

Fleurieu Classic Yacht Race

Christies to (HMAS)Hobart

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday 2nd March 2024

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Sunday 3rd March 2024

Christies Sailing Club,

**Christies Beach, South Australia
(As the Organising Authority)**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. 2021-2024
- 1.2 All competitors must comply with the relevant safety equipment requirements including the regulations under the S.A. Harbours and Navigation Act.
- 1.3 The race will be open to experienced skippers over the age of 16 years of age, and their crew. Age shall be as of 1st December 2023
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two--Turns Penalty is replaced by the One--Turn Penalty.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the southern white board within the Christies Sailing Club main hall prior to the briefing scheduled for 19:00hrs Friday 1st March 2024. If this is not practical to post Notices prior to the briefing, then a broadcast announcement will be made by the race officer by way of VHF radio channel 77 to all competitors just prior to the start on Saturday morning.

3. SAILING AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 20:00hrs the day before it takes effect and will be posted as described in section 2.1 above.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag mast on the western side of the club along with a sound signal.
- 4.2 Signals made afloat will be displayed on a flag crosstree erected at the stern of Christies RESCUE 1 (START/FINISH COMMITTEE VESSEL) along with a sound signal.
- 4.3 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, the 1 MINUTE will be replaced with 'not less than 60 MINUTES', when the AP flag is displayed afloat the 1 MINUTE is maintained.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Whilst it is intended to be a 2-race event, at the discretion of the Race Officer (RO) and Race Committee (RC) the regatta may have multiple races depending upon the wind, please refer to 5.5 below. Should this be the case then the new start lines will be as per the described start line in 8.1 & 8.2 and the finish line for a race will be either a timing gate or as per the described finish line in 8.1 and 8.2.
- 5.2 Race 1 is scheduled for 2nd March 2024 with the warning signal at 09:00hrs with the start line located approx. half-way from the Christies Sailing Club to the O'Sullivan Beach Boat Ramp

Race 2 is scheduled for 3rd March 2024 with the warning signal at 10:00hrs with the start line located just off the Marina St. Vincent Wirrina Cove entrance.

- 5.3 To alert competitors that a race will begin soon, the orange on station start line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before the warning signal.
- 5.4 On Sunday 3rd March 2024 no warning signal shall be made after 14:00hrs
- 5.5 At the discretion of the RO a race start may be postponed and moved up the course to keep the day moving forward to a new position until wind is found. Also, at the discretion of the RO a race may be shortened if it is clear a lack of wind will not allow for the complete leg to be sailed. However, if a race is shortened, then an additional race may be started further up the leg should new breeze be found. In this case the RO will notify all competing yachts of the new start by radio communication on VHF radio channel 80. Should a new start take place, the radio communications will then revert back to those for the start of the initial race as per Section 25.2. RESCUE 1 will notify all competitors prior to changing channels.

6. START/DIVISION FLAGS

- 6.1 The warning signal flag for the start of both races will be NUMERAL PENNANT 1
- 6.2 There will be 3 divisions, being keel boat, trailable yacht, and multihulls.
- 6.3 All divisions will start on the same single start.
- 6.4 Once nominated for a division a boat cannot change this nomination and must sail both races in this same nominated division.

7. RACE AREA

- 7.1 The race area is on the eastern side of Gulf St. Vincent along the Onkaparinga Coast Line between Christies Beach and Wirrina.

THE RACE COURSE

- 8.1 The course to be sailed on the first day is:
 - start in a **southerly direction** (irrespective of wind direction) between **RESCUE 1 and an orange self-inflating buoy** at the pin end. All competitors are to continue heading south, and then....
 - Keel boats are to leave the Horseshoe Reef to Port, and
 - all other competitors are to leave the yellow **John Fisher Memorial Buoy** (on the inside of Horseshoe Reef, in front of the Christies Sailing Club) to **Starboard**, and then..
 - continue heading south to leave the **Port Noarlunga Reef to Port**, and then..
 - head south to the first timing gate, between **a Club Boat and Mark A**, the yellow **Aldinga Reef marker**, (A CLUB BOAT WILL BE STATIONED ON THE INSHORE SIDE). This mark is to be passed to **Starboard** and is a limiting mark. This will keep all competitors within 2 nautical miles of the shoreline, and then..
 - head south westerly to the second timing gate, between **a Club Boat and Mark B**, the **Isolated Danger Beacon (black pole) the previous location of the abandoned Wave Generator off Carrickalinga Beach**, (A CLUB BOAT WILL BE STATIONED ON THE INSHORE SIDE), and then..

- to the **finish line** located approximately 1 nautical mile offshore, west of the **HMAS Hobart Memorial Lookout** and approx. 2 nautical miles NE **Marina St. Vincent Wirrina Cove entrance**. The finish line will be a line between **RESCUE 1 and an orange self-inflating buoy** and is to be passed through in a northerly to southerly direction. (See Attachment B)

8.2 The course to be sailed on the second day is:

- start in a **northerly direction** (irrespective of wind direction) between **RESCUE 1 and an orange self-inflating buoy** at the pin end of the start line, adjacent to the Marina St. Vincent Wirrina Cove entrance, and then..
- head north to the first timing gate, between **a CLUB BOAT and Mark B**, the **Isolated Danger Beacon (black pole) the previous location of the abandoned Wave Generator** off Carrickalinga Beach. (A CLUB BOAT WILL BE STATIONED ON THE INSHORE SIDE), and then..
- head north easterly to the second timing gate, between **A CLUB BOAT and Mark A**, the yellow **Aldinga Reef marker**, (A CLUB BOAT WILL BE STATIONED ON THE INSHORE SIDE). This mark is to be passed to **Port** and is a limiting mark. This will keep all competitors within 2 nautical miles of the shoreline, and then..
- head northerly leaving the **Port Noarlunga Reef to Starboard**, and then..
- to the **finish line** located off the **Christies Sailing Club**. The finish line will be a line between Christies Sailing Club bridge and the yellow John Fisher Memorial Buoy, inside Horseshoe Reef and is to be passed in a southerly to northerly direction.
- The finish line for the keel boats will be a line extending from the southwestern corner of the club house bridge through the John Fisher Memorial buoy out to sea to enable the keel boats to not have to come inshore between the two reefs.

N.B. The Aldinga Reef Marker may be excluded at the discretion of the Race Committee after consultation with the competitors at the Presentation Dinner on Saturday night. The final decision will be up to the Race Committee. Additionally, NOR changes will be notified by radio communication prior to the Sunday morning start.

8.3 Please refer to **ATTACHMENT A**. This shows an example of the course track, as well as the approximate locations of the start and finish lines. **ATTACHMENT B** shows the finish line for Day 1.

8.4 The racecourse maybe shortened at the discretion of the Christies Sailing Club Race Officer (RO) at any point along the racecourse and a new race may start

8.5 A CLUB BOAT will be on timing marks. If a CLUB BOAT is not available, competitors are required to radio their rounding times through to a club delegate on radio channel 80.

8.6 The racecourse has been set to keep competitors within 2 nautical miles of the coastline. If competitors proceed further offshore, they must comply with the South Australian Government requirements for unprotected waters.

9. MARKS

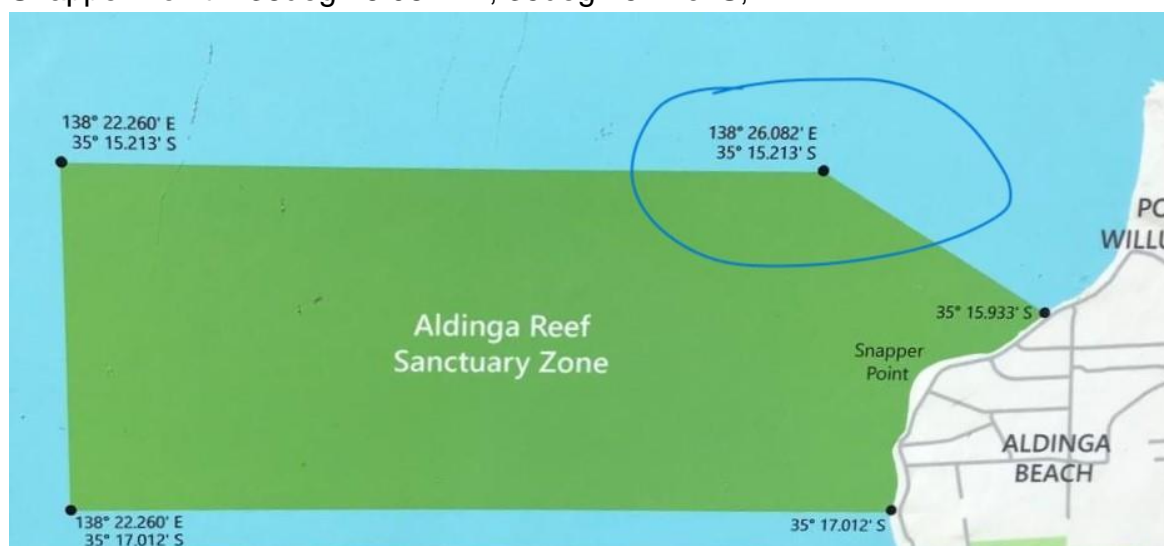
- 9.1 The start on Day 1 and 2, and the finish on Day 1 will be between RESCUE 1 and an orange self-inflating buoy. Rescue 1 will display an orange flag from a flag crosstree at the stern of the vessel.

The finish line on Day 2 will be,

- for Keel boats, an imaginary line extending from the Christies Sailing Club Bridge, through the yellow John Fisher Memorial buoy seaward, and
- for the remaining competitors a line extending between the Christies Sailing Club Bridge and the yellow John Fisher Memorial buoy, on the inside of Horseshoe Reef.
- The Bridge crew may notify finishing vessels with a flash of the Bridge light, or a call via radio, or both.

- 9.2 The GPS co--ordinates of the Timing Gate Marks are:

Mark A, Aldinga Reef ---Yellow Conical Shape with St Andrews Cross on top off Snapper Point. 138deg 26.082' E , 35deg 15.213' S,



Please note it is likely the western markers will not be in place.

Mark B, Isolated Danger Beacon (black pole) (Approx. previous location of Abandoned Wave Generator) at Carrickalinga off Haycock Point
138deg 18.325 E , 35deg 25.226' S

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The following areas are designated obstructions,
- (1) Horseshoe Reef off the Christies Sailing Club
 - (2) Port Noarlunga Reef
 - (3) Aldinga Reef

11. THE START

- 11.1 All races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the start signal.
- 11.2 The start will be controlled by the Christies Sailing Club RO on **RESCUE 1**.

- 11.3 The start shall be a line between the flag crosstree displaying an orange flag located at the stern of RESCUE 1 on the Starboard side of the line and an orange self-inflating buoy located at the Port end.
- 11.4 The start/s for day 1 will be in a north to south direction irrespective of wind direction.
- 11.5 The start/s for day 2 will be in a south to north direction irrespective of wind direction.
- 11.6 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes of its start signal will be scored Did Not Start (without hearing), this changes RRS A4 & A5.
- 11.7 Should any part of a boat be over the start line at the start of a race (OCS) and fails to return to start correctly, the RO will notify her after a period of 5 minutes by radio communication to return and start correctly or she will incur a 30-minute penalty time adjustment to her elapsed time for that race.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course the RO will move the start line or the finish line to a new position dependent upon the prevailing wind conditions and the time limit for the race.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish on day 1 shall be a line between the flag crosstree located at the stern of RESCUE 1 on the Starboard end displaying an orange flag and an orange self-inflating buoy located at the Port end. This line will be approximately 1 nautical mile offshore, west of the HMAS Hobart Memorial Lookout, approx. 2 nautical miles NE of Marina St.Vincent Wirrina Cove. (See Attachment B
- 13.2 The finish on day 2 shall be a line between the Christies Sailing Club bridge on the Starboard end and the yellow John Fisher Memorial buoy located at the Port end. The finish line for the keel boats will be a line extending from the southwestern corner of the club house bridge through the John Fisher Memorial buoy out to sea to enable the keel boats to not have to come inshore between the two reefs. A light will be flashed from the club bridge when a boat crosses the line.
- 13.3 The finish/s for day 1 will be in a north to south direction irrespective of wind direction.
- 13.4 The finish/s for day 2 will be in a south to north direction irrespective of wind direction.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two--Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 In accordance with RRS 64.1(a), for a breach of a rule other than of RRS Part 2, a protest committee may award any other penalty at their discretion. This may be less than disqualification.
- 14.3 Should any part of a boat be over the start line at the start of a race (OCS) and fails to return to start correctly, the RO will notify her after a period of 5 minutes by radio

communication to return and start correctly or she will incur a 30-minute penalty time adjustment to her elapsed time for that race.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for both races is set for 1800hrs.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish by 1800hrs will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing, this changes RRS 35, A4 & A5

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from the RO which will be located on RESCUE 1 for Race 1 and the Christies Sailing Club for Race 2. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearings will be held at a location to be determined on the Saturday and/or at the Christies Sailing Club meeting room on the Sunday also at a time suitable to all parties.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 11.4, 11.5, 18, 21, 24 & 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of RRS will apply except where changed by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 17.2 Only one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 There will be no discards. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 17.4 Prizes will be awarded to each division for Race 1, and Overall. Race 1 prizes will be awarded at the Saturday night Presentation Dinner. Overall will be awarded Sunday afternoon at the Christies Sailing Club as soon as possible after the event. The Sunday presentation may be live streamed so keel boat competitors can watch the presentation.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All yachts shall sign on prior to the start of each race. A sign on sheet will be provided at the O'Sullivan Beach Boat Ramp Kiosk (may be closed) for the Saturday race/s for the trailable yachts and multihulls. The name of each yacht and the number of crew shall be entered and signed off by an authorised person of that crew. All yachts must sign on by communicating with RESCUE 1 by radio using VHF Ch 77 no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start and no later than 15 minutes prior to the start. The name of the yacht and the number of crew shall be advised to RESCUE 1.
- 18.2 Each boat shall sign off at the end of each days racing.

- On the Saturday, all yachts must radio RESCUE 1 using VHF Ch 80 as they enter the Marina St.Vincent Wirrina Cove entrance and notify them that they are signing off. A compulsory sign off sheet will be available at the Marina St.Vincent Wirrina Cove.
- On the Sunday, a sign off sheet shall be provided at the Christies Sailing Club and will be located on the white board located at the southern end of the club's main hall and is noted as "SAILING NOTICE BOARD". Trailable yachts and multihulls must sign off using the sign off sheet. All yachts must sign off by radio using VHF Ch 80 by communicating with Christies Sailing Club Bridge after crossing the finish line.

18.3 All yachts with retractable keels must have them in the locked position while racing.

18.4 All yachts must have sufficient fuel for Race 1 and Race 2. Note there is no fuel available at Marina St.Vincent Wirrina Cove.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without written approval of the RO

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the RO and or RC

20. EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY CHECKS

20.1 This event is run under Australian Sailing Cat 5 safety regulation requirement.

20.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Race Committee (RC) or the RO to undergo a safety inspection/audit.

20.3 All competing boats shall and must comply with the relevant safety requirements including the regulations under the S.A. Harbours and Navigation Act.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1 All competing yachts may be required to carry advertising in the form of a stick-on panel to advertise the main naming rights sponsor, if required it will be attached within 1 metre of the bow.

22. CLUB BOATS

22.1 The **OFFICIAL BOAT** will be Christies Rescue 1 (to be known as RESCUE 1). RESCUE 1 is a 5.7m TRAILCRAFT aluminium runabout with a grey canopy. RESCUE 1 is the RO boat and will have complete control during the regatta.

Other **SUPPORT BOATS** may include:

- a 7.6m Whitley Cabin Cruiser
- a Haines Hunter V17

Official and Support Boats will be marked with the Christies Sailing Club burgee, which is a yellow triangular flag with 2 horizontal black bands with the top band wider than the bottom.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1 We may have other Support Boats join us and they will be nominated prior to the race and will also carry the Christies Sailing Club Barge. However, the 3 craft nominated above are the Official and Support Boats and any correspondence will be directed/taken from them through the RO/RC.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 Trash is to be kept on board until the boat reaches a marina where suitable waste bins are provided. Under no circumstance is anything to be discarded into our marine environment.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 25.2 The Race Committee shall use VHF Ch77 until 10 minutes after the start, when they will then change to use VHF Ch80 (Repeater Channel).

26. PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes to be awarded will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 27.2 The Organising Authority is not responsible for the seaworthiness of an entry or for the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment or for the proficiency of the crew.
- 27.3 Competitors indemnify the Organising Authority, Race Committee, all clubs, associations, government agencies, workers, helpers, supporters, volunteers, and all associated with planning, organising, executing, supporting, etc., the event from any claim in the case of death, injury, illness, or loss.

28. INSURANCE

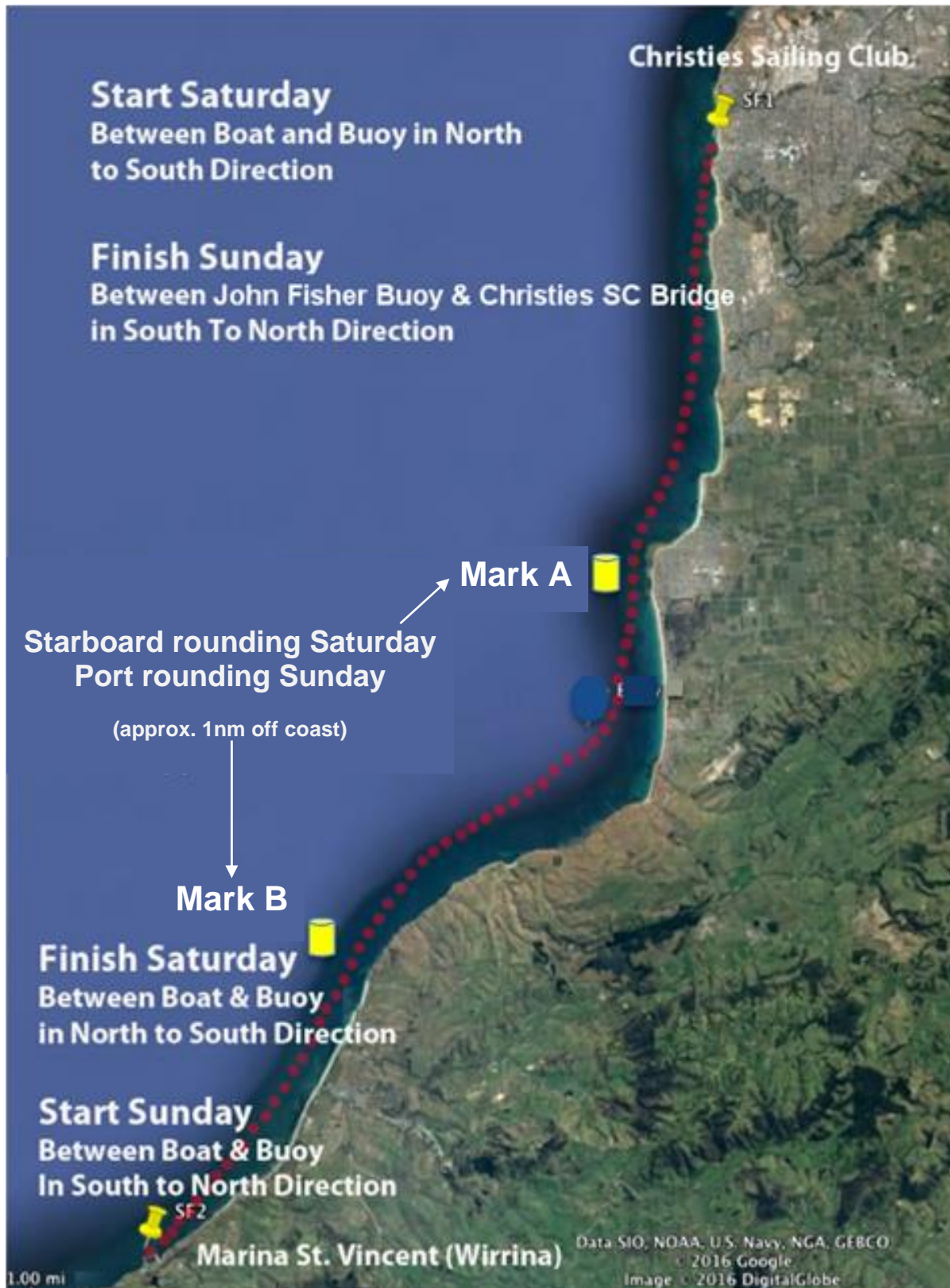
- 28.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10 million per incident or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A

Course Details & Navigation

A graphic of the course is shown below.

The outer limit for competitors is 1nm outside of the Christies Beach to Wirrina Cove rhumb line. Any competitor deemed to be outside of this area may be disqualified.



* All competitors must comply with their obligations under the S.A. Harbours and Navigation Act.

ATTACHMENT B

Finish Line on Day 1

Directly off coast from HMAS Hobart Memorial Lookout

Approx. 1 nautical mile offshore & approx. 2 nautical miles NE Wirrina Cove Marina entrance between Rescue 1 and an orange self-inflating buoy

Approx. 35°28'17.9"S 138°15'36.1 »E

