicable and will be replaced by ColRegs.

2.4. For the purpose of these Races, the times of sunrise and sunset are as detailed in Instruction 1.

3. Notices to Competitors

3.1. Notices to Competitors (NtC) will be posted on the ORCV website, www.orcv.org.au.

3.2. Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be:

- posted on the ORCV website (www.orcv.org.au) before 0700 on the day of each Race
- advised to competitors on VHF Channel 82 at the commencement of the sign-on schedule (see Appendix A: Race Communications).

4. Crew Declaration

The crew declaration will be via the Sign-On Schedule. Refer to A5.

5. Class Flag

The Class Flag for all Race categories and divisions will be the ORCV Burgee.

6. The Start

The Start is as described in Appendix B: Start.

7. The Course

7.1. The courses are as described in Appendix C: Courses and Marks.

7.2. Please note these courses include mostly virtual marks and, as part of a validation process, competitors must record all rounding or passing times (with the exception of Exclusion Zone marks) as part of their Race Declaration.

8. The Finish

The finish is as described in Appendix D: Finish.

9. Time Limit

The time limit for all boats in any Race is sunset. For the purposes of these Races, the time of sunset will be as listed in Instruction 1: Race Program. Any boat that has not finished by sunset will be scored as DNF (amends RRS 35).

10. Protests and Requests for Redress

10.1. Protests or requests for redress must be lodged with Race Director within 12 hours of the boat's finishing time.

10.2. Boats intending to protest or request redress must inform the Race Director by SMS or phone or by radio within 1 hour of finishing, giving any details as may be known at the time.

10.3. Protests or requests for redress will be heard at a time and place to be advised.

10.4. The date, time and venue for a protest hearing will be posted on the ORCV website with participants notified.

10.5. All requests for redress involving the official results must be submitted within 24 hours of the posting of results.

11. Penalty System

11.1. If, after a protest and hearing, a boat is found to have infringed a Rule, the Protest Committee may impose a penalty less than DSQ.

11.2. The Protest Committee may apply a time penalty for a breach of a rule or the Sailing Instructions declared by an infringing competitor without a hearing or after a hearing if a protest is contested.

11.3. A Two Turns Penalty will apply for monohulls and a One Turn Penalty will apply for multihulls for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 in Port Phllip.

11.4. A Time Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 outside of Port Philip.

11.5. The following penalties will be applied for breaches of these Sailing Instructions or the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) at the discretion of the Protest Committee:

- For a minor infringement – 15 minutes
- For a significant infringement – 60 minutes
- For a serious infringement – the penalty will rest with the Protest Committee and may result in a time penalty or disqualification
- For sailing within the bounds of any Exclusion Zones as designated in Appendix C – DSQ
- For failing to provide the Race Director with the Race Declaration form (SMS, email or hard copy) within 2 hours of finishing the Race – 120 minutes.

11.6. Elapsed time or other penalties may be imposed for non compliance with the Race Communications procedures as set out in the following table.

Penalty	Breach
10 minutes	Failure to report a position at a reporting schedule
30 minutes	Failure to report position at 2 non-consecutive reporting schedules
DSQ	Failure to report position at 2 consecutive reporting schedules

11.7. All penalties will be noted by the Race Director and will be applied to finishing times. Race results will be adjusted after penalties are applied (complements RRS 64.1 and amends RRS 44.3).

12. Boats Retiring

Boats retiring must inform the Race Director as described in A12 Boats Retiring.

13. Safety Regulations

13.1. The Safety Category and regulations are as set out in the Notice of Race.

13.2. The ORCV strongly recommends that safety harnesses and suitable lifejackets be worn whenever conditions warrant, particularly in rough weather, at night or when sailing short handed. Please refer to Australian Sailing special regulations 5.01.1(g) which requires life jackets must be worn between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

13.3. The crew of boats sailed double handed must wear lifejackets at all times when on deck.

13.4. Attention is drawn to Victorian regulations which stipulate the mandatory wearing of lifejackets when on deck during times of heightened risk. This includes crossing a bar, transiting the Heads, sailing at night and when the weather or weather forecast indicates heightened risk. For full details, consult the Transport Safety Victoria website (https://safetransport.vic.gov.au.).

13.5. Boats must keep clear of all commercial shipping (vessels more than 35 metres in length) while within Port Phillip and particularly while transiting Port Phillip Heads, as required by Vic Ports Harbour Master's Directions. Ships are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre while entering Port Phillip and boats must take any necessary avoiding action early.

13.6. In the event of avoiding action becoming necessary, a boat may start its engine and motor to avoid a shipping hazard, on a course perpendicular to the ship's track for as long as necessary.

13.7. A boat that takes such action must return to the location it started motoring, cease motoring and resume racing as soon as possible. The details of any such action must be reported to the Race Director on the Declaration after finishing.

13.8. Attention is drawn to Rule 9(a) and Rule 9(b) of the Collision Regs(ColRegs), and boats must hold to any course and directions prescribed during the Shipping Advice Broadcast. Boats found to have impeded the progress of a commercial vessel will be disqualified.

13.9. A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Special Regualtions and Notice of Race.

13.10. The Race Director may, at their absolute discretion, disqualify a boat from participating or continuing to participate in any Race if they believe that it is unsafe for that boat to commence or continue to race.

14. Unsuitable Conditions

14.1. After commencement of a Race, the Race can be terminated at the Race Director's discretion.

14.2. The Race Committee may deem a Race to be shortened, an alternative course to be raced, abandoned, rescheduled to another time or shortened. Arrangements for a shortened or alternative course are detailed in Appendix C.

14.3. Prorated positions may be used to determine a result for a Race.

14.4. Abandonment of a Race will be advised by radio communications and may be advised by SMS.

15. Race Communications

15.1. Race communications procedures are detailed in Appendix A: Race Communications.

15.2. All references to communications to the Race Director means by phone – 0418 396 605 and email – race.director@orcv.org.au.

16. Disclaimer of Liability

16.1. All those taking part in a Race do so at their own risk and responsibility.

16.2. Acceptance of a boat as an entrant in a Race is not to be taken as express or implied acceptance on the part of the ORCV and/or any of its Flag Officers, committee members, Equipment Auditors or any other members, of the fitness of any boat or any equipment on such boat to safely compete in a Race, and/or deal with any and all eventualities of the contemplated passage. It is the responsibility of each skipper of each competing boat to decide whether their boat is fit and suitably crewed for the intended purpose, and neither the ORCV nor any club, person or company connected with the organisation of a Race is responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted.

16.3. Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule 3 “Decision to Race” of the RRS which states:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

17. Crew Behaviour

17.1. All participants are reminded that they are expected to comply with ORCV’s Member Protection Policy and Code of Conduct. For more information refer to https://www.orcv.org.au/club/member-and-participant-protection

17.2. 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.

18. Appendices

The following Appendices A, B, C, D and E form part of these Sailing Instructions.

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Appendix A: Race Communications

This Appendix describes the radio and other communications procedures to be followed during each Race.

A1 Emergency and Urgent Safety Messages

Urgent safety messages for the Race Director may be transmitted at any time on VHF Channel 82. The Race Director can be phoned on 0418 396 605.

A2 General

A2.1. While racing, a boat must neither make nor receive communications not available to all boats.

A2.2. The AIS transponder must be switched on in transmit mode with yacht name and MMSI always displayed during any Race.

A2.3. All boats must respond to all scheduled radio and SMS communications, including the Sign-On Schedule and the Position Schedules. Failure sign on before the end of the Sign-On schedule will result in the yacht being scored DNC.

A2.4. Boats must not give false or misleading position reports.

A2.5. Boats must not interfere with operation of any tracking units.

A2.6. Boats must always monitor VHF Channel 16. ORCV recommends dual channel setup on VHF radios be used to allow continuous Channel 16 monitoring.

A2.7. Scheduled communications for the Race are listed in A13.

A3 Radio Race Channels

A3.1. Station name: Ocean Racing

A3.2. Race communications will use the following VHF Channels:

VHF Channel	Usage
12	Shipping Advice Broadcast, start sequence and premature starter advice
82	Other routine race communications
16	Distress & [a]
67	Working, Maritime safety information

A4 Crew Changes

A4.1. The requirements of the Notice of Race must still be met if removing, adding or substituting a crew member.

A4.2. When nominating additional crew, the following details must be provided: name of crew member, address, age, Australian Sailing membership number, and next of kin details including relationship to crew member, contact address and phone number.

A5 Pre Race Monitoring, Sign-On Schedule and Course Selection

A5.1. Boats must monitor VHF Channel 82 for pre race communications and any changes to Sailing Instructions including radio frequencies. Refer A13 for further details.

A5.2. The Sign-On schedule will be conducted on Channel 82. The selected course for each Race will be announced at the commencement of the Sign-On schedule and again at the end of the first call of the boats. Refer A13 for further details.

A5.3. Boats will be called in alphabetical order to confirm that they are starters in the Race. If intending to race, boats must respond:

> "{Boat Name} is a starter, {xx} persons on board, and we comply with the Notice of Race. Over."

A5.4. Boats that do not respond on the first call must wait until they are called again at the end of the schedule.

A5.5. Boats failing to respond during this schedule will not be considered a starter in the Race and will be scored DNC.

A5.6. In case of difficulties, boats must contact the Race Director.

A6 Shipping Advice Broadcast

A6.1. Ocean Racing will broadcast advice of shipping movements through Port Phillip Heads on VHF Channel 12.

A6.2. All boats must monitor this broadcast and maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 12 until they are 3 nautical miles outside Port Phillip Heads. Lonsdale VTS and any shipping transiting the Heads will be monitoring this frequency as well. In addition, boats must still maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16.

A6.3. Boats may cease monitoring VHF Channel 12 when 3 miles clear of the Heads and revert to monitoring VHF Channel 82 and 16.

A7 Premature Starters

Premature starters may be identified on VHF Channel 12.

A8 Position Reporting Schedules

A8.1. Position Reports have been scheduled commencing at times defined in A13. One or more of these schedules may be deleted by the Race Director if not required.

A8.2. Boats, called in alphabetical order on VHF Channel 82 by Ocean Racing, must report their position at the start of the relevant position reporting schedule in degrees and whole minutes only.

{Boat Name} *Position* ***{ddmm dddmm}*** *OVER*

A9 Finishing Report

A9.1. Unless shorten course applies, when approximately 5 minutes from the finish line, a finishing report must be made to the Race Director on VHF Channel 82 to indicate the boat is approaching the finishing line.

A9.2. A further call must be made on Channel 82 as the boats crosses the finish line in accordance with the finishing procedures set out in D1.

A10 Ad Hoc Communications

A10.1. Ocean Racing will monitor the Race frequency, VHF repeater Channel 82 as much as possible.

A10.2. A boat needing to make emergency contact at any time should call the Joint Rescue Co-Ordination Centre Australia (JRCC) or Marine Radio Victoria using the standard VHF or HF calling frequencies listed in the following table.

Frequency	AMSA/JRCC	Marine Radio Victoria
VHF 16	N/A	24x7
VHF 67	N/A	24x7
VHF 70 (DSC)	N/A	24x7
4125 kHz	Night	Any time
6215 kHz	Day or Night	Any time
8291 kHz	Day	Any time
12290 kHz	Day	N/A

Note: these frequencies are also distress frequencies. For longer communications, a switch to another frequency may be required once communications have been established.

A10.3. In addition, the following phone numbers are available for **emergency** use by mobile or satellite phone.

Number	Purpose
112 or 000	Emergency services
1800 641 792 **+61 2 6230 6811**	Search and rescue, medical advice AMSA / JRCC

A10.4. If you have issued either a Mayday or a Pan-pan, please activate your boat EPIRB to enable AMSA / JRCC to determine and monitor your position.

A11 Radio Failure

In the event of VHF radio failure boats must contact the Race Director by mobile phone.

A12 Boats Retiring

A12.1. Should a boat retire from the Race, advise Ocean Racing as soon as possible to give the following information:

— Time & position at the time of retirement

— Reason for retirement

— The state of the crew

— The port to which the boat is retiring.

A12.2. Boats that retire must continue to monitor the Race frequency and respond to any radio messages from Ocean Racing until such time as they reach a safe harbour.

A12.3. Within 2 hours of arrival at a safe harbour, contact must be made with ORCV (Ocean Racing) by radio or the Race Director's phone to confirm safe arrival.

A12.4. Failure to comply with this requirement may prejudice acceptance of an entry in future races.

A13 Scheduled Communications Summary

Race 1 – Saturday 19 September 2026

Date	Time (AEST)	Action	Channel	Station
19 September	0545-0645	Pre-Race Monitoring	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
19 September	0645	Announcement of Course Selection Sign-On Schedule and monitor	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
19 September	0700	Shipping Advice	VHF Channel 12	Ocean Racing/VTS
19 September	0725-0730	Starting Sequence	VHF Channel 12	Start Boat
19 September	0730	Individual recalls may be notified	VHF Channel 12	Start Boat
19 September	1130	Position Report, Shorten Course	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
19 September	1400	Position Report, Shorten Course	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
19 September	5 minutes before finishing	Report	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
19 September	Finishing	Report and continue to monitor radio	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing

Race 2 – Saturday 05 December 2026

Date	Time (AEDT)	Action	Channel	Station
05 December	0915-1015	Pre-Race Monitoring	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
05 December	0945	Announcement of Course Selection Sign-On Schedule and monitor	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
05 December	1000	Shipping Advice	VHF Channel 12	Ocean Racing/VTS
05 December	1025-1030	Starting Sequence	VHF Channel 12	Start Boat
05 December	1030	Individual recalls may be notified	VHF Channel 12	Start Boat
05 December	1300	Position Report, Shorten Course	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
05 December	1500	Position Report, Shorten Course	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
05 December	5 minutes before finishing	Report	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
05 December	Finishing	Report and continue to monitor radio	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing

Race 3 – Saturday 17 April 2027

Date	Time (AEST)	Action	Channel	Station
17 April	0715-0815	Pre-Race Monitoring	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
17 April	0815	Announcement of Course Selection Sign-On Schedule and monitor	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
17 April	0830	Shipping Advice	VHF Channel 12	Ocean Racing/VTS
17 April	0850-0900	Starting Sequence	VHF Channel 12	Start Boat
17 April	0900	Individual recalls may be notified	VHF Channel 12	Start Boat
17 April	1100	Position Report, Shorten Course	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
17 April	1300	Position Report, Shorten Course	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
17 April	5 minutes before finishing	Report	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing
17 April	Finishing	Report and continue to monitor radio	VHF Channel 82	Ocean Racing

Appendix B: Start

This Appendix contains information about the starting line and the starting procedures. Note: The positions for physical marks shown in these diagrams are approximate and for illustrative purposes only. The diagrams should not be used for navigation and the positions shown may vary on the day.

B1 Start Time

B1.1. The starts will in the vicinity of Drapers Reef, Queenscliff unless noted otherwise. The Race Director may, at their discretion, postpone to another time and/or move the start to the Alternative Starting Line.

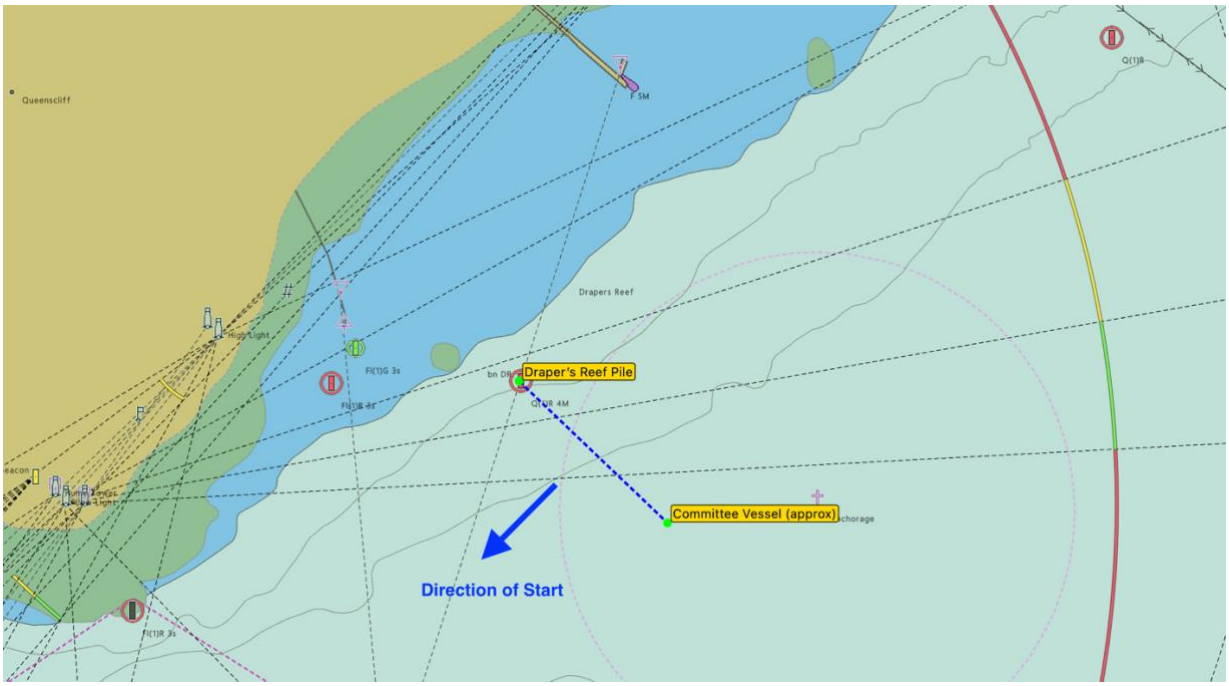
B1.2. Boats may elect to start up to 30 minutes after the start signal.

B2 Starting Line

B2.1. The Starting Line will be an imaginary line between a Quick Flashing Red (QR) Light on the Drapers Reef Pile and a vessel or a buoy with a rotating blue light approximately 300 metres to the south-east.

B2.2. In the event of rough weather or other unforeseen difficulties, the vessel or buoy may not be in position. In this case the starting line will be an extension of an imaginary line from a rotating amber light on shore and the Draper's Reef Light, this line running almost east to west to a distance not exceeding 400 metres.

B2.3. Boats must start in a south-westerly direction.



B3 Alternative Starting Line

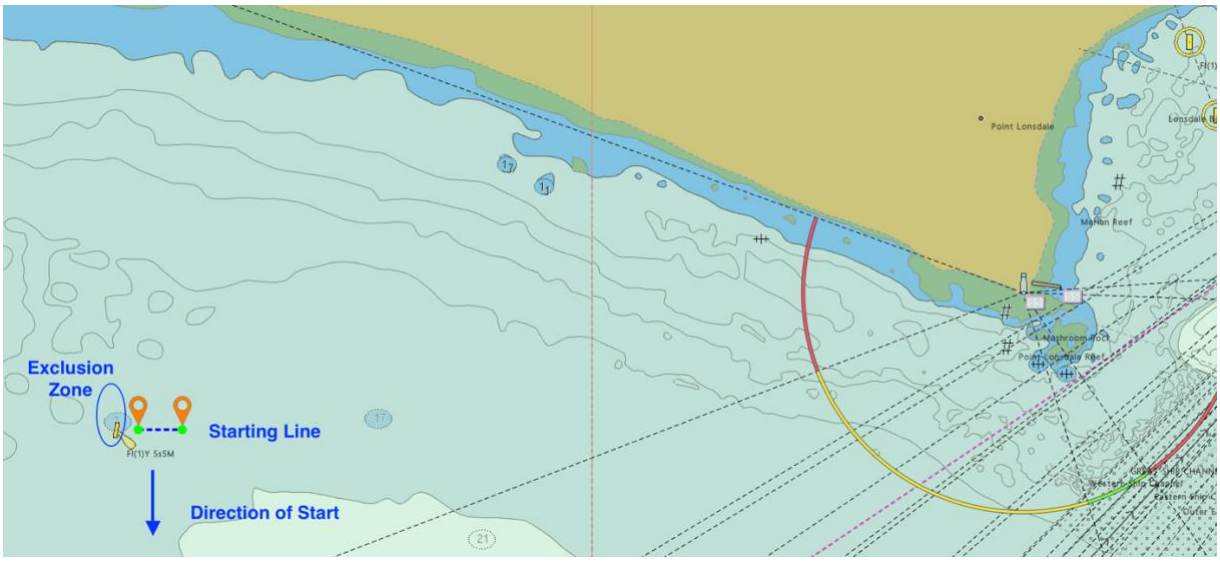
B3.1. If the Race Director determines it necessary, the Alternative Starting Line will be announced at the Sign-On Schedule along with a revised start time to enable competitors to reach the start location.

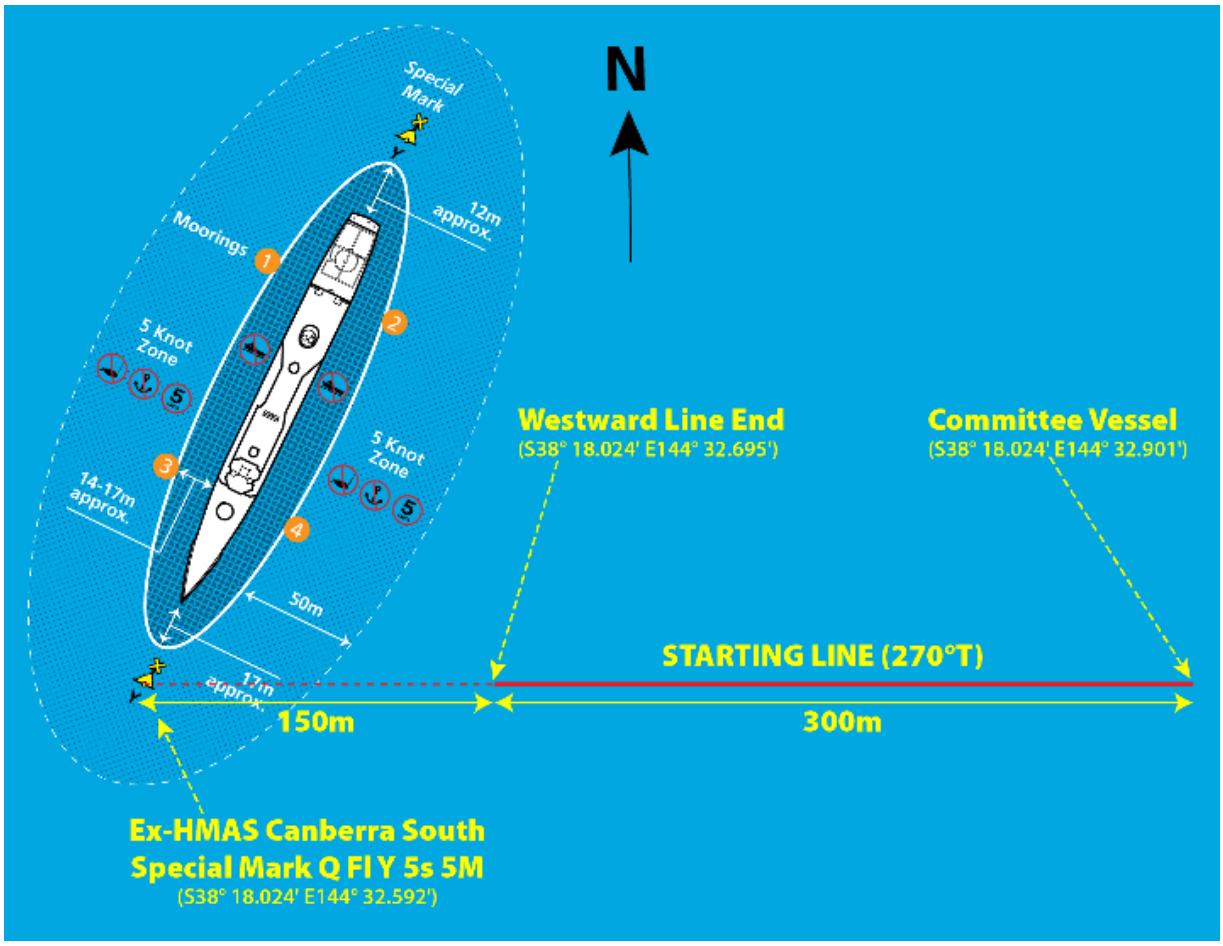
B3.2. The Alternative Starting Line will be an imaginary line beginning 150 metres to the east of the Quick Flashing Special Mark (Q Fl Y 5s 5M) at the seaward end of the Ex-HMAS Canberra Dive Site and a vessel with a rotating blue light approximately 450 metres to the east.

B3.3. The Quick Flashing Special Mark is located at approximately S38° 18.024’ E144° 32.592’. The inner (westward) end of the starting line is at approximately S38° 18.024’ E144° 32.695’. The outer (eastward) end of the starting line is at approximately S38° 18.024’ E144° 32.901’.

B3.4. After clearing the Heads on the way to the start, boats must set their radios to VHF Channel 82 in case further instructions need to be given to the fleet. All such notices will be given on VHF Channel 82 until the start has completed.

B3.5. If the start vessel is unable to be present, the start sequence will be conducted by radio on VHF Channel 82.





B4 Start Procedure

B4.1. Races will be started using the following signals with flares replacing flags as visual signals.

5 Minutes before start	Warning Signal (white flare)
Start	Starting Signal (green flare)

There will be no Preparatory or One Minute signals, amending RRS 26.

B4.2. Individual recalls may be signalled by one white flare. Premature starters may be identified on VHF Channel 12, amending RRS 29.1.

B4.3. There will be no General Recall, amending RRS 29.2.

B5 Postponements

B5.1. A postponement may apply at the sole discretion of the Race Director.

B5.2. Postponements will be announced on VHF Channel 82 before the Sign-On Schedule. If the timing is appropriate, an SMS may also be sent to each boat on their primary registered contact phone, amending RRS 27.3.

Appendix C: Courses and Marks

This Appendix describes the courses and how they are to be sailed. The positions given for physical marks are approximate and the diagrams should not be used for navigation purposes. The positions of some buoys used as marks of the course are subject to change.

C1 Overview

Multiple courses are offered for each Race, each with one or more “shorten course” options. The courses range between 21 NM and 35 NM miles, reducing under the various shorten course options. Course diagrams are provided for visualisation purposes. If a discrepancy exists between the diagrams and C4 then C4 takes precedence.

C2 Announcement of Course to be sailed

The Race Director will announce the course to be sailed at the beginning of the Sign-On schedule and again at the conclusion of the first call of the boats. This announcement may include a decision to use the Alternative Starting Line but will not limit the Race Director’s right to shorten course during each Race.

C3 Shorten Course Options

C3.1. The Race Director may shorten course by deleting one or more marks of the course or finishing the Race at any mark of the course, or any combination of the above.

C3.2. In the event of a shortened course, the finish line will be a line drawn from the shortened course mark at ninety degrees to the direction from the last mark on the side of the mark that boats are required to pass.

C4 Course Detail

C4.1. For races starting in Port Phillip the courses are given below.

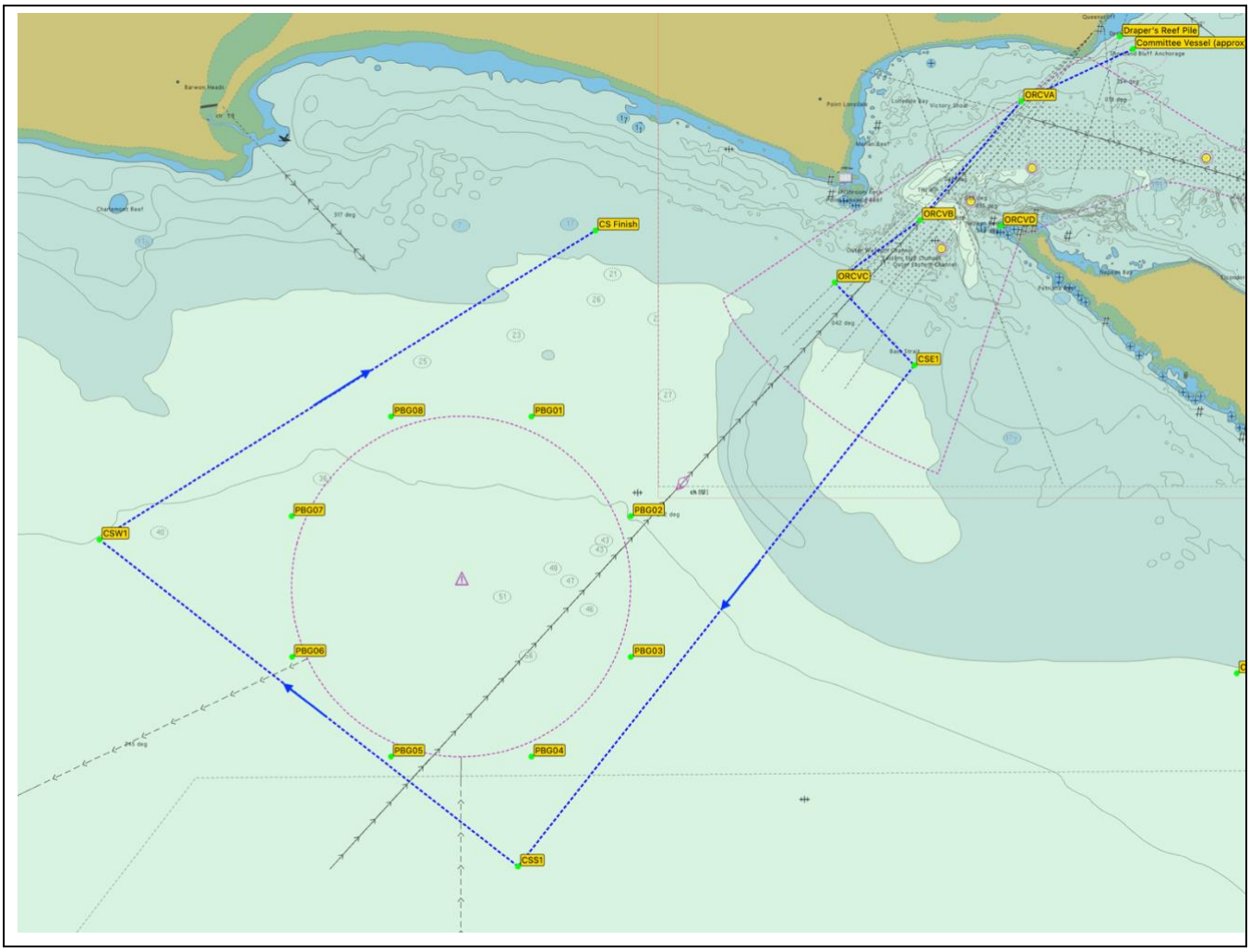
C4.2. In the event of a shortened course, the finish line will be a line drawn from the shortened course mark at ninety degrees to the direction from the last mark on the side of the mark that boats are required to pass.

C4.3. If the Alternative Starting Line is used there is no requirement to pass the Heads Exclusion Zone marks (ORCVA, ORCVB & ORCVC) to port.

C4.4. The location of marks is given in C6. See Appendices B and D for the location of start and finish lines. All marks are virtual marks. Please note that there has been a minor adjustment to the position of Mark CSS3.

Centre 1 Course		Centre 2 Course		Centre 3 Course		Eastern 1 Course		Southern 1 Course		Western 1 Course	
Mark	**Passed to**	**Mark**	**Passed to**	**Mark**	**Passed to**	**Mark**	**Passed to**	**Mark**	**Passed to**	**Mark**	**Passed to**
Start		Start		Start		Start		Start		Start	
ORCVA	Port	ORCVA	Port	ORCVA	Port	ORCVA	Port	ORCVA	Port	ORCVA	Port
ORCVB	Port	ORCVB	Port	ORCVB	Port	ORCVB	Port	ORCVB	Port	ORCVB	Port
ORCVC	Port	ORCVC	Port	ORCVC	Port	ORCVC	Port	ORCVC	Port	ORCVC	Port
CSE1	Starboard	CSE2	Starboard	CSE2	Starboard	CSE3	Starboard	CSS3	Starboard	PBG08	Port
CSS1	Starboard	CSS2	Starboard	CSS2	Starboard	CSS2	Starboard	CSS2	Starboard	CSW2	Starboard
CSW1	Starboard	CSW1	Starboard	CSW2	Starboard	PBG03	Starboard	PBG03	Starboard	CSW1	Starboard
						PBG02	Starboard	PBG02	Starboard		
Finish		Finish		Finish		Finish	.	Finish		Finish	
Approx. Dist.	21 NM		29 NM		40 NM		35 NM		30 NM		30 NM

Centre 1 Course



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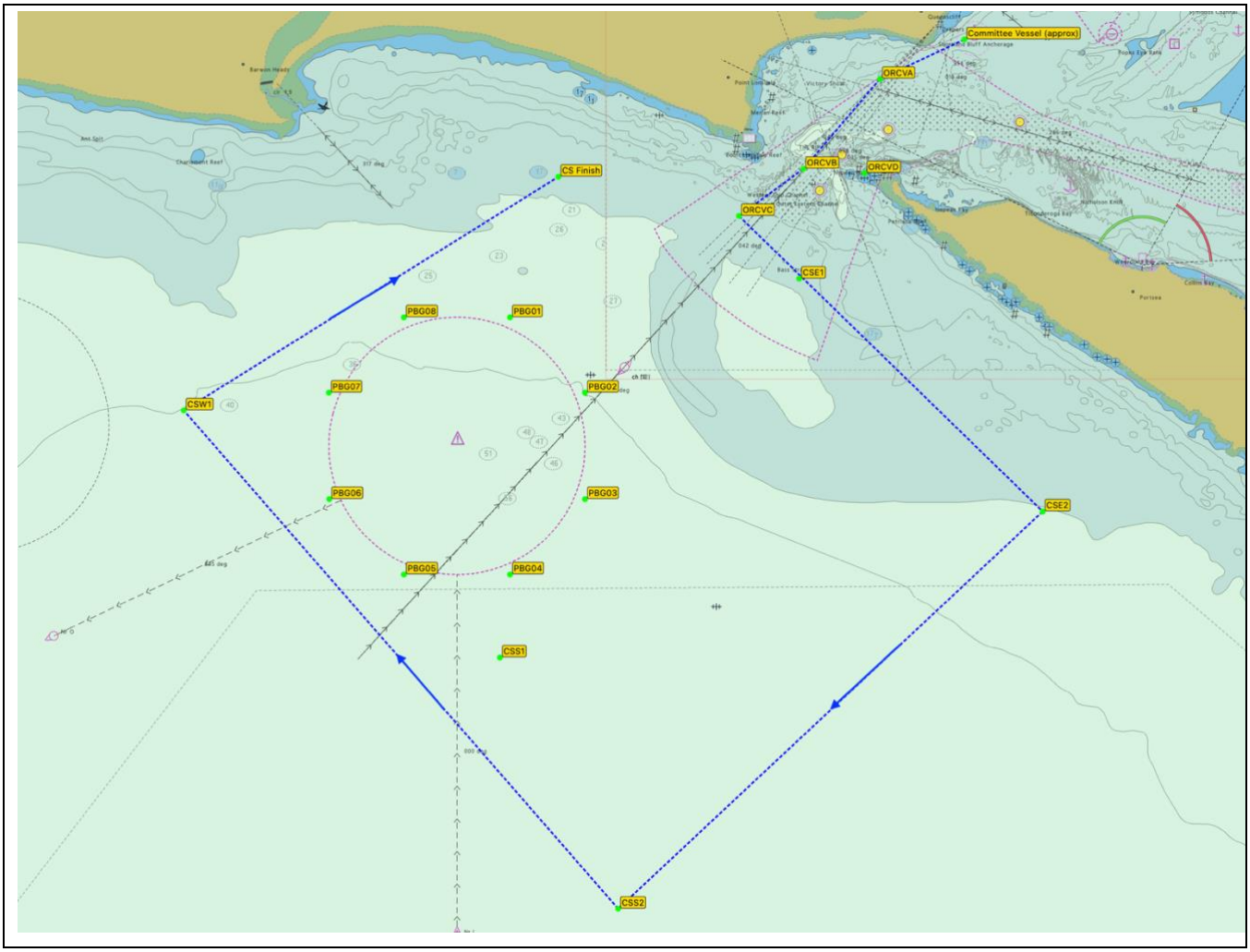

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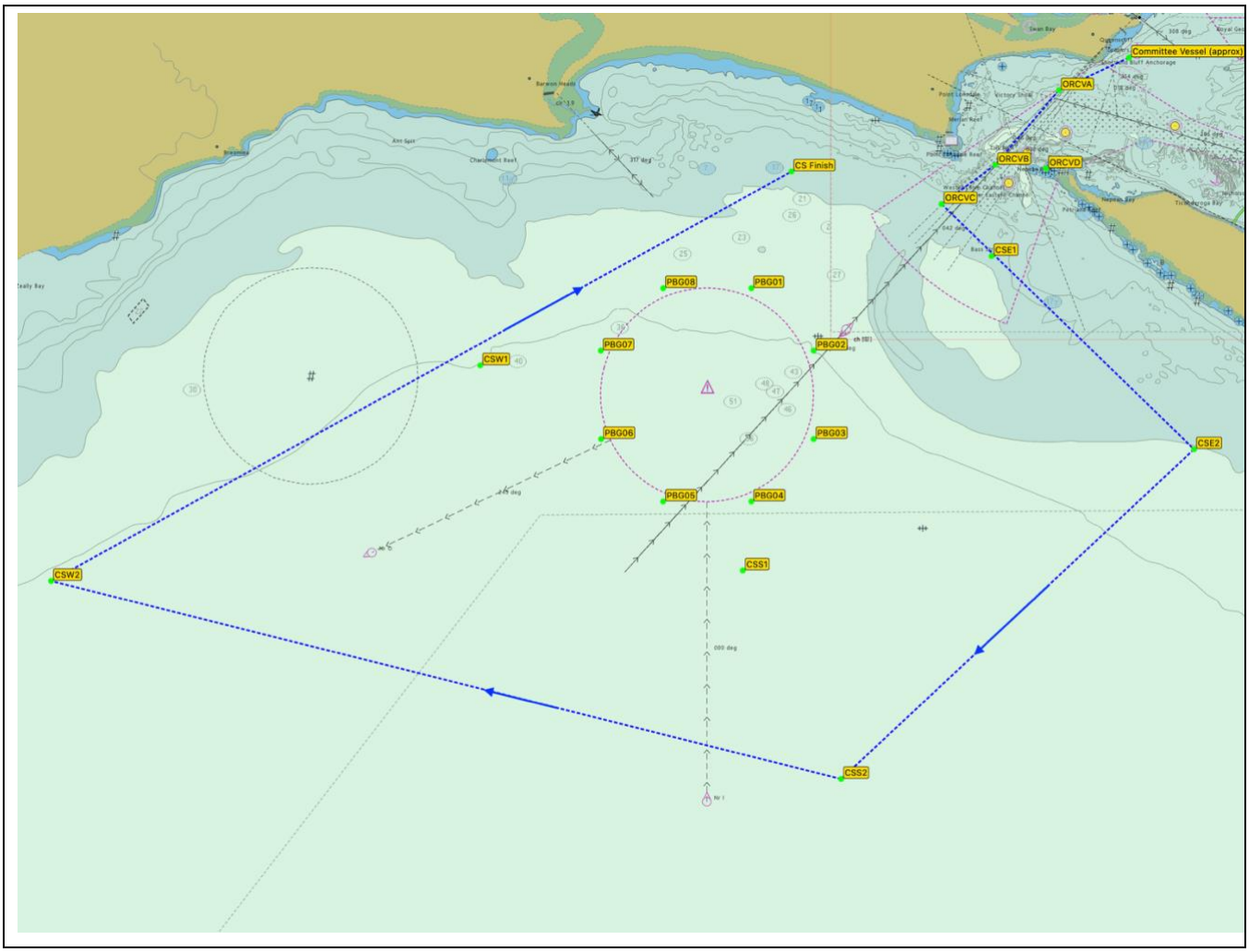
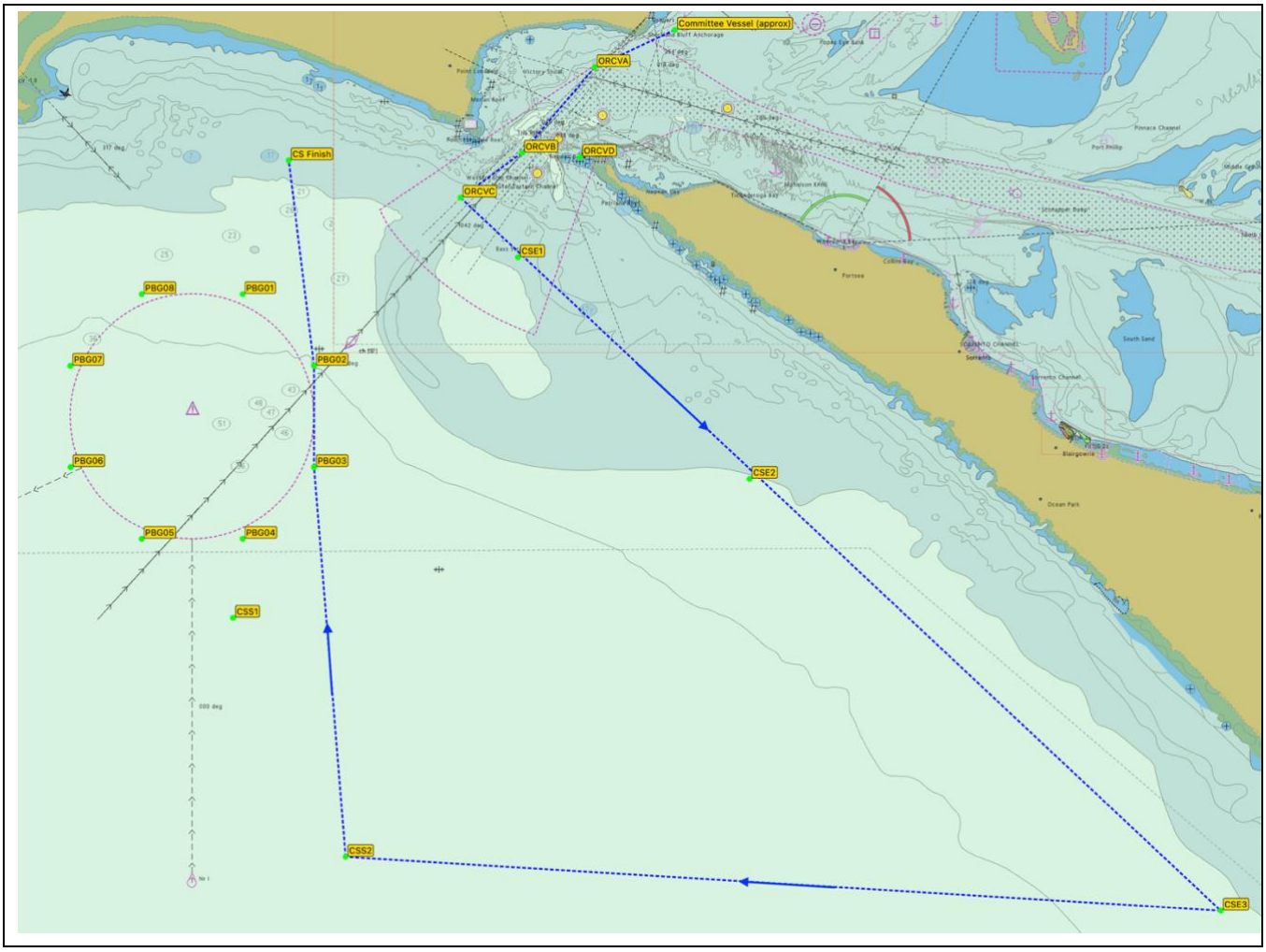
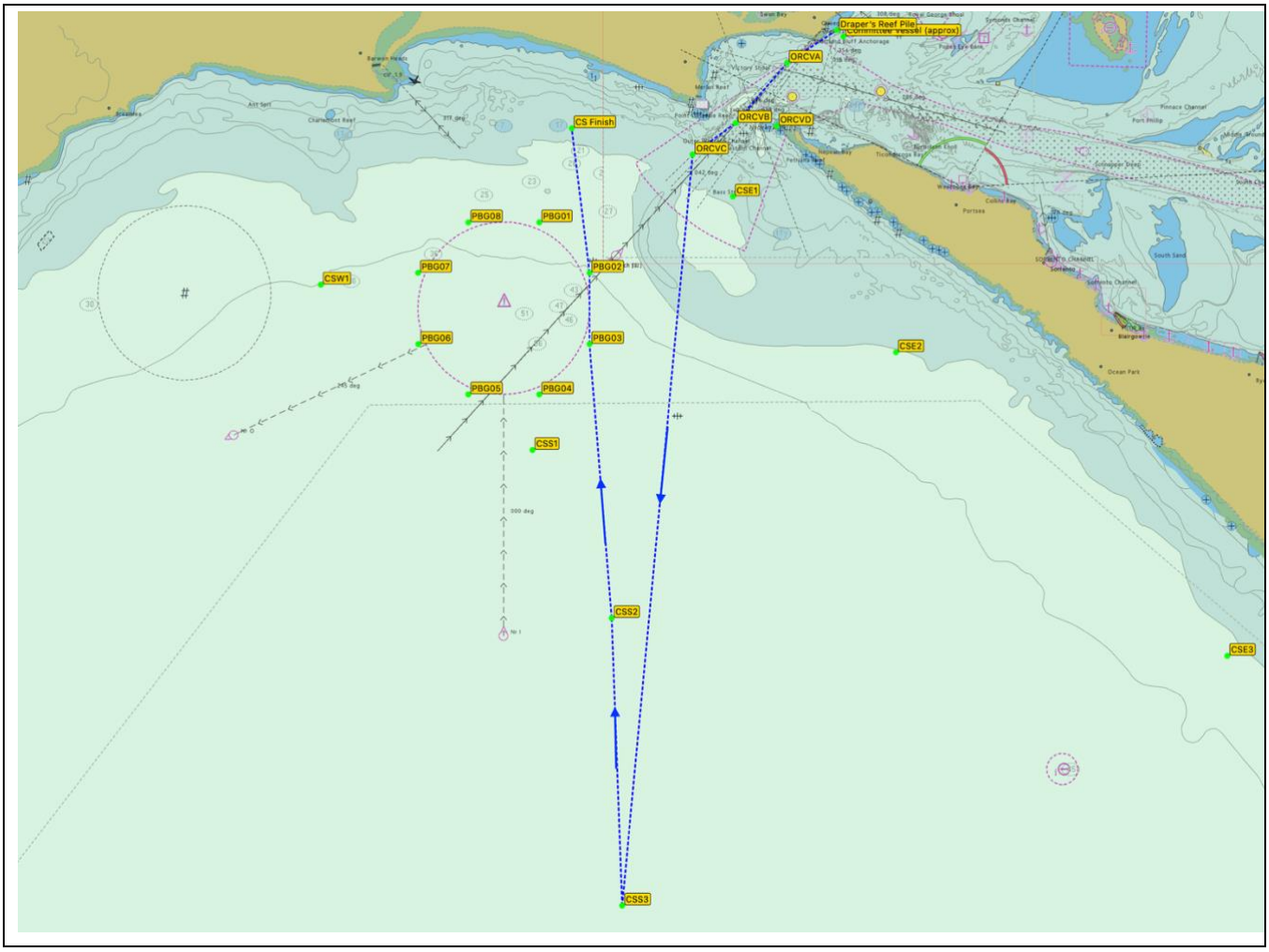


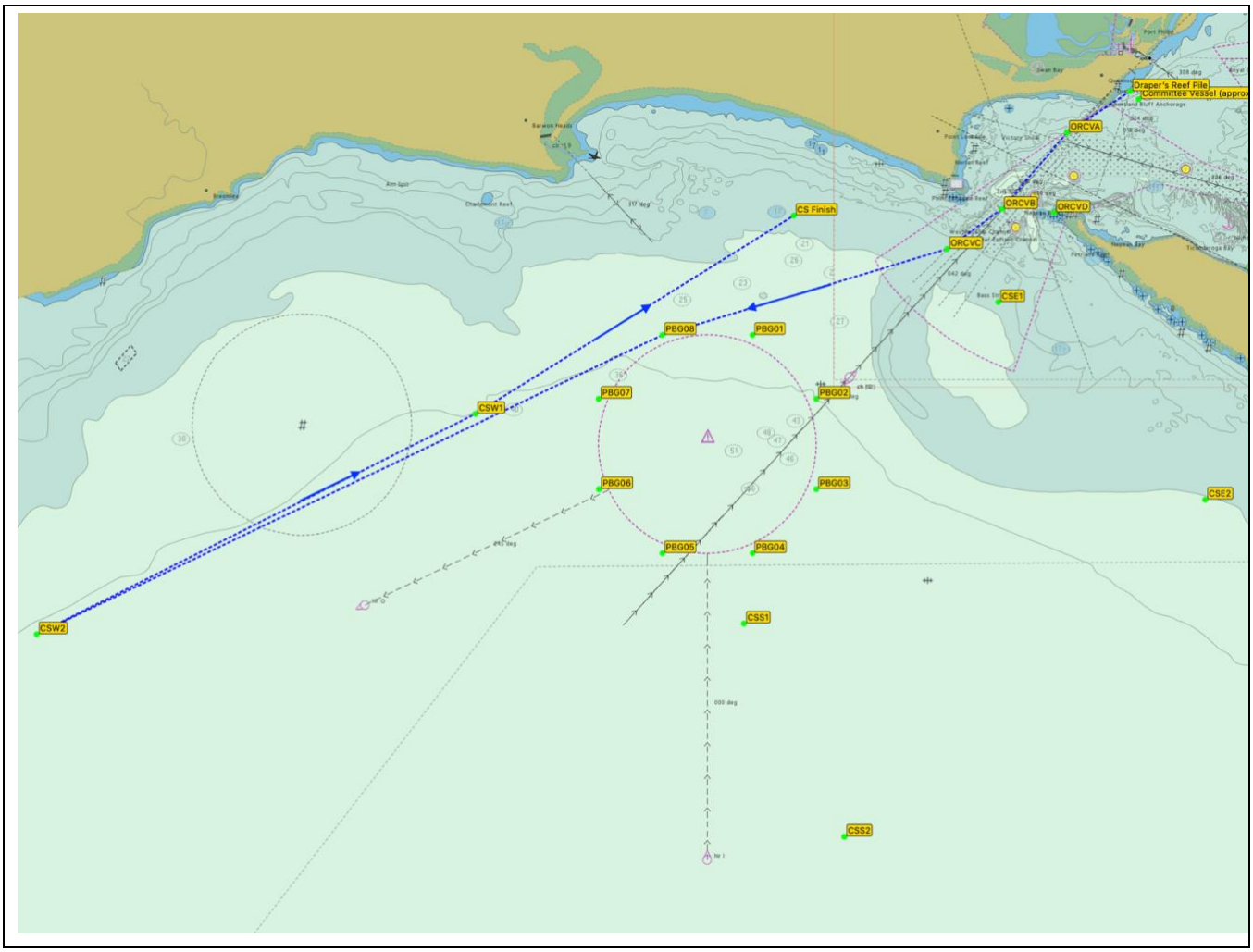
Eastern 1 Course



Southern 1 Course



Western 1 Course



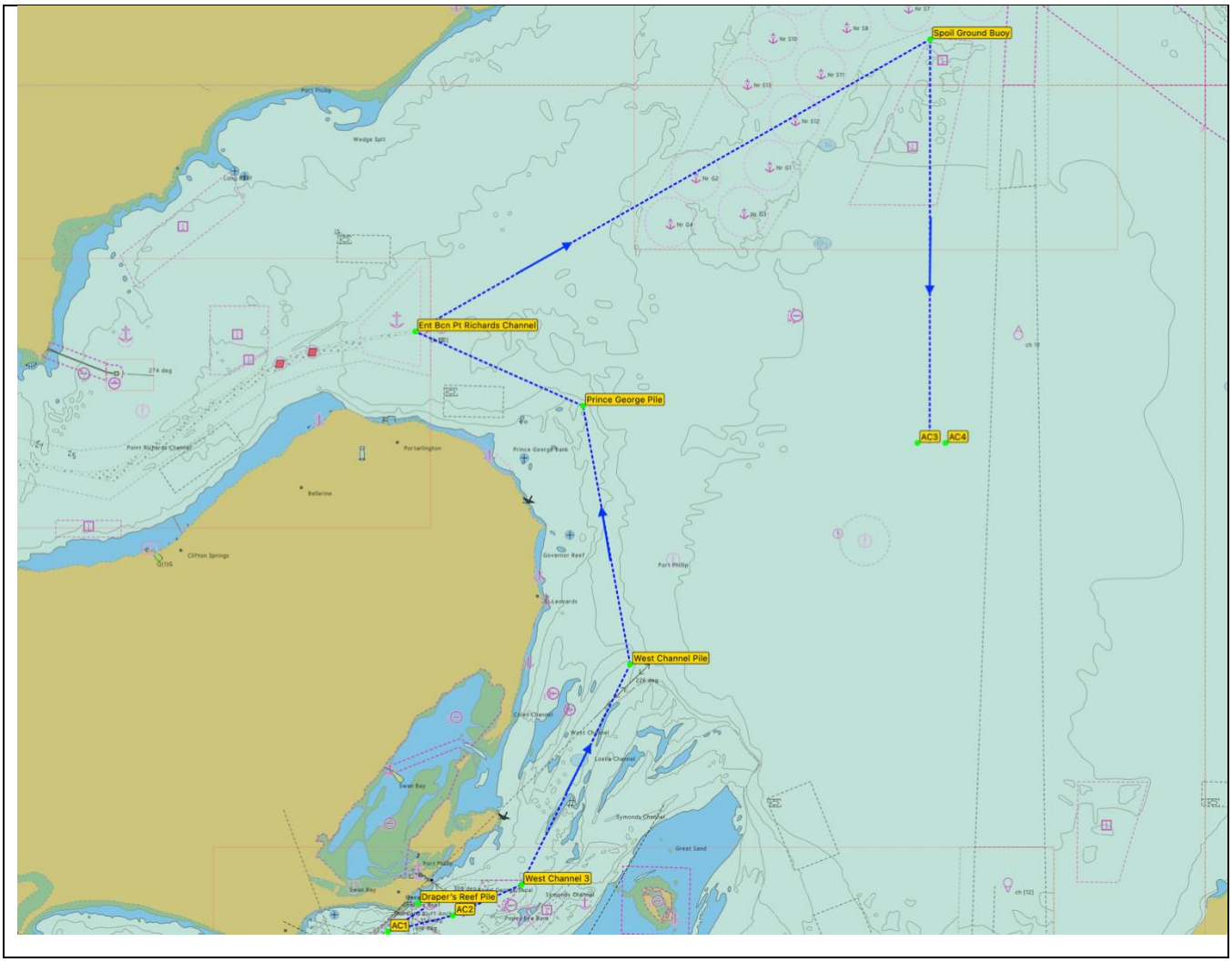
C5 Alternative Bay Course

The Race Director may announce an alternative course within Port Phillip due to adverse weather conditions. This course is given below.

Alternative Bay Course

Mark	Round to	Latitude	Longitude
Start			
AC1 (see note)	Port	S38° 16.900’	E144° 39.250’
AC2	Port	S38° 16.579’	E144° 40.895’
West Channel 3	Port	S38° 15.962’	E144° 42.636’
West Channel Pile	Port	S38° 11.567’	E144° 45.400’
Prince George Pile	Port	S38° 06.409’	E144° 44.200’
Entrance Beacon Point Richards Channel	Starboard	S38° 04.922’	E144° 39.940’
Spoil Ground Buoy	Starboard	S37° 59.078’	E144° 53.013’
Finish between AC3 and AC4			
AC3		S38° 07.150’	E144° 52.690’
AC4		S38° 07.150’	E144° 53.400’
Approx. Dist.	38NM		

Note: The Race Director may delete AC1 from the course if the wind direction is in the sector bound by WSW – N – ESE.


Spoil Ground Buoy
Ent Bcn Pt Richards Channel
Prince George Pile
AC3
AC4
West Channel Pile
West Channel 3
Draper's Reef Pile
AC2
AC1

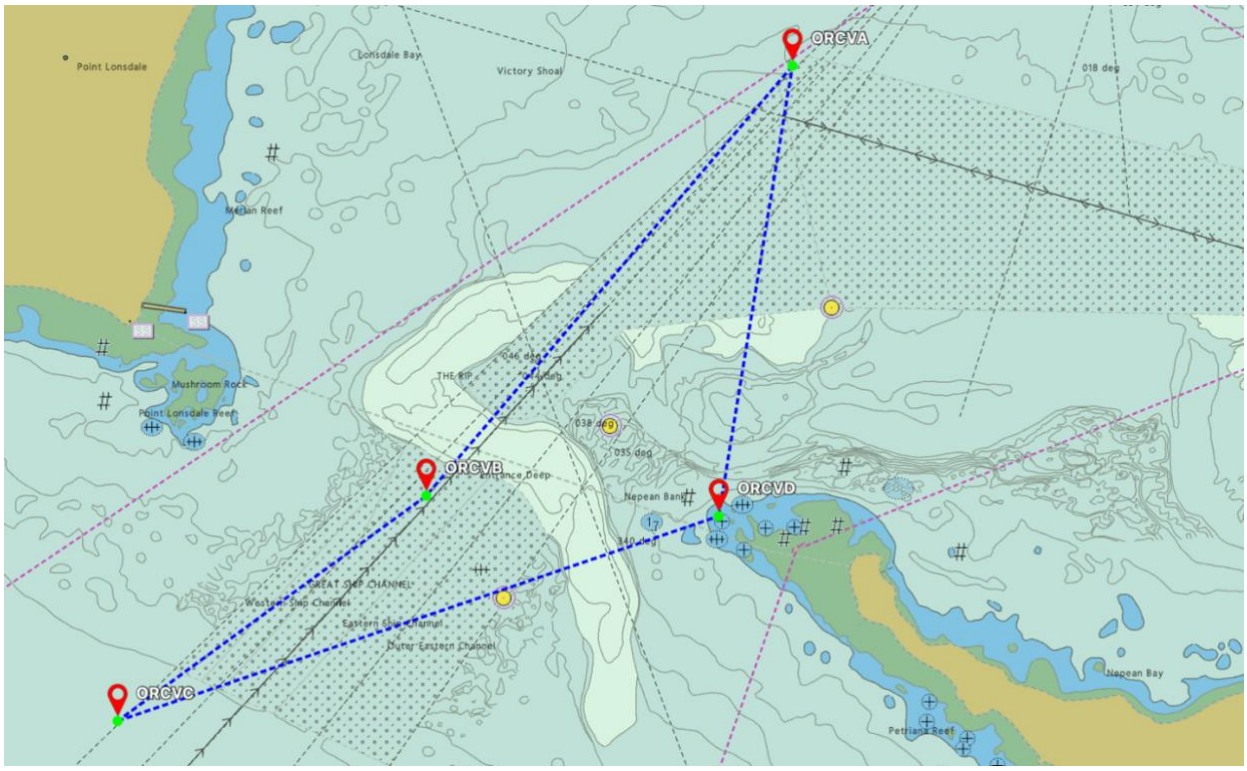
C6 Location of Marks

Mark	Latitude	Longitude	Notes
CSE1	S38° 19.232’	E144° 37.697’	
CSE2	S38° 21.948’	E144° 41.323’	
CSE3	S38° 27.237’	E144° 48.697’	
CSS1	S38° 23.651’	E144° 33.239’	
CSS2	S38° 26.579’	E144° 35.001’	
CSS3	S38° 31.303’	E144° 35.828’	
CSW1	S38° 20.770’	E144° 28.533’	
CSW2	S38° 23.799’	E144° 20.844’	
ORCVA	S38° 16.900’	E144° 38.900’	Heads Exclusion Zone boundary
ORCVB	S38° 17.950’	E144° 37.760’	Heads Exclusion Zone boundary
ORCVC	S38° 18.500’	E144° 36.800’	Heads Exclusion Zone boundary
ORCVD	S38° 18.000’	E144° 38.670’	Heads Exclusion Zone boundary
PBG01	S38° 19.683’	E144° 33.390’	Pilot boarding Ground 1
PBG02	S38° 20.562’	E144° 34.507’	Pilot boarding Ground 2
PBG03	S38° 21.804’	E144° 34.507’	Pilot boarding Ground 3
PBG04	S38° 22.683’	E144° 33.390’	Pilot boarding Ground 4
PBG05	S38° 22.683’	E144° 31.810’	Pilot boarding Ground 5
PBG06	S38° 21.804’	E144° 30.693’	Pilot boarding Ground 6
PBG07	S38° 20.562’	E144° 30.693’	Pilot boarding Ground 7
PBG08	S38° 19.683’	E144° 31.810’	Pilot boarding Ground 8

C7 Heads Exclusion Zone

C7.1. Boats must keep out of the main channels in Port Phillip Heads and avoid obstructing shipping. The area bounded by the following marks ORVCA-ORCVB-ORCVC-ORCVD-ORCVA, shown in the diagram below, is an obstruction.

Mark	Position	Description
ORCVA	S38° 16.900’ E144° 38.900’	Shortland Bluff
ORCVB	S38° 17.950’ E144° 37.760’	Heads Exit
ORCVC	S38° 18.500’ E144° 36.800’	Channel Clearing
ORCVD	S38° 18.000’ E144° 38.670’	Big Rock



C7.2. Boats shown to have sailed within the bounds of this obstruction may be protested and will be penalised at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

C7.3. Boats must record their track through the Heads using their chart plotter or similar device and take a photograph of this track to demonstrate compliance with the Heads Exclusion Zone. This photograph must be submitted to the Race Director if requested.

C8 Pilot Boarding Ground Exclusion Zone

C8.1. Boats must keep out of the Pilot Boarding Ground outside Port Phillip Heads to avoid obstructing pilot boats and shipping. The area bounded by the following marks PBG01-PBG02-PBG03-PBG04-PBG05-PBG06-PBG07-PBG08-PBG01 is an obstruction.

Mark	Position	Mark	Position
PBG01	S38° 19.683’ E144° 33.390’	**PBG05**	S38° 22.683’ E144° 31.810’
PBG02	S38° 20.562’ E144° 34.507’	**PBG06**	S38° 21.804’ E144° 30.693’
PBG03	S38° 21.804’ E144° 34.507’	**PBG07**	S38° 20.562’ E144° 30.693’
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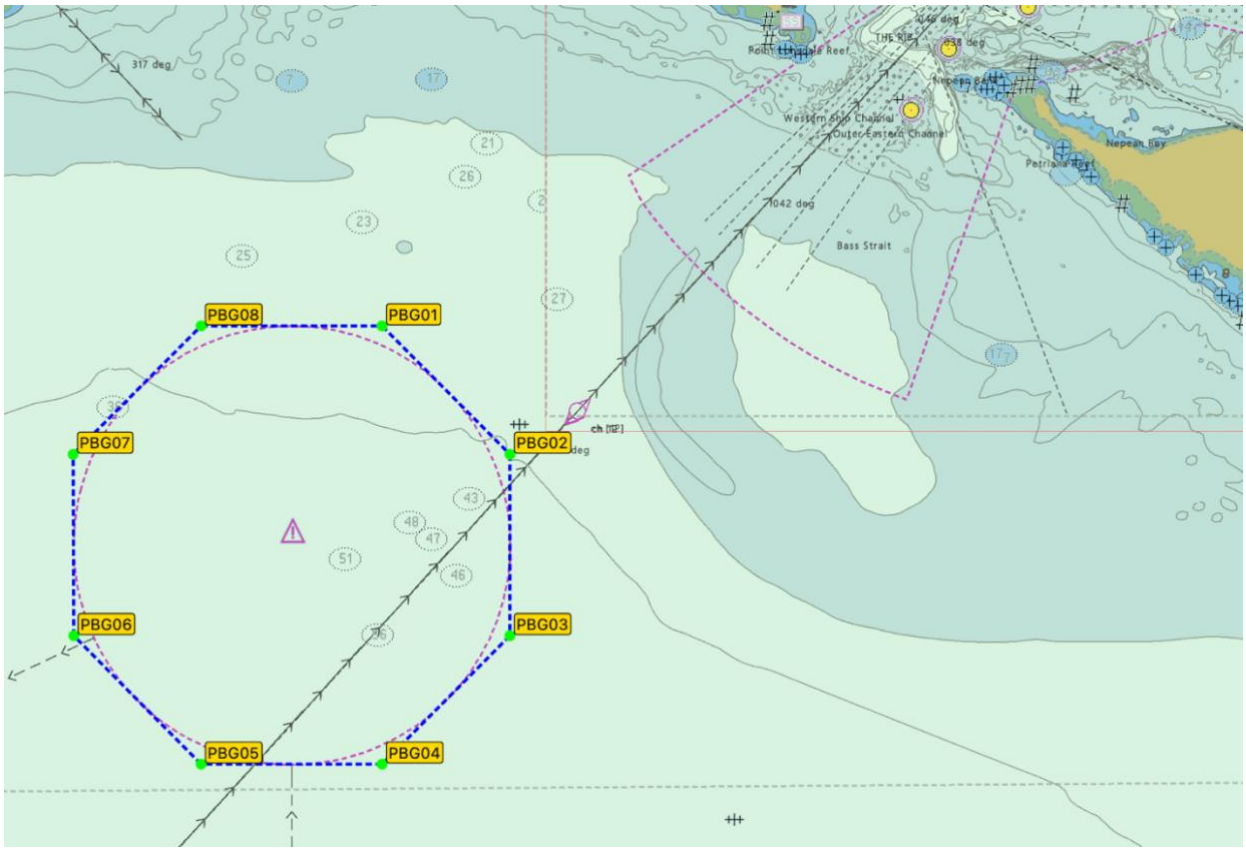


C8.2. Boats shown to have sailed within the bounds of this obstruction may be protested and will be penalised at the discretion of the Race Committee.

C8.3. Boats must record their track around the Pilot Boarding Ground Exclusion Zone using their chart plotter or similar device and take a photograph of this track to demonstrate compliance with the Pilot Boarding Ground Exclusion Zone. This photograph must be submitted to the Race Director if requested.

Appendix D: Finish

This Appendix describes the finishing line and the post-finishing procedures.

D1 Reporting

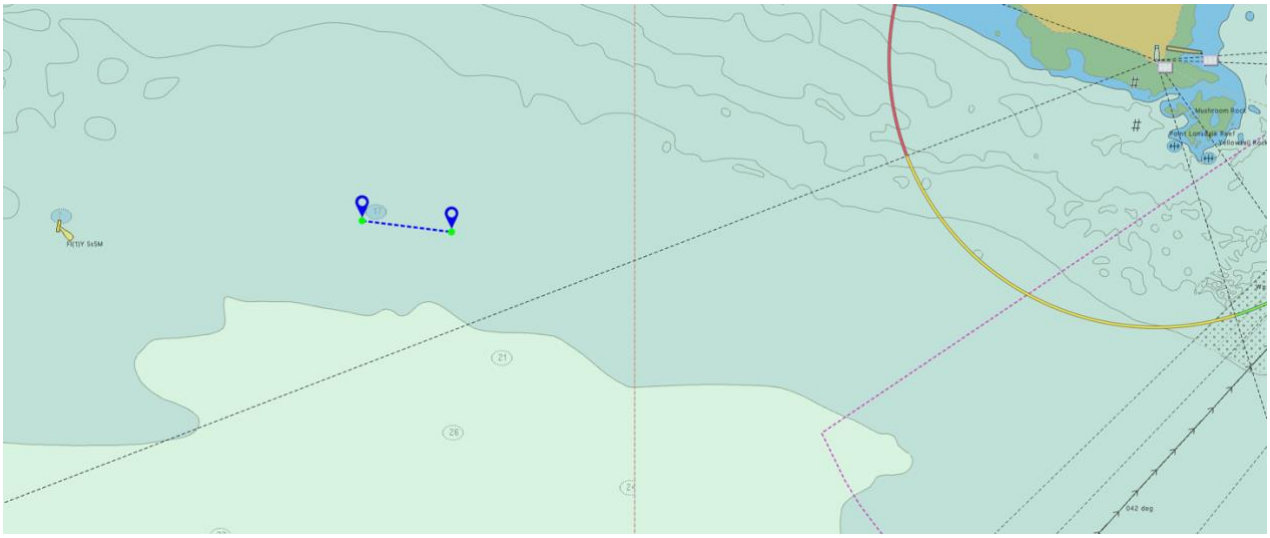
D1.1. Each boat is required to notify Ocean Racing on VHF Channel 82 when it crosses the finish line

D1.2. After finishing, radios must be left on VHF Channel 82 for the purpose of receiving information which may be provided by ORCV regarding conditions at the entrance to Port Phillip.

D2 Finishing Line

D2.1. The finish line for all courses is an imaginary line extending approximately 300m between S38° 18.042’ E144° 34.113’ and S38° 18.008’ E144° 33.767’.

D2.2. Boats must finish in a northerly direction. There will be no committee boat on station.



D3 Finishing Procedure

Skippers must record and report their own finishing times, accurate to 1 second using their GPS time. They must record details of any boats which may be finishing nearby.

D4 Race Declaration

D4.1. Each boat must lodge a declaration on the form provided in Appendix E: Race Declaration with the ORCV within 2 hours of finishing the Race. The Race Declaration Form includes details of the marks, gates, finishing time, and boats in the vicinity of these.

D4.2. The declaration must be sent to the Race Director by email or SMS as an image or PDF.

D4.3. If a skipper is uncertain as to whether a rule has been breached, they should report the circumstances as part of the declaration.

D5 Presentation

Mementos will be presented at the next ORCV Annual Awards Ceremony at a place and time to be announced.

D6 Tides at The Rip

Rates in Knots, Positive (+) Direction to 038 degrees, Negative (-) Direction to 200 degrees

Race 1 – Port Philip Tidal Streams at The Rip	SAT 19 SEP SLACK / MAXIMUM TIME / TIME / RATE 1:51 am / 4:33 am / +4.04 8:17 am / 10:47 am / -4.08 1:57 pm / 4:26 pm / +3.26 7:19 pm / 10:15 pm / -5.25
Race 2 – Port Philip Tidal Streams at The Rip	SAT 5 DEC SLACK / MAXIMUM TIME / TIME / RATE 12:04 am / 2:21 am / -3.49 5:28 am / 8:18 am / +2.92 11:25 am / 2:15 pm / -4.86 6:43 pm / 9:31 pm / +3.36
Race 3 – Port Philip Tidal Streams at The Rip	SAT 17 APR SLACK / MAXIMUM TIME / TIME / RATE / 12:48 am / -3.71 4:10 am / 7:00 am / +2.51 9:53 am / 12:36 pm / -4.26 4:42 pm / 7:42 pm / +3.16 11:19 pm / /

Appendix E: Race Declaration

Declaration

Race Number: _____

I, _____ *[Person in charge]*, overseeing the yacht _____ *[Yacht name]* have adhered to the Rules and Conditions of the 2026-2027 Coastal Sprint Yacht Race and have noted any required declarations on the rear of this form.

Finish time in the table below.

Marks rounded or passed and Gates	Rounding/Passing/Crossing time	Yachts in Vicinity
Finish		

☐ Please tick if you had a safety related incident or near miss during the Race. If so, someone from the Incident Management Team will contact you for details.

☐ Please tick and add details if you have any further information required on your Declaration.

Any comments on the Race:

Signed:	
Date:	