



WAGS 2020/21

First Wednesday in September 2020 to the last Wednesday in August 2021

INCLUDES AMENDMENT 1 & 2

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 All yachts shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1 – Category 5.
- 1.3 All skippers shall comply with the Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 and Regulation. In the event of a reportable Marine Incident the RQYS Sailing Office is to be notified as soon as is practical; but no later than 1 hour after the incident, a copy of the Marine Incident Report is required to be lodged with the RQYS Sailing Office at the same time it is lodged with Maritime Safety Queensland.
- 1.4 Where lifelines complying with AS SR Part 1 Section 3 Rule 3.12 have not been fitted, all crew shall wear a visible personal floatation device as per AS SR Part 1 Section 5.
- 1.5 All boats using outboard engines shall comply with AS SR Part 1 Section 3 Rule 3.24.4.
- 1.6 **Boats shall keep 20m clear of ALL Aids to Navigation. A boat failing to keep outside this exclusion zone may be protested by the Race Committee. Multiple breaches of the exclusion zone at marks may result in a boat being refused subsequent entry from WAGS for a period of time at the discretion of the Sailing Manager. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT OF MARITIME SAFETY QLD.**
- 1.7 **Boats that make contact with another vessel shall immediately retire**

2. ELIGIBILITY AND FEES

- 2.1 WAGS races are open to all Monohull and Multihull Yachts (both trailerable and fixed keel) on the register of a yacht or sailing club affiliated with Australian Sailing (AS). Dinghies are not permitted to sail in WAGS.
- 2.2 For boats that are owned and skippered (on the day) by RQYS Full Members and RQYS Members of other Sailing Categories: \$10.00 per race.
For Boats that are owned and skippered (on the day) by non-members: \$10.00 per race
- 2.3 All crew are required to be included in the boats online entry/registration before each race.

3. SAIL RESTRICTIONS

- 3.1 All boats are to sail with a singular Jib or Genoa, and Mainsail only. Other sail combinations based on a boat's designed rig (e.g. Ketches, Schooners, etc.) are permitted with prior approval by the Race Committee. Loose luffed headsails (e.g. Screecher, Code 0, Spinnakers) are not permitted.

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4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

DAY	EVENT	TIME
Each Wednesday at the discretion of the Race Committee	Boat Registration at WAGS table in RQ Bar (Crew still need to be registered before every race, online here https://www.revolutionise.com.au/rqys/events/74698/)	Between 1100 and 1225hrs
	Handicaps (Start Times) Announced	1225hrs
	Racing	As per allocated start time
	Presentation in RQ Bar	1700 hrs on the day of race
WAGS SPECIAL EVENTS		
18 November 2020	Ross Jullyan Memorial Trophy WAGS	
23 December 2020	Christmas WAGS	
11 August 2021	Peter Beard Memorial Trophy WAGS-- Ekka Wednesday	

5. RACING AREA

All races will be conducted on Waterloo and Moreton Bays West, East, and South of Green Island.

6. THE COURSES

- 6.1 All courses start and finish as per SI 8.4 and 9.1.
- 6.2 The courses to be sailed will be as per the course descriptions at the end of these Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3 The course flag confirming the course to be sailed will be flown from the start boat. In the event that the start boat is not on station, competitors shall monitor Channel VHF 72 for course information.
- 6.4 Courses may be shorted as per RRS 32.
- 6.5 Where a course is to be in the "Reversed" version, the Start Boat Shall display the flag for that course followed by the "R" Letter flag.

7. MARKS

- 7.1 All marks are Navigation Marks – When a navigation mark is nominated as a mark of a course it shall be left in the manner described in the course booklet, otherwise all navigation marks shall be observed in the correct manner.
- 7.2 Where a navigation mark is to be rounded due consideration to the weather conditions including tidal effect shall be given.
- 7.3 The Race Committee emphasize SI 1.6 regarding Navigational Marks.
- 7.4 Where the start boat displays either a Red or Green flag, vessels shall observe a "Clearance Mark" which shall be located on the leg of the start boat to the first mark. All vessels shall leave this mark to the side indicated by the flag flying. E.g. if a Red flag is flying, vessels shall leave this mark to Port.

8. THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started as follows:
 - 8.1.1 Boats shall start no earlier than their allocated start time. All times are in Brisbane EST time. Syncing of your clock is recommended at <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fullscreen.html?n=47>
 - 8.1.2 The Race Officer (starter) will *usually* raise a start bat 10 seconds prior to the minute and lower the start bat on the minute.
 - 8.1.3 A sound signal will be given to any yacht starting early and therefore they are required to restart.
 - 8.1.4 This changes RRS 26.
- 8.2 All boats shall keep clear of the start line and not cross in either direction prior to their designated start time.
- 8.3 A boat re-starting shall keep clear of a boat starting.
- 8.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and an orange buoy at the port end approximately 300m to 800m from the outer Manly Harbour Leads.
- 8.5 In the case where the start boat is not on station, the start line shall be an extension of the Eastern Port and Starboard Lateral Beacons to the south and within 100m. In these circumstances boats are required to start at their allocated starting time.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and an orange buoy at the port end approximately 300-800m from the outer Manly Harbour Leads.

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9.2 When a finish boat is not on station boats are to record and report their own finish time to WAGS Race Control on VHF Channel 72 or in person at WAGS table in the RQ Bar by no later than 1650 hours.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all boats rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all boats to be finished is 1600 hours.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 All WAGS races are intended to that of a **fun and enjoyable nature** and therefore there should be no reason to Protest. Competitors are encouraged to resolve their differences in a respectable manner.

12.2 ~~Should an incident occur that cannot be resolved, competitors are requested to advise the RQYS Sailing Manager and a protest will be arranged.~~

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12.2 Should an incident occur that cannot be resolved, competitors are required to lodge a protest with the Sailing Office via an email to sailing@rqys.com.au by 1600 hrs the day after the relevant Wags race. Protest forms are available at the sailing office and online.

13. SCORING AND HANDICAPS

13.1 All Races

a. Handicap start times will be allocated to each boat upon registration.

b. Each race is an individual race and will be scored as such with the exception of races for the Squadron Championship.

13.2 Races to determine WAGS Squadron Multihull and Monohull Champions.

a. PBH handicaps as adjusted from time to time, will be applied to elapsed times to calculate results to determine the WAGS Squadron Monohull Champion and WAGS Squadron Multihull Champion.

b. WAGS Squadron Champions will be determined from the results of the following races:

The first Wednesday race in each month from October to the following May; and

The Ross Jullyan Memorial Trophy race day in November.

There will be drops after race 3, race 6, race 9.

c. To qualify for these trophies the skipper/owner must be a Full member or equivalent of RQYS and their yacht registered with RQYS

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 All competitors intending to start shall report to the WAGS Table located inside the RQ Bar by no later than 1225 hrs to register for the day's race or by VHF Channel 72 after 1250 hrs.

14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on VHF Channel 72 as soon as possible.

14.3 Unless in use, no part of the **anchor** may project forward of the sheer line at any time whilst racing.

15. DIVISIONS

Signals for divisions shall use the following flags:

MONOHULLS Numeral Pennant #1

MULTIHULLS Numeral Pennant #5

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 The Race Committee may communicate information to the competing boats during the course of the race. All boats are required to **monitor VHF Channel 72** for the duration of the race.

16.2 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.

17. PRIZES

17.1 All competitors are eligible for the following awards:

- Monohull – 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th over the line
- Multihull – 1st and 2nd over the line
- Closest to the line at official starting time
- Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee

17.2 RQYS Entries only are eligible for the following awards:

- Monohull – WAGS Squadron Monohull Champion

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- Multihull – WAGS Squadron Multihull Champion Squadron Championship races are the first Wednesday of each month (September –May) and the Ross Jullian Memorial Trophy)

17.3 Due to the nature of Handicapping in WAGS no vessel may win on her first race.

18 DISCLAIMER OF ENTRY

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.

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19. CREW LIST

19.1 A complete and accurate crew list shall be submitted to the Sailing Office by all boats before their start time. Crew lists may be submitted in writing, or electronically to sailing@rqys.com.au, using the attached form.

19.2 The crew list shall contain the following information for each crew: Full Name; Club Member No; AS No; Telephone No; Email address

19.3 Failure to provide a complete and accurate crew list before a boat's start time may result in a score of DSQ without a hearing, or warning. Changes RRS63.1 & A5.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$AUD 10,000,000.

21 RACE OFFICIALS

All official directions during the course of the race will be advised by the race officer on board the start/finish boat. This boat will be marked with a WAGS RC flag. To ensure there is no confusion during races, no other boats are to issue directions unless approved by the Race Officer or the RQYS Sailing Manager.

22 RACE CANCELLATION

22.1 Racing will not occur if there is a gale or stronger wind warning issued for the day of racing.

22.2 Racing may occur if a strong wind warning is issued for the day of racing.

22.3 Any decision to race, postpone or abandon will be made by the RQYS Sailing Manager after consultation with the Race Officer.

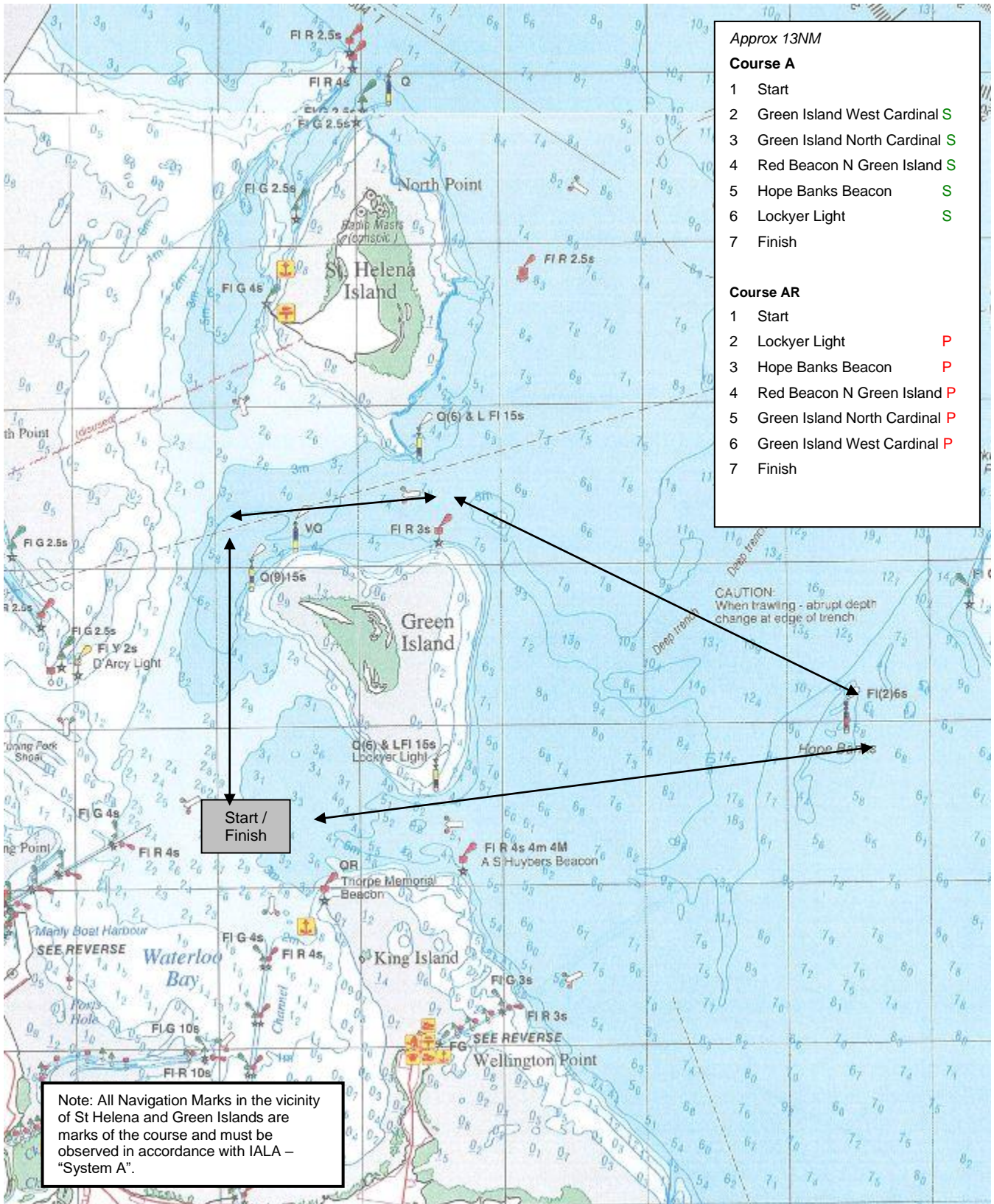
22.4 A decision to race on any given day does not relieve any competitor of his/her obligation under RRS 4, Decision to race.

23 ALTERNATE START / FINISH AREA

The start/finish area may be altered depending on other racing being conducted in a "shared" racing area. The Race Officer will advise of any such change to the start/finish area at registration desk on the day of racing.

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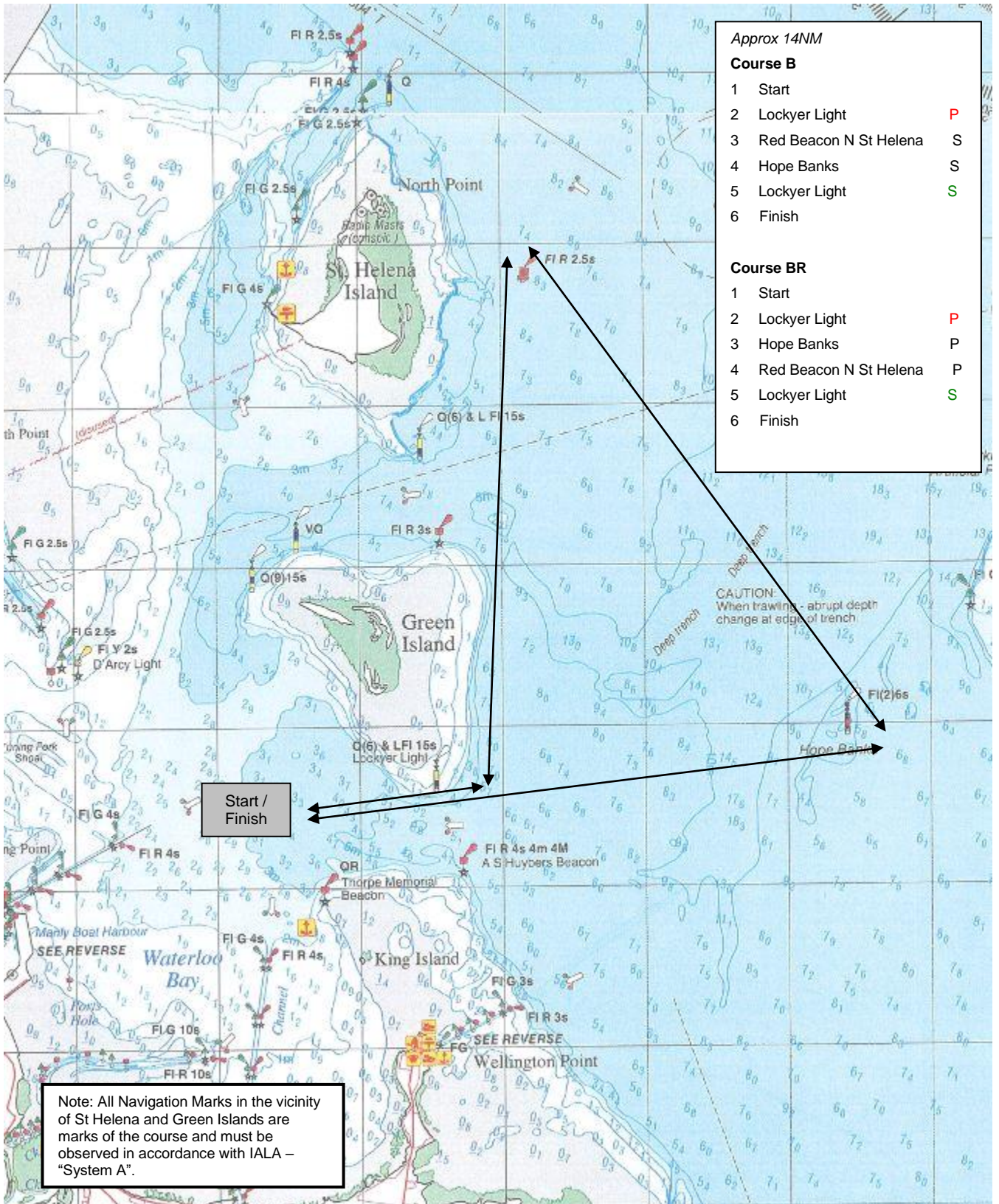
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 - 5 Hope Banks Beacon **S**
 - 6 Locker Light **S**
 - 7 Finish
- Course AR**
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 - 2 Locker Light **P**
 - 3 Hope Banks Beacon **P**
 - 4 Red Beacon N Green Island **P**
 - 5 Green Island North Cardinal **P**
 - 6 Green Island West Cardinal **P**
 - 7 Finish

Note: All Navigation Marks in the vicinity of St Helena and Green Islands are marks of the course and must be observed in accordance with IALA – "System A".

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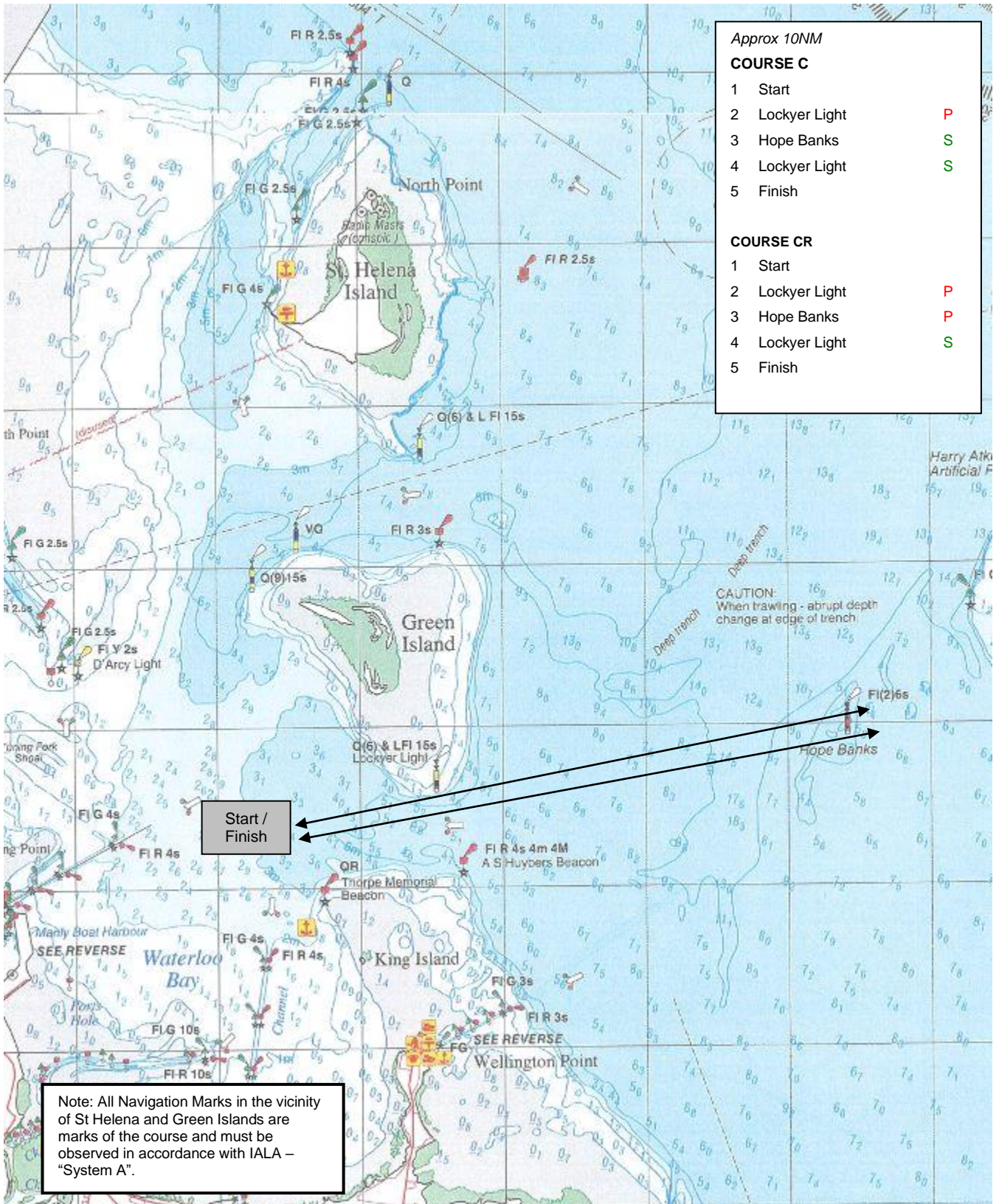
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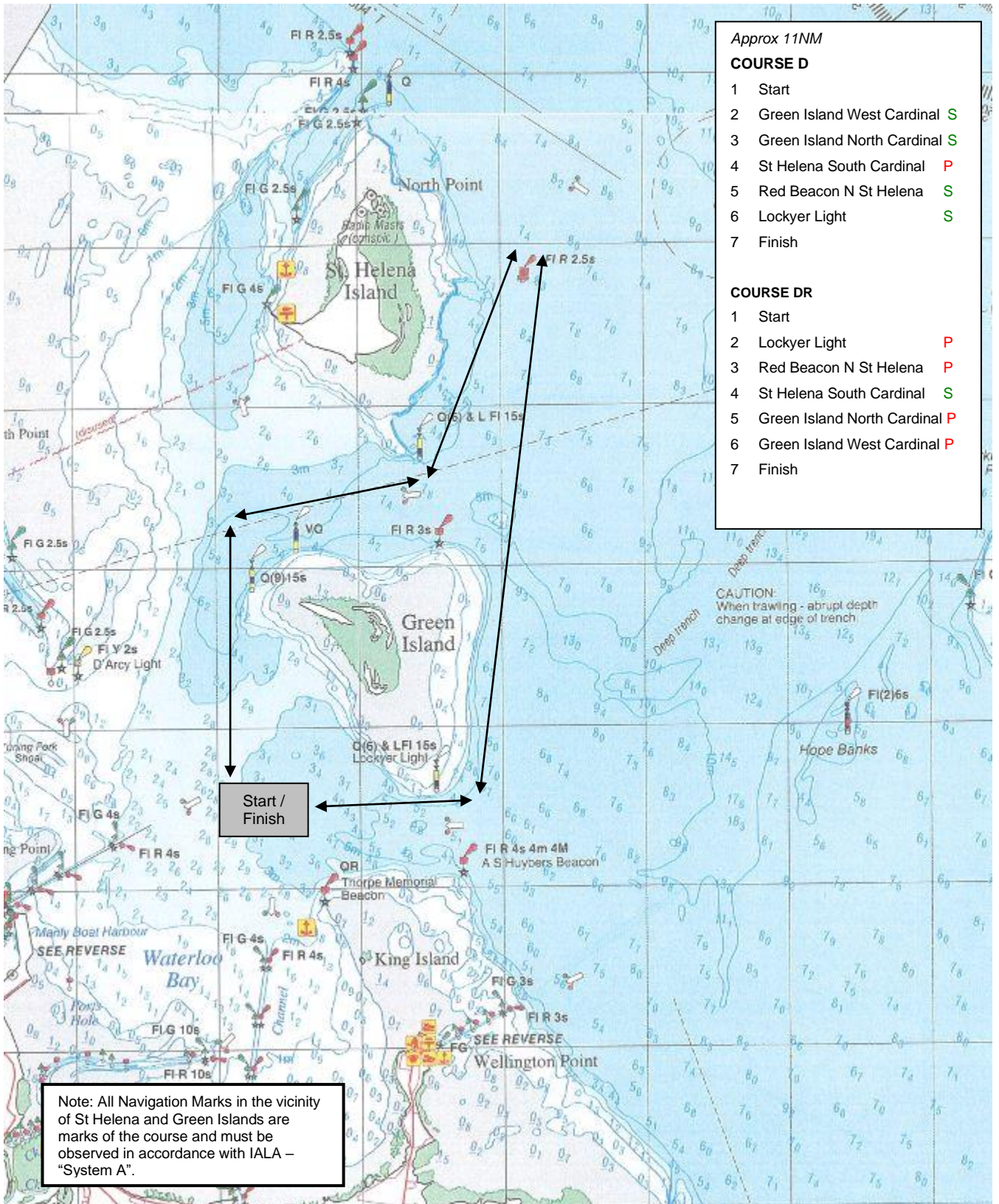
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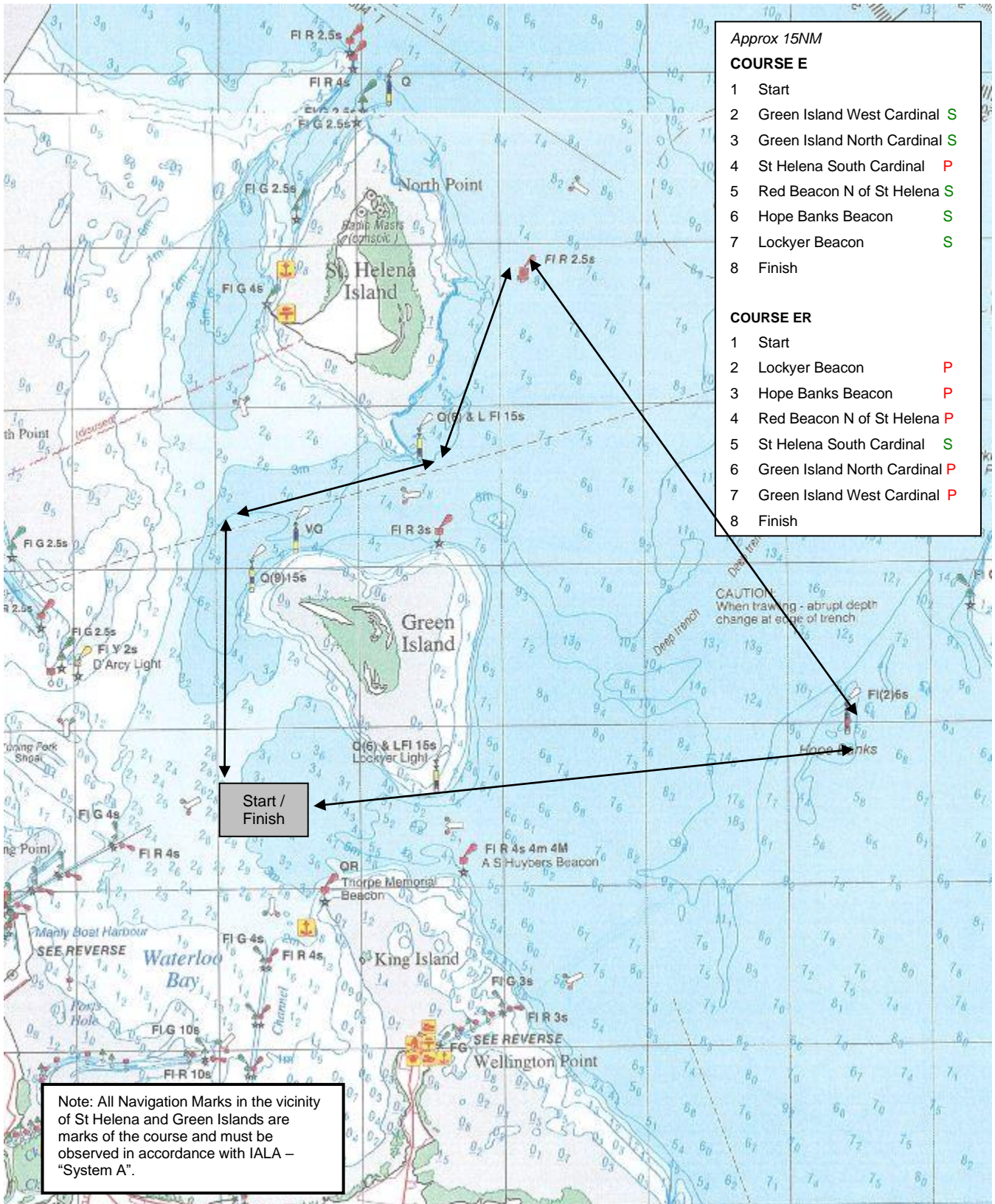
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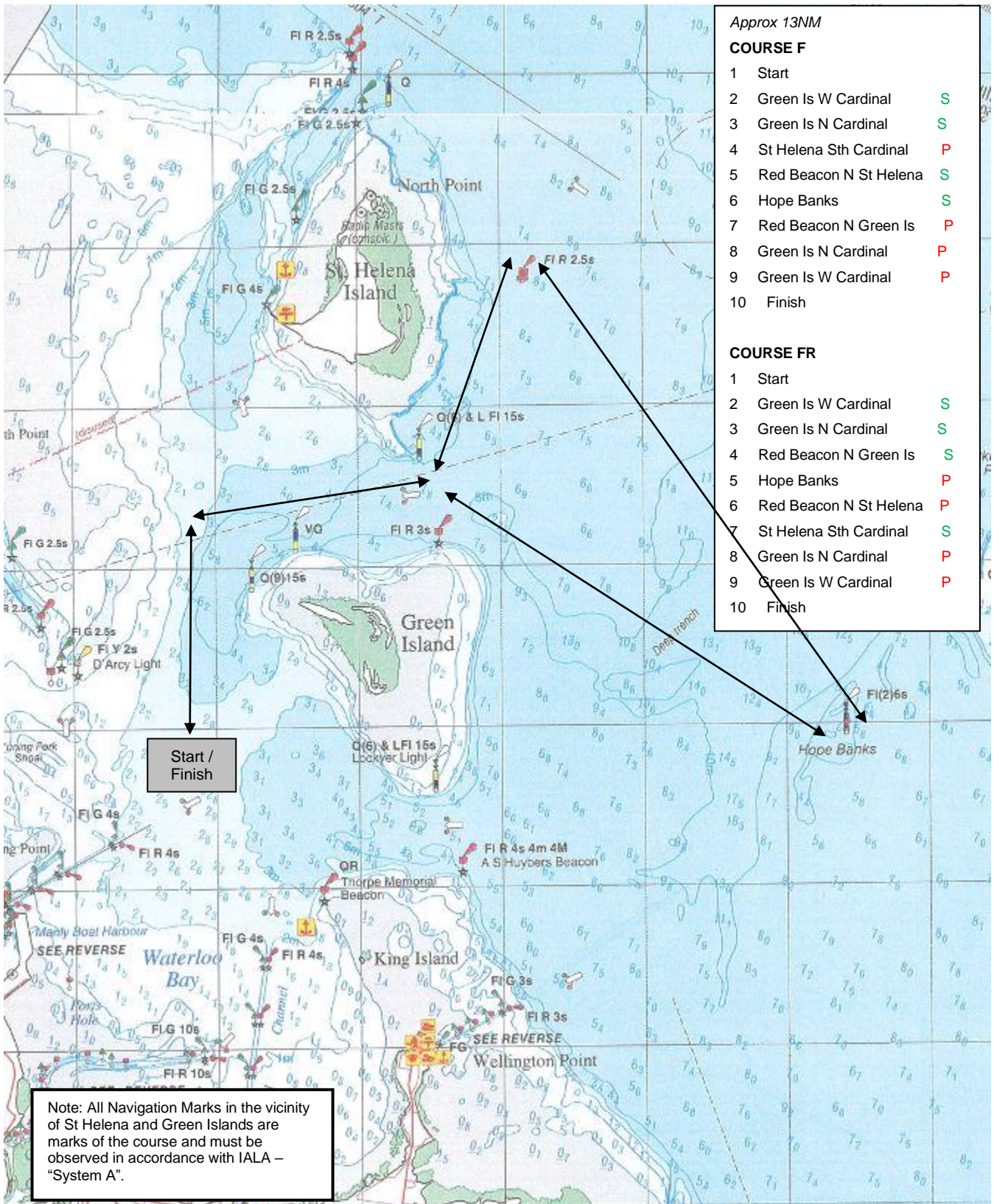
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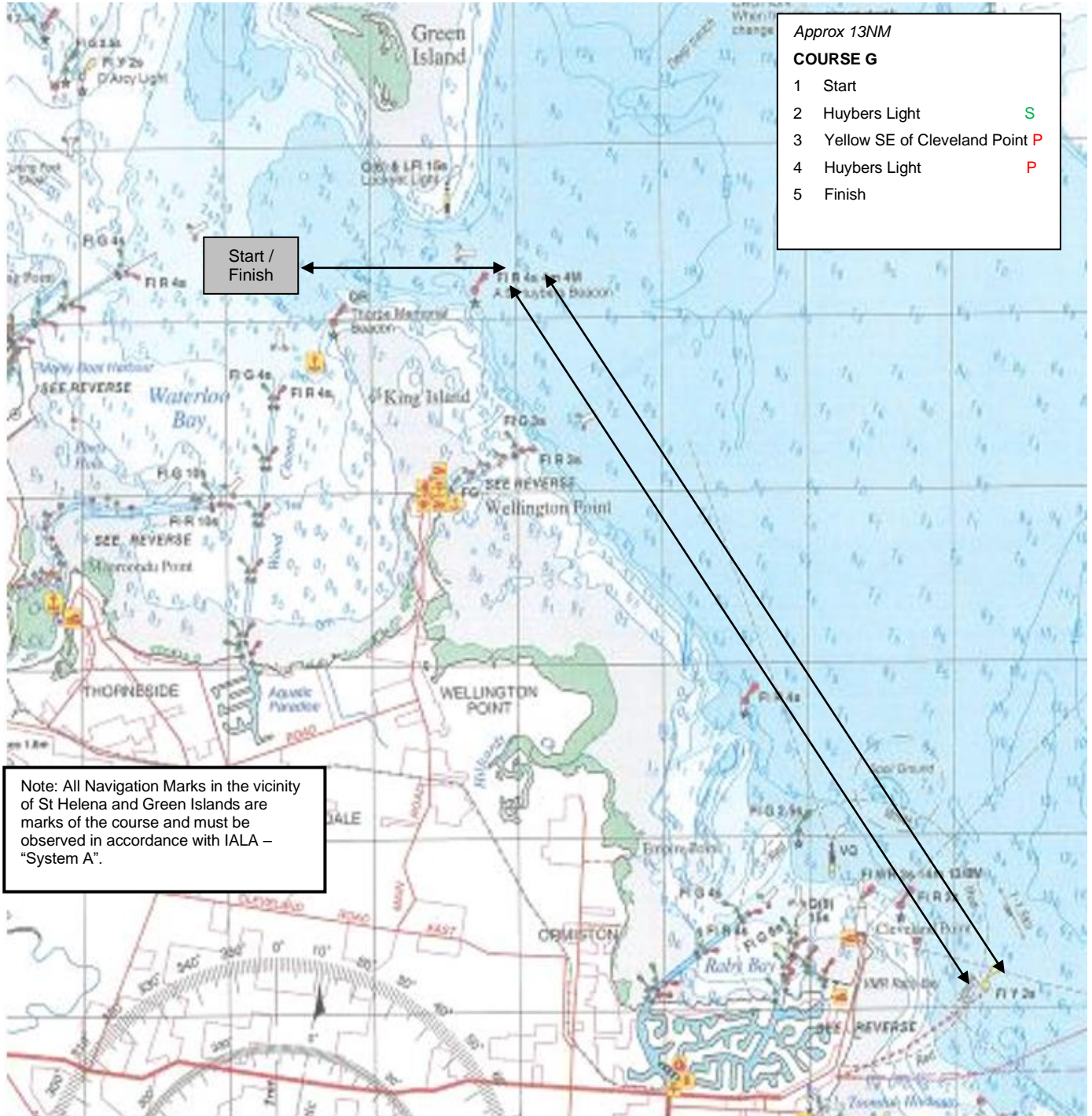
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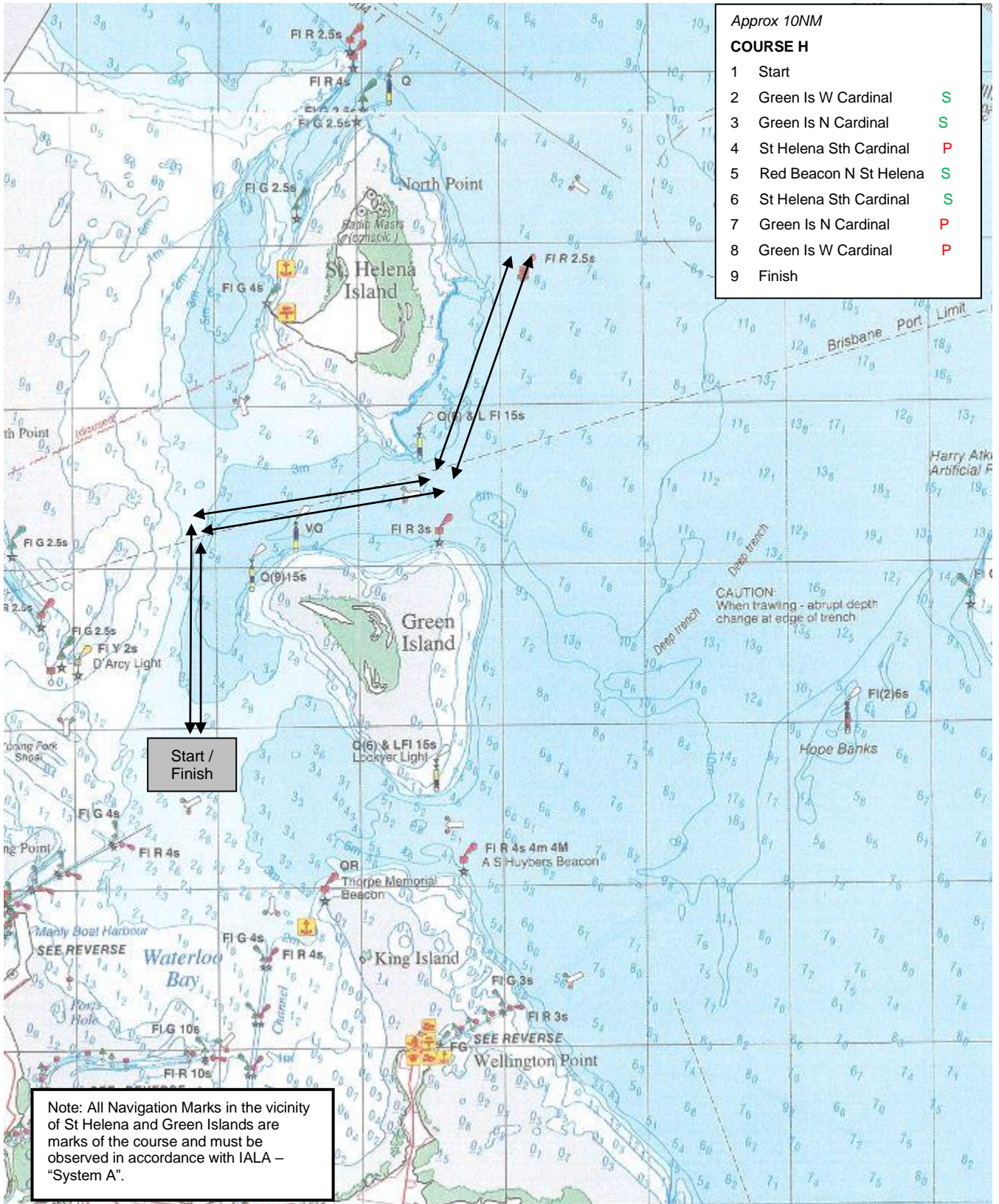
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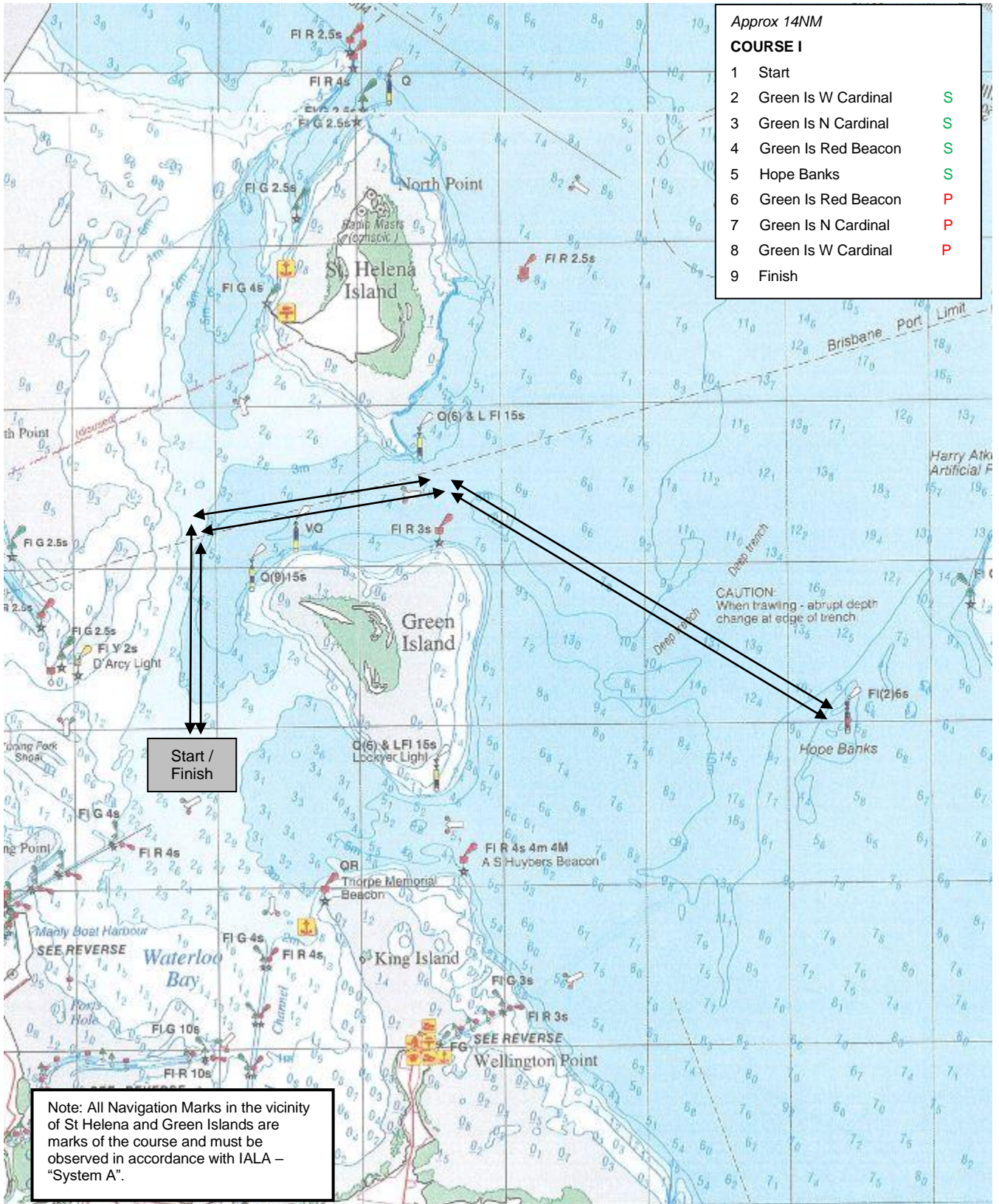
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