



WORLD ARC 2025-26

SKIPPER'S BRIEFING

Leg 11 Cocos Keeling to Mauritius

You Should Have

- **To Be Returned**

- Signed Pre-Departure Skippers Declaration
- Fun competition and ETA

- **To be completed online and returned**

- Mauritius Yacht Declaration Form

- **To Take Away**

- Comms List
- Mauritius – Declaration for Pleasure Boats (sign and send copy to RC before departing Cocos Keeling)

You should have

On the Rally App

- Arrival declaration (to be completed on arrival in Mauritius)
- Social Crew List
- Sailing Instructions
- Programme Mauritius
- Weather Grids
- Radio Net Schedule

On the Members area

- Skippers' Briefing Slides
- Weather Briefing

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Sailing Instructions

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Committee Vessel

ABF Patrol Vessel - JIWA KOKOS



Starting Instructions – Also on VHF 72

Time Check at 1030hrs

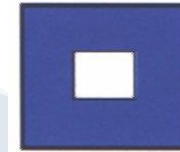
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'C' flag hoisted & 1 short sound signal



1055 Preparatory signal

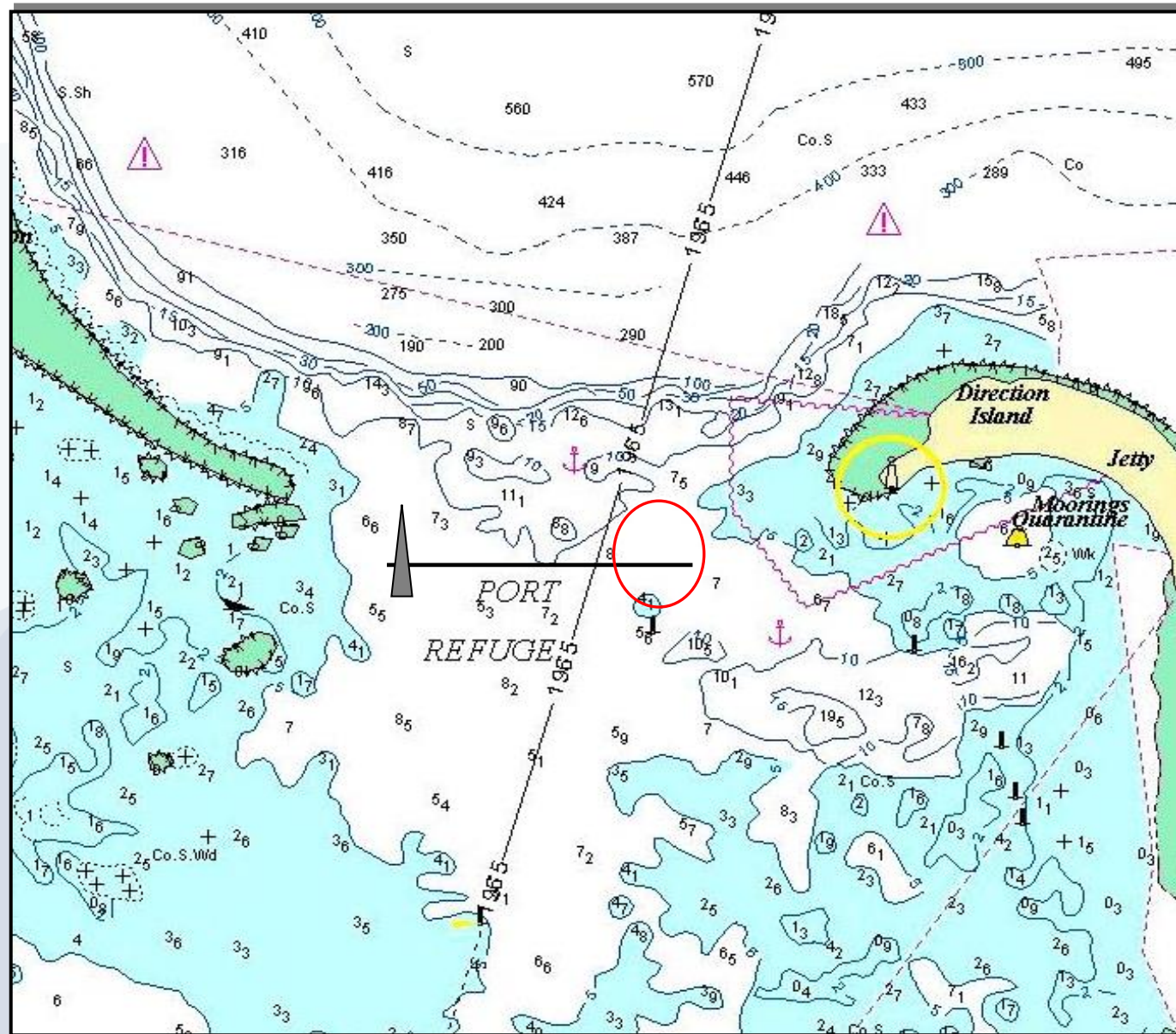
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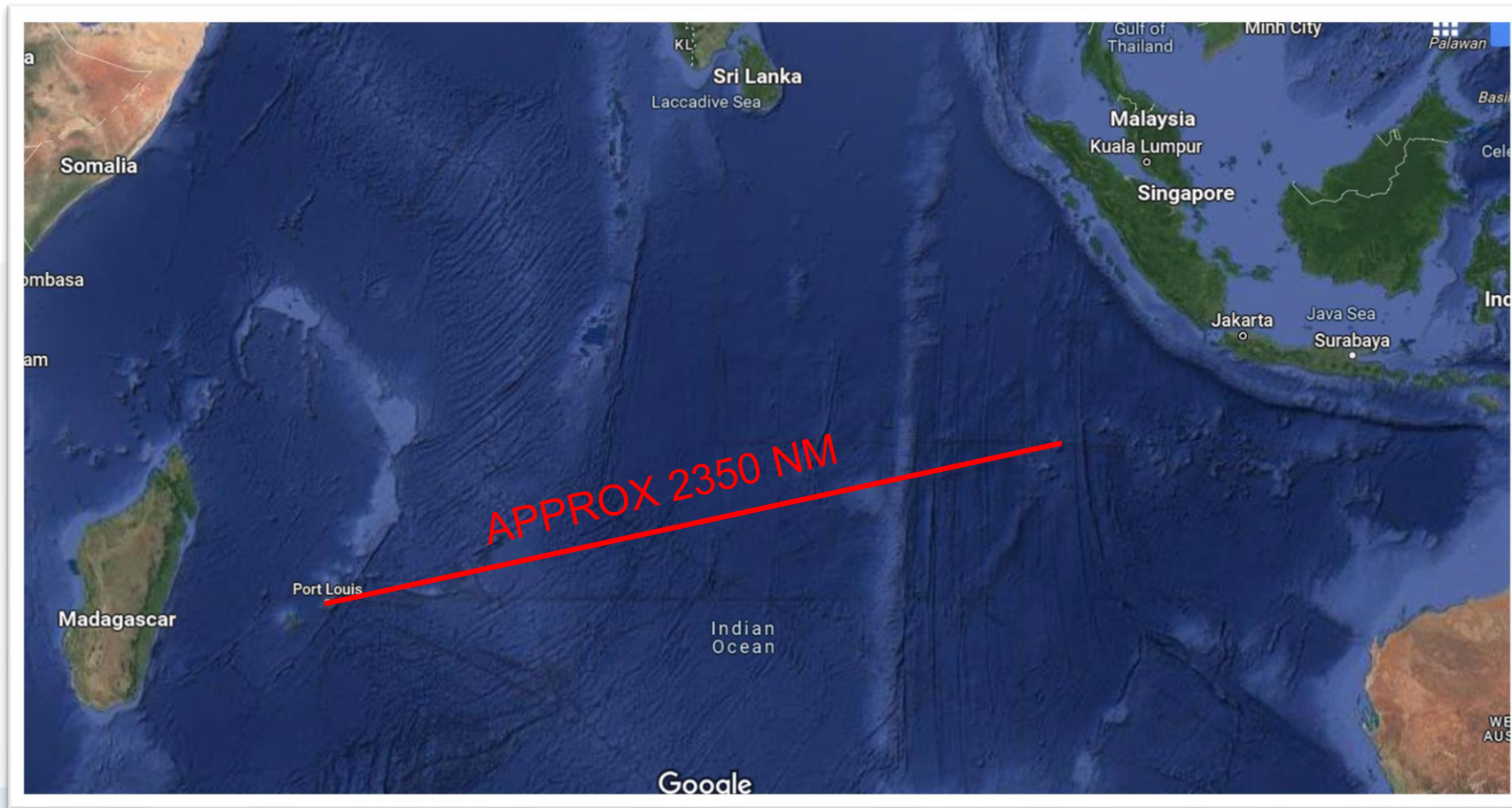


1100 Starting signal

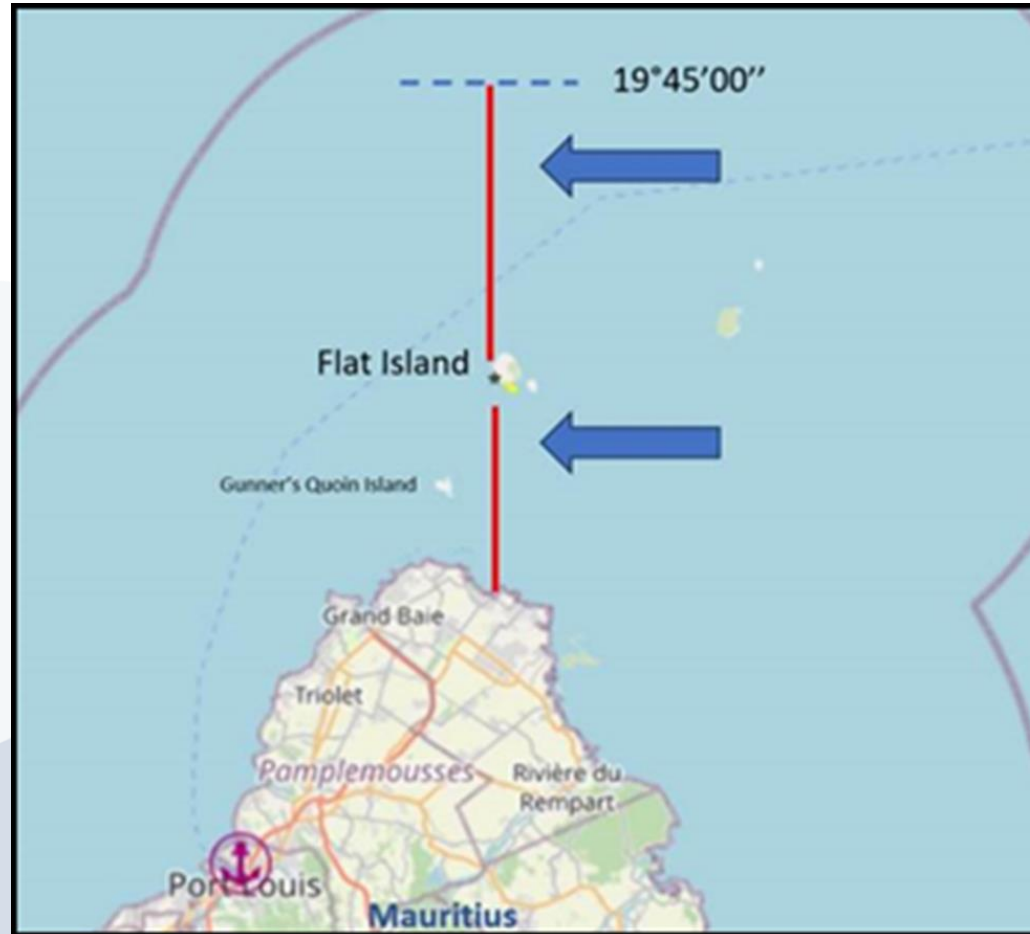
Both flags lowered & 1 long sound signal

Starting Area and Starting Line





THE COURSE COCOS KEELING TO MAURITIUS



Finish Line in Mauritius

Do not use as navigation

Crossing the Finish Line

Email / WhatsApp Rally Control with your time across the line and ETA at Port Louis

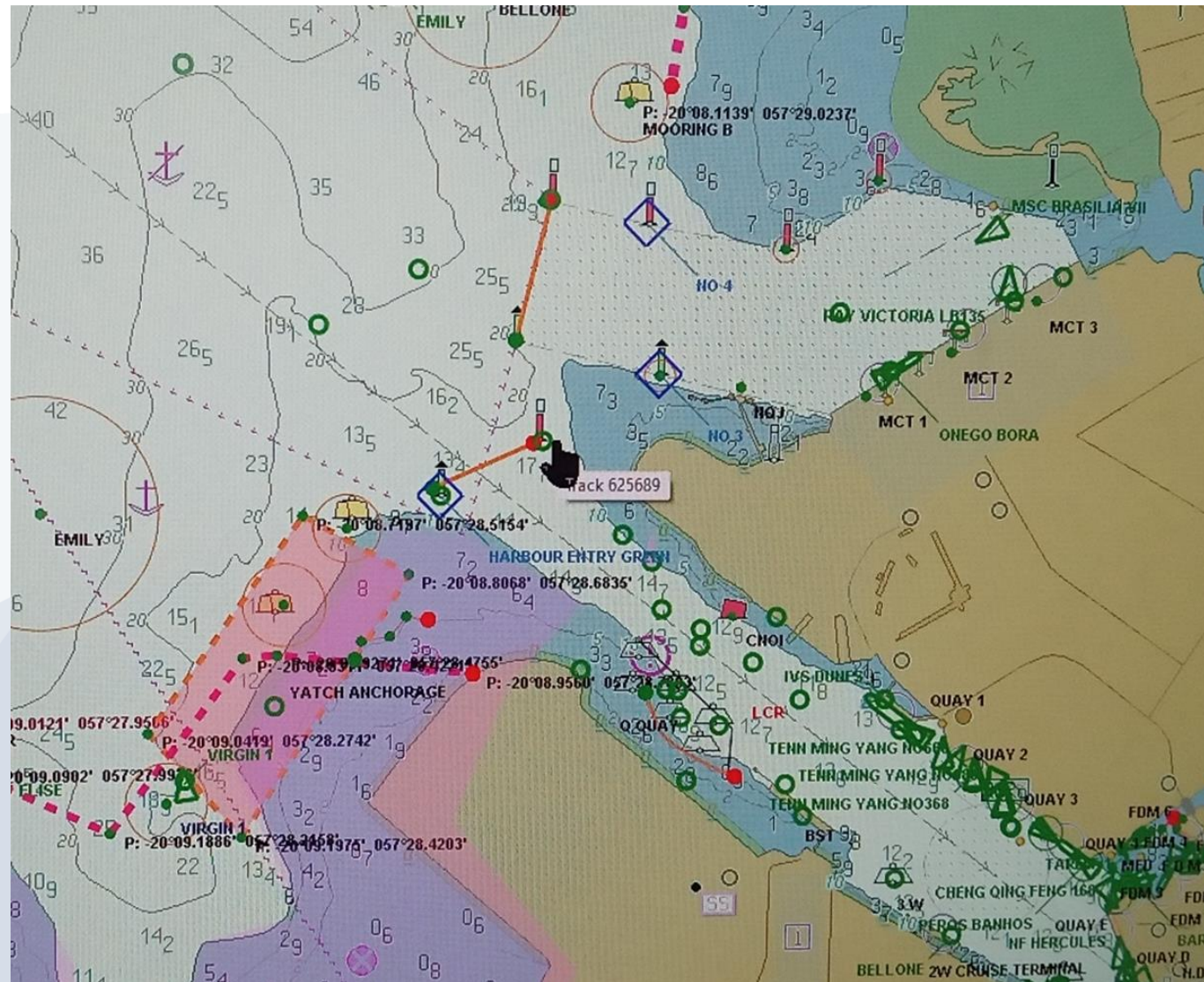
COMPLETE THE RALLY LEG DECLARATION
WITHIN ONE HOUR OF FINISHING.

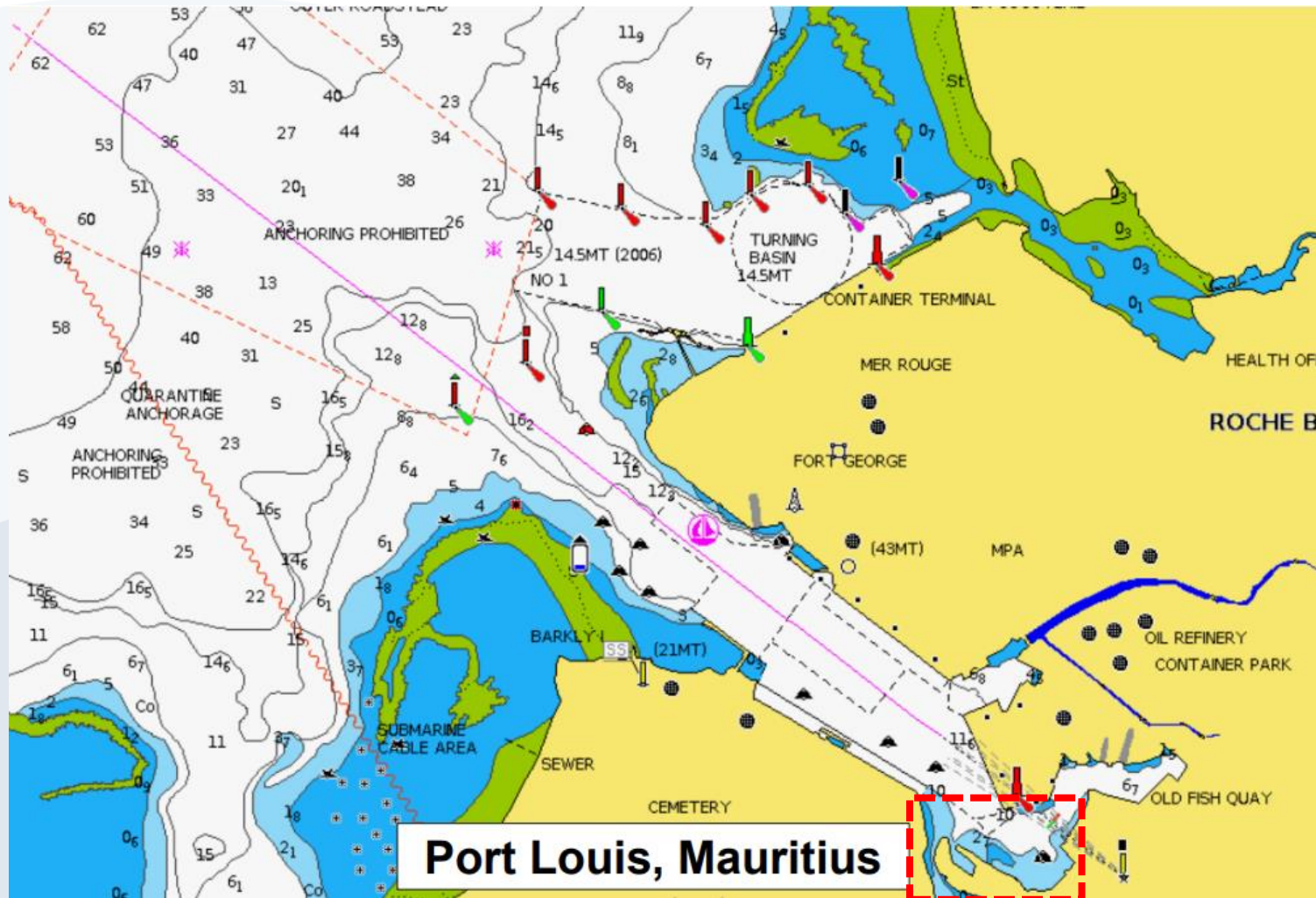
ONLY FIRST SUBMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED

Arrival Procedure

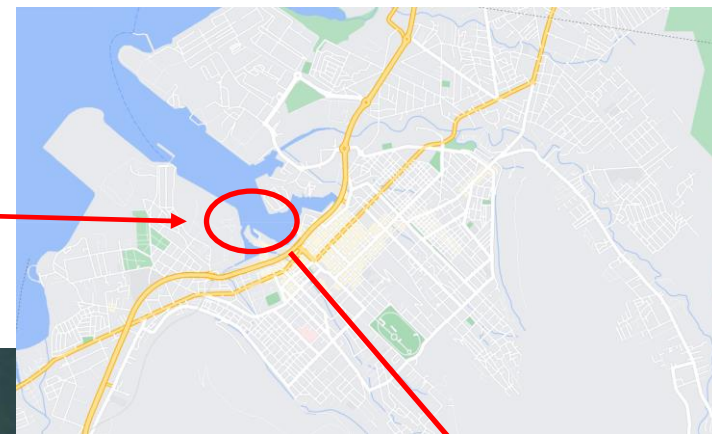
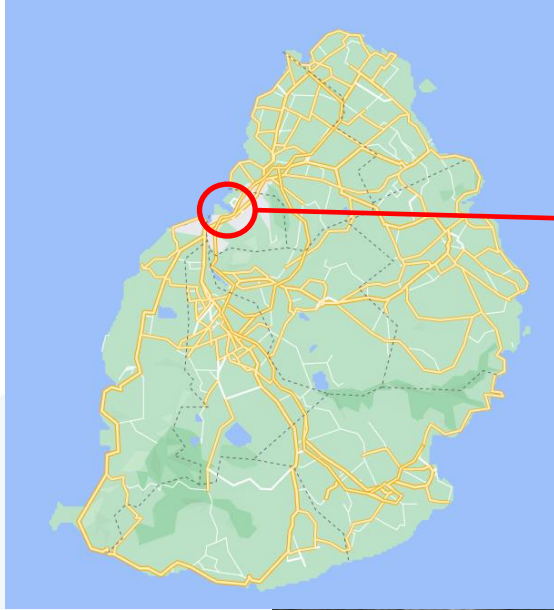
- Yachts may be called by Coastguard on VHF 16 as you approach
- **Yachts are only allowed to enter the port during daylight hours, from 0600 to 1800.**
 - If arriving at night suggest anchoring in quarantine area outside entrance channel found at approx. wp 20°8'36.00"S 57°28'16.20"E.
- **At Outer Markers of Port Louis Channel**
 - Skipper must call PORT LOUIS HARBOUR RADIO on VHF Ch.12 or 14 requesting permission to enter the port.
 - State distance and ETA to the Port and intention to dock at 'Caudan Basin'.
 - Follow up by calling Rally Control on VHF 72, or message on WhatsApp if no reply.**
- **Entering the port**
 - Once permission granted head to Le Port Customs Landing Steps
 - Move to Caudan Basin once Customs & Immigration process complete

Anchorage AREA





Port Louis, Mauritius



Mauritius Clearances

- Clearance may take place alongside Customs House or in the basin once moored.
- WCC will prepare the paperwork and will be available in Port Louis from 15th October.
- All skippers must complete Yacht Declaration which has been sent to you. Return to RC prior to departure from Cocos Keeling
- If clearance completed alongside Customs House proceed to the basin. RC will advise where you will dock and who you will be rafted to.



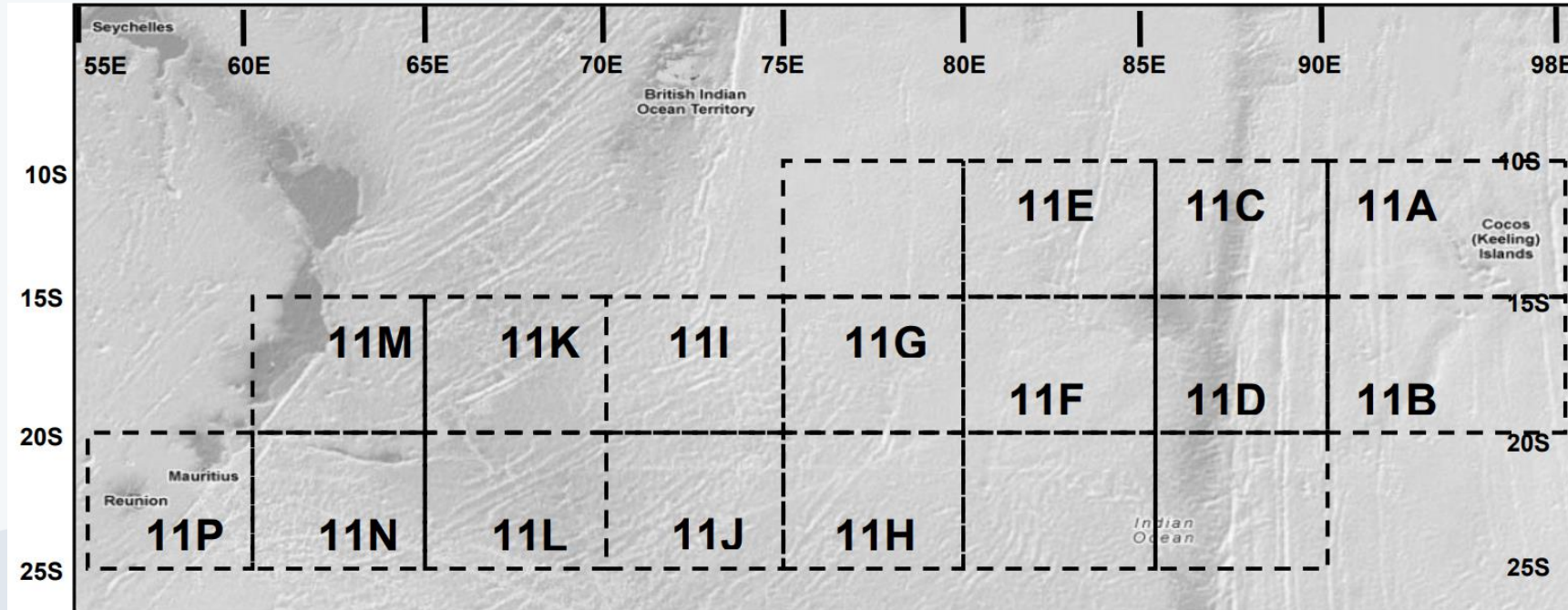
Berthing in Caudan Basin



Weather

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WRI Forecast Grids



WRI Forecasts

- First forecast will be issued on the morning of 6th October.
- Forecast will then be issued on alternate days for the duration of the leg from the start day.
- Email Rally Control if you do not receive the first forecast.



Communication

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Communications at Sea

- Email Rally Control - warc25rallycontrol@worldcruising.com - RC team, humans
- Auto-responder - auto-warc25@wcc-auto.com - a machine used to send :
Weather
Positions
Fleet Messages
- Instant Message Net @ Sea
- SSB
- Duty Telephone Number

Instant Message Net @ Sea (No Photos)

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0900-0930 Message Net Starts

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- Weather
- Sail Plan
- Status onboard

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COG 233

TWS 15.8

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Duty Number

+44 745 740 2955

- For time critical communication
- It is not an emergency number – use as a normal telephone number (not a WhatsApp call)
- In the event of an emergency at sea, contact MRCC first before informing Rally Control

WhatsApp

+44 745 740 2955

- WhatsApp will not be monitored whilst the fleet are at sea.
- Rally Control will be arriving in Mauritius on 15th October and will monitor WhatsApp from 16th October
- WhatsApp is for messages only
- Please do not send the same message on multiple platforms, we will respond when we can and duplicating emails and WhatsApp messages slows this down

Net Controllers & Useful Contacts

Useful Contacts

UK MRCC

Maritime assistance +44 3443 820 025

Medical advice / assistance +44 3443 820 026

Email: ukmrcc@hmcg.gov.uk

RCC Australia

Tel: +61 262 30 6811

E-mail: rccaus@amsa.gov.au

MRCC Mauritius

Tel: +230 208 8317

Email: opsncghq@intnet.mu

MRCC Reunion

Tel : +262 262 43 43 43

Email : reunion@mrccfr.eu

WCC Duty Mobile

Tel: +44 7457402955



LOCAL INFORMATION

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Local Information

- Courtesy flag, Red over Blue over Yellow over Green
- Minus 2.5 Hour Time Difference (UTC +4)
- Currency: Mauritian Rupees (MUR Rs)
- Conversation as of 01/10/2025:



–1 GBP = 61.36 MUR Rs or 100 MUR Rs = 1.63 GBP
–1 EUR = 53.60 MUR Rs or 100 MUR Rs = 1.87 Euro
–1 USD = 45.65 MUR Rs or 100 MUR Rs = 2.19 USD
–1 AUD = 30.12 MUR Rs or 100 MUR Rs = 3.32 AUD

What is Ashore

- Toilets & Showers
- Rally Office
- Laundry
- ATMs and Money Exchange (also for Reunion)
- Wi-Fi – food court
- Bars & Restaurants
- Casino
- Central Market
- Supermarkets
 - Winners (walkable)
 - Jumbo (by taxi)
- LPG
- Diesel – Cheaper than Reunion (Possible at TaylorSmith dock)

The Marina – La Caudan Basin



- All amenities available
- Rafting in 2-3's necessary
- Power is mixture 220V, 50hz, 16 Amp marine plugs & domestic sockets. It may be necessary to share power supplies.
- Taps at regular intervals and the water is potable.
- Close to shops/dining/taxis

Mauritius Programme

- **18 - 24 October** – Arrival to Le Caudan Basin
- **Friday 24 October**
1800-2000 Welcome Drinks at Le Suffren Hotel (pink sock bar)
- **Saturday 25 October**
World ARC Tour of Mauritius. Visiting Le Chateau de Labourdonnais. L'Aventure de Sucre Museum and the Botanical Gardens. Lunch included and cash bar for drinks available. Visit to Return to marina approximately at 1600. Book with Rally Control on arrival. Additional guests MRU3,000 or €70.
- **Sunday 26 October**
1800-2000 Prizegiving Reception
- **Monday 27 October**
1400 Skippers Briefing
- **Tuesday 28 October**
AM complete exit formalities
1100 Depart for La Reunion



LOOKING AHEAD

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Looking ahead

- **La Réunion**

- Diesel more expensive
- Hire Car – BOOK EARLY

- **Richards Bay**

- Advance Declaration before leaving Mauritius

- **Cape Town**

- Christmas Berthing – All Vessels Contact V&A Marina



FAIR WINDS

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