

# **THE QUEENSLAND BENETEAU CUP**

**24 and 25 October 2020**

**incorporating the**

## **FRENCH YACHT CHALLENGE**

**25 October 2020**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

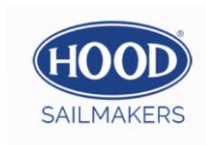
**Organising Authority**

**Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron**

**In Conjunction with Queensland  
Beneteau Owners Group**



# Queensland Beneteau Cup and French Yacht Challenge Sponsors



**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing Part 1 Category 5 will apply.
- 1.3. Appendix T (Arbitration) of the current RRS will apply.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located outside the RQYS Sailing Office
- 2.2. Any decision to race, postpone or abandon racing will be made by the Race Committee.
- 2.3. A decision to race on any given day does not relieve a competitor of his/her obligation under RRS Fundamental Rule 4.
- 2.4. The decision to race, postpone, or abandon will not be made prior to two hours before the scheduled start time on the day of the race unless circumstance dictate that an earlier decision would be appropriate.
- 2.5. Racing will not be started if there is a current gale warning or higher or other severe weather warning that will impact on the race area.
- 2.6. Racing may be started if there is a Strong Wind Warning in the racing area.
- 2.7. Races will only be abandoned after careful consideration of all weather conditions and their likely impact on the course area.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag pole located adjacent to the RQYS clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.2. No warning signal will be made after 1530 hours.
- 5.3. For the Rally Division there is a 10 minute Starting Window in which boats can start. See items 11.7 and 11.8 for further information.
- 5.4. The Race Committee may allocate boats to one of the following Divisions:
  - 5.4.1. Rally Division;
  - 5.4.2. Cruising Spinnaker Division; or
  - 5.4.3. Performance Division.
- 5.5. The schedule of races and events is as per the following table:

Date	Event	Warning Signal
Saturday 24 October	Registration (by calling the start boat on VHF Channel 72): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rally Division</li> <li>Cruising Spinnaker Division</li> <li>Performance Division</li> </ul>	0930 to 0945 1000 to 1015 1000 to 1015
	Beneteau Cup Race 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rally Division</li> <li>Cruising Spinnaker Division</li> <li>Performance Division</li> </ul>	0945-1000 <b>(Starting Window)</b> 1020 1035
Sunday 25 October	Registration (by calling the start boat on VHF Channel 72) and <b>on water</b> judging of the Best French Themed Yacht: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rally Division</li> <li>Cruising Spinnaker Division</li> <li>Performance Division</li> </ul>	0930 to 0945 1000 to 1015 1015 to 1030
	Beneteau Cup Race 2 and French Yacht Challenge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rally Division</li> <li>Cruising Spinnaker Division</li> <li>Performance Division</li> </ul>	0945-1000 <b>(Starting Window)</b> 1020 1035
	Trophy Presentation and Cash bar in Flags (upstairs at RQYS)	1600

\* Not before relevant time in table.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Rally Division	Code Flag C
Cruising Spinnaker Division	Code Flag D
Performance Division	Code Flag F

## 7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

7.2 The Start for Race 1 and Race 2 will be in Waterloo Bay.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1** The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2** No later than 10 minutes prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed with the appropriate Numeral Pennant.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1** Navigation marks will be marks of the course
- 9.2** Laid Windward Mark, the Race Committee may lay a mark approximately 0.5 nm to windward of the start line. The committee vessel will display a green flag (starboard) or a red flag (port) to signal the side on which yachts shall leave the laid mark on the first leg of the course. The laid mark will be a purple inflatable buoy.
- 9.3** The starting and finishing marks will be orange teardrop buoys.
- 9.4** It is a requirement under the Event Permit issued by Marine Safety Queensland that all vessels must observe a 20 meter exclusion zone around each of the following Aids to Navigation: JRB, HBI, NJW, CJP, GIR and SHS.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

N/A

## **11 THE START**

### **Cruising Spinnaker and Performance Divisions**

- 11.1** The race will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4** A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 11.5** If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

### **Rally Division**

- 11.6** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.7** The Starting Window shall be a 10 minute period commencing at the warning signal.
- 11.8** A boat may start at any time in the Starting Window (see table at item 5.55.4). The Race Committee vessel will record each boats start time.
- 11.9** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.10** A boat starting prior to or after the Starting Window may be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 11.11** If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

N/A

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat at the starboard end, and the port end finishing mark.
- 13.2** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**15 TIME LIMITS**

The time limit is 1700hrs

**16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND ARBITRATION**

**16.1** Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.

**16.2** Protest forms are available at the RQYS Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

**16.3** For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.

**16.4** 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 as witnesses.

**16.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

**16.6** Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

**16.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

**16.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

**17 SCORING**

**17.1** Scoring and handicapping will be defined by the "Sailsys" system. SailSys is an online race management system.

**17.2** For further information regarding Handicaps and scoring: <https://www.sailsys.com.au>

**17.3** SailSys applies the Racing Rules of Sailing Low Point System for scoring.

**18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**18.1** All boats shall SIGN ON for the race at least 15 minutes before the warning signal for Cruising Spinnaker and Performance Divisions and 15 minutes before the Starting Window for the Rally Division by contacting the Race Committee vessel on VHF Channel 72 advising the name of the boat, sail number, number of persons on board (POB) and receive acknowledgement.

**18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible

**18.3** Unless in use no part of an anchor may project forward of the bow at any time whilst racing.

**18.4** It is a requirement under the Event Permit issued by Marine Safety Queensland that all marine incidents must be reported to the Race Committee in addition to regulatory requirements to report marine incidents to Marine Safety Queensland.

**19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

N/A

**20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

N/A

**21 EVENT ADVERTISING**

N/A

**22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked with a white flag with the letter RC.

**23 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not dispose of trash in the water

**24 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

N/A

**25 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

N/A

**26 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**26.1** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**26.2** The race committee shall communicate with boats on VHF Channel 72.

**27 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

Cruising Spinnaker, Rally and Performance Divisions for the Best French Themed Yacht

Cruising Spinnaker, Rally and Performance Divisions for the French Yacht Challenge

Cruising Spinnaker, Rally and Performance Divisions for the Beneteau Cup

**28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

**29 INSURANCE**

**29.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$5,000,000AUD per incident or the equivalent and carry a copy of Certificate of Currency of Insurance on board their vessel.

**29.2** It is a requirement under the Event Permit issued by Marine Safety Queensland that all Skippers of any vessel participating in this event, must maintain on board and produce upon demand by the Race Committee, a copy of a current, valid Certificate of Currency, with respect to the third party property and third party personal injury insurance for the vessel.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**SOCIAL FUNCTIONS**

Please note that due to the implications of COVID regulations there will be a limited social program in 2020.

**Sunday 25 October 2020**

- 0930 - 0945 Best French Themed Yacht in the Rally Division will be judged in the vicinity of the start boat
- 1000 - 1015 Best French Themed Yacht in the Cruising Spinnaker Division will be judged in the vicinity of the start boat
- 1015 - 1030 Best French Themed Yacht in the Performance Division will be judged in the vicinity of the start boat
- 1600 Drinks at competitor's own expense in Flags (upstairs at RQYS). Please note that no food will be provided by the regatta organising committee this year, however there will be a light menu available for competitors to order from at their own expense.
- 1630 Trophy Presentation in Flags for:
- Cruising Spinnaker, Rally and Performance Divisions for the Best French Themed Yacht
  - Cruising Spinnaker, Rally and Performance Divisions Beneteau Cup
  - Cruising Spinnaker, Rally and Performance Divisions for the French Yacht Challenge

The Trophy Presentations may commence earlier than shown above, in which case the registered contacts for competing yachts will be notified by SMS.

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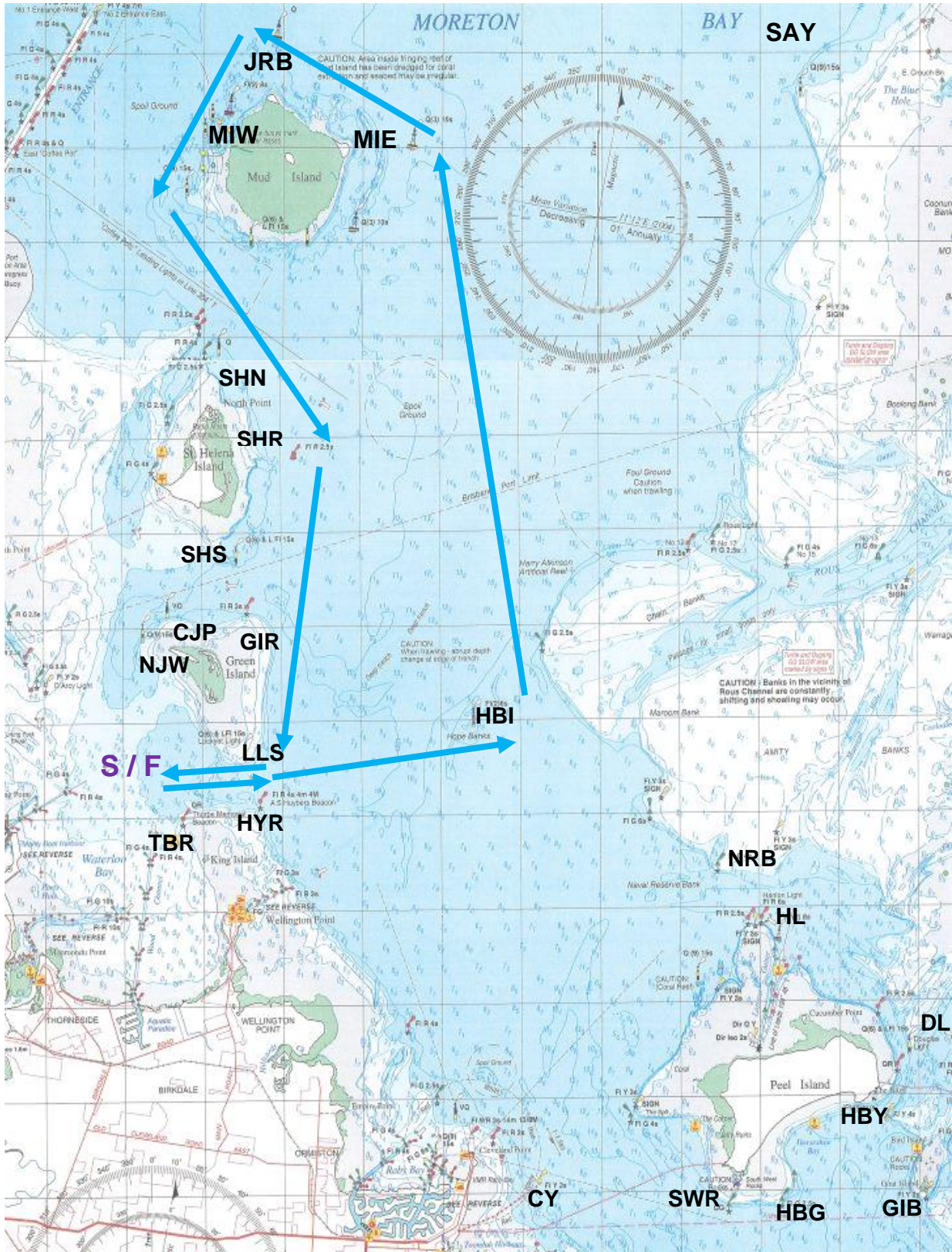
**ATTACHMENT A**

## DESIGNATED MARKS USED FOR RACING

	<b>Description</b>	<b>Approximate Position</b>	
	Start/Finish – Inside Waterloo Bay East of the Manly Boat Harbour Leads		
MIW	2 x West Cardinal Beacons off Mud Island	27°19.8S	153°13.8E
JRB	Jeay's Reef Buoy - North Cardinal Beacon	27°18.9S	153°14.9E
MIE	East Cardinal Beacon off Mud Island	27°19.9S	153°16.5E
NJW	Norman J Wright Beacon (West Cardinal)	27°25.2S	153°13.2E
SHR	Red Buoy East of St Helena Island	27°23.2S	153°15.2E
LLS	Lockyer Light South Cardinal Beacon	27°26.5S	153°14.4E
GIR	Red Beacon NE of Green Island	27°24.8S	153°14.6E
HL	Hanlon Light	27°28.2S	153°21.0E
DL	Douglas Light	27°29.5S	153°22.8E
GIB	Goat Island Beacon FI Yellow 2s	27°31.2S	153°23.1E
HYR	Huybers Beacon	27°26.9S	153°14.6E
CJP	Crawford James Pattison Beacon (Nth Cardinal)	27°24.7S	153°13.6E
SWR	Green Beacon (QG) S-W Rocks	27°31.3S	153°20.6E
HBY	FI Y 4s Eastern End Horseshoe Bay	27°30.3S	153°22.4E
SHN	North Cardinal Beacon St Helena Island	27°22.3S	153°14.1E
HBI	Hope Banks Beacon	27°26.15S	153°17.4E
SHS	South Cardinal Beacon St Helena Island	27°24.4S	153°14.4E
HBG	Green Beacon (FI G 2.5s) W Horseshoe Bay	27°31.2S	153°21.8E
TBR	Thorpe Beacon NW of King Island	27°27.2S	153°13.7E

The Use of an "X" Mark (a mark set at 90 degrees to the Start Line, usually upwind) is indicated by the flying of a Green or Red flag on the Start Boat, this flag indicates the rounding of the "X" Mark and shall be inserted in the Course Mark list in between the Start and the first mark of the course.

<b>1</b>	Start – HYR (S) – HBI (P) – MIE (P) – JRB (P) – MIW (P) – SHR (S) – LLS (S) – Finish	21 nm
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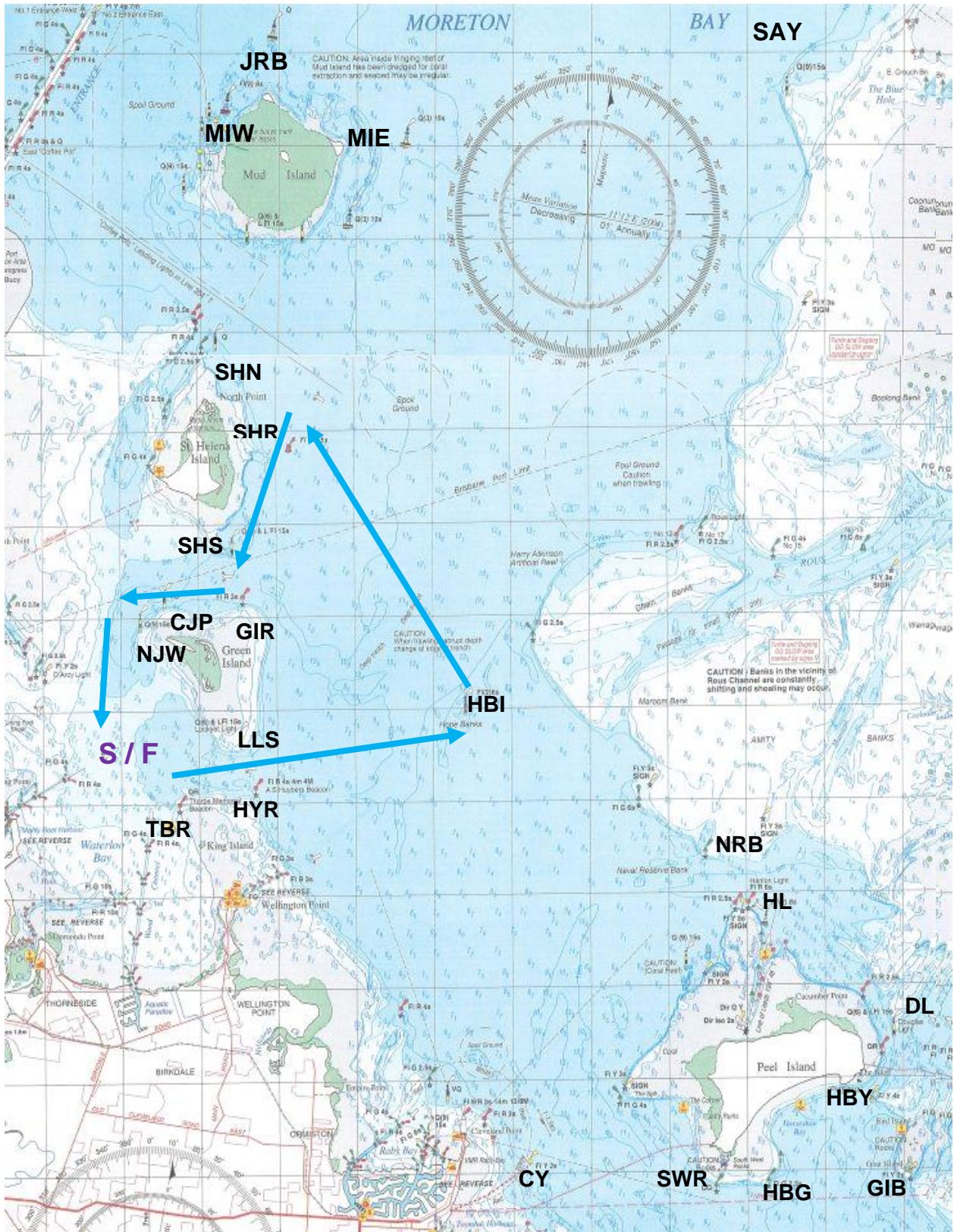


<b>2</b>	Start – HYR (S) – MIE (P) – JRB (P) – MIW (P) – SHR (S) – LLS (S) – Finish	19 nm
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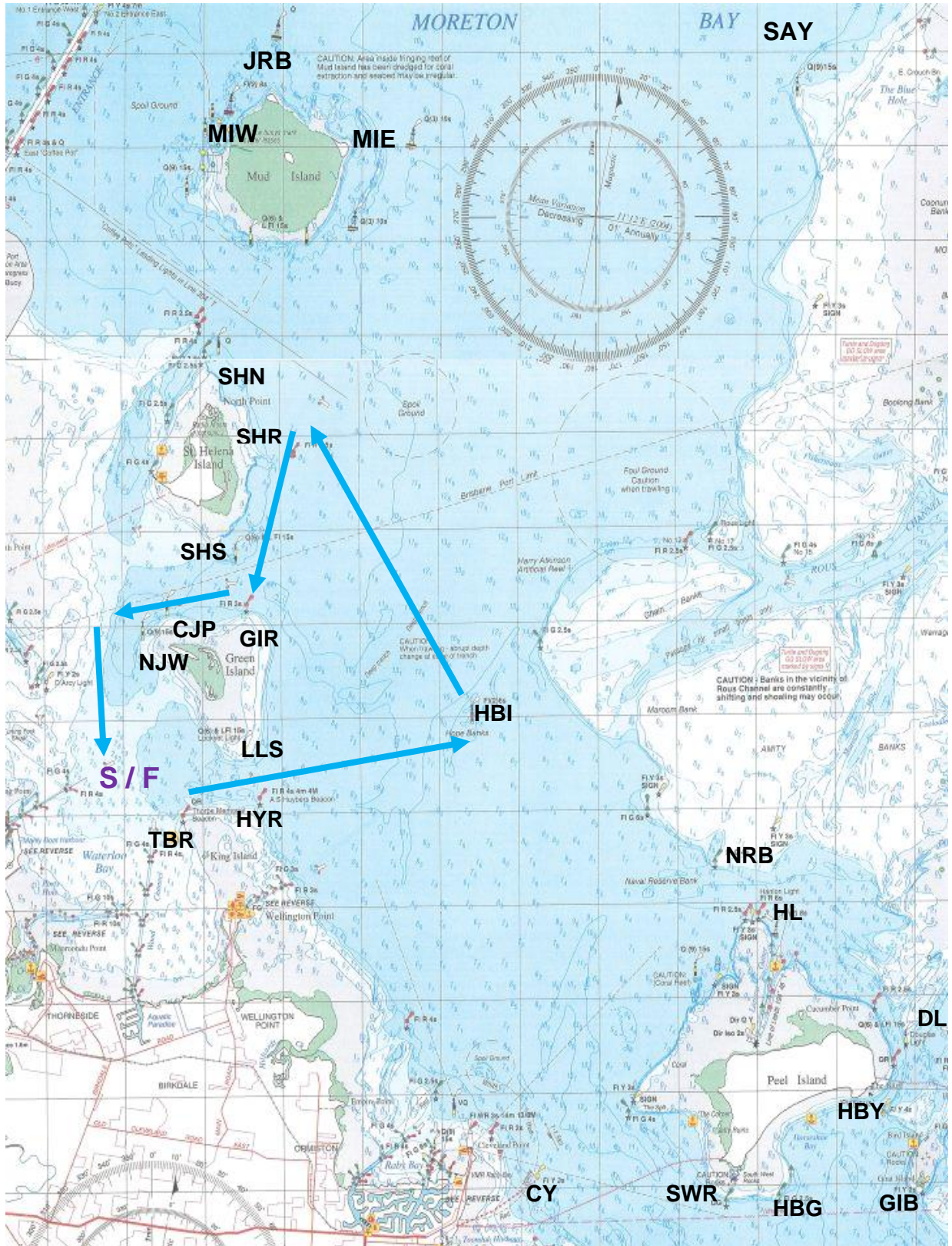


<b>3</b>	Start - LLS (P) – HBI (P) – SHR (P) – SHS (S) – CJP (P) – NJW (P) - Finish	11 nm
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<b>4</b>	Start – LLS (P) – HBI (P) – SHR (P) – SHS (S) – CJP (P) – NJW (P) – LLS (P) – HBI (P) – SHR (P) – SHS (S) – CJP (P) – NJW (P) – Finish	22 nm
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<b>5</b>	Start - HYR (S) – SWR (P) – HBG (P) – HBY (S) – HL (P) – HYR (P) – Finish	20.5
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<b>6</b>	Start - HYR (S) – HL (S) – HBY (P) – HBG (S) – SWR (S) – HYR (P) – Finish	20.5
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