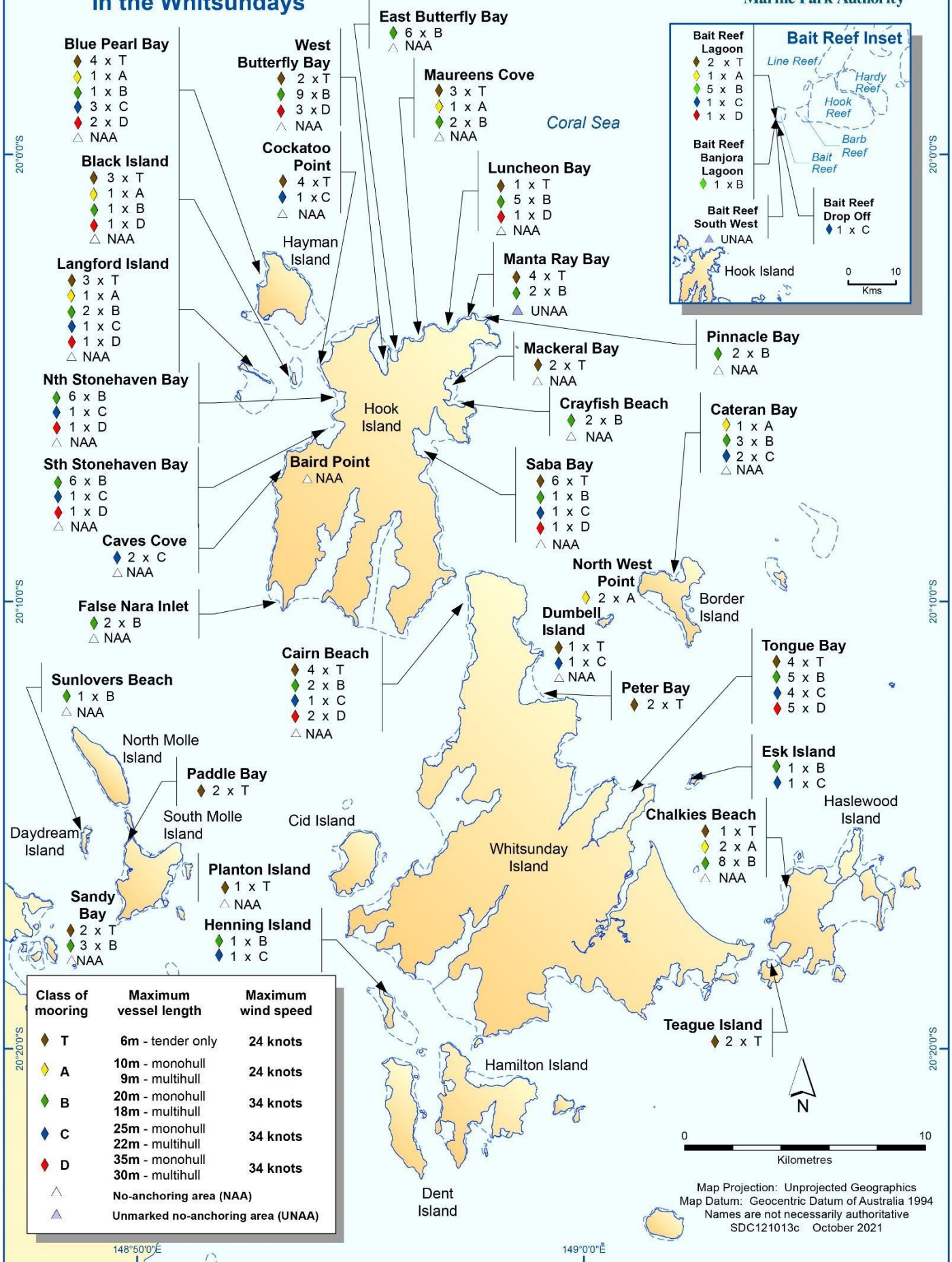


# Location of public moorings and no-anchoring areas in the Whitsundays



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LOCATION	Mooring class	Max. vessel length	Installed latitude GDA94 ddm	Installed longitude GDA94 ddm
Bait Reef - Banjora Lagoon	B	20m	19° 48.739' S	149° 03.937' E
Bait Reef - Drop Off	C	25m	19° 49.264' S	149° 04.155' E
Bait Reef - Lagoon	A	10m	19° 48.581' S	149° 03.811' E
	B	20m	19° 48.707' S	149° 03.867' E
	B	20m	19° 48.665' S	149° 03.837' E
	B	20m	19° 48.559' S	149° 03.846' E
	B	20m	19° 48.551' S	149° 03.910' E
	B	20m	19° 48.535' S	149° 03.944' E
	C	25m	19° 48.614' S	149° 03.832' E
	D	35m	19° 48.508' S	149° 03.817' E
	T	6m	19° 48.685' S	149° 03.797' E
	T	6m	19° 48.755' S	149° 03.811' E
Black Island	T	6m	20° 04.697' S	148° 53.689' E
	T	6m	20° 04.874' S	148° 53.705' E
	T	6m	20° 05.107' S	148° 53.680' E
	A	10m	20° 04.847' S	148° 53.433' E
	B	20m	20° 04.961' S	148° 53.410' E
	D	35m	20° 05.027' S	148° 53.405' E
Blue Pearl Bay	A	10m	20° 02.797' S	148° 52.813' E
	B	20m	20° 02.462' S	148° 52.846' E
	C	25m	20° 02.439' S	148° 52.824' E
	C	25m	20° 02.522' S	148° 52.845' E
	C	25m	20° 02.578' S	148° 52.841' E
	D	35m	20° 02.744' S	148° 52.797' E
	D	35m	20° 02.658' S	148° 52.825' E
	T	6m	20° 02.809' S	148° 52.802' E
	T	6m	20° 02.498' S	148° 52.880' E
	T	6m	20° 02.521' S	148° 52.888' E
	T	6m	20° 02.554' S	148° 52.876' E
Border Island - NW point	A	10m	20° 09.322' S	149° 01.492' E
	A	10m	20° 09.316' S	149° 01.552' E

<b>Cairn Beach</b>	B	20m	20° 09.673' S	148° 57.362' E
	B	20m	20° 09.728' S	148° 57.363' E
	C	25m	20° 09.800' S	148° 57.373' E
	D	35m	20° 09.877' S	148° 57.368' E
	D	35m	20° 09.944' S	148° 57.373' E
	T	6m	20° 09.635' S	148° 57.365' E
	T	6m	20° 09.610' S	148° 57.352' E
	T	6m	20° 10.318' S	148° 57.400' E
	T	6m	20° 10.345' S	148° 57.406' E
<b>Cateran Bay</b>	A	10m	20° 09.365' S	149° 01.923' E
	B	20m	20° 09.395' S	149° 01.989' E
	B	20m	20° 09.420' S	149° 02.030' E
	B	20m	20° 09.242' S	149° 02.131' E
	C	25m	20° 09.370' S	149° 02.034' E
	C	25m	20° 09.286' S	149° 02.104' E
<b>Caves Cove</b>	C	25m	20° 07.012' S	148° 53.262' E
	C	25m	20° 07.087' S	148° 53.234' E
<b>Chalkies Beach</b>	T	6m	20° 16.958' S	149° 04.360' E
	A	10m	20° 16.916' S	149° 04.411' E
	A	10m	20° 16.936' S	149° 04.381' E
	B	20m	20° 16.717' S	149° 04.467' E
	B	20m	20° 16.766' S	149° 04.473' E
	B	20m	20° 16.827' S	149° 04.457' E
	B	20m	20° 16.573' S	149° 04.413' E
	B	20m	20° 16.620' S	149° 04.426' E
	B	20m	20° 16.667' S	149° 04.456' E
	B	20m	20° 16.529' S	149° 04.421' E
	B	20m	20° 16.466' S	149° 04.417' E
<b>Cockatoo Point</b>	T	6m	20° 04.682' S	148° 54.041' E
	T	6m	20° 04.636' S	148° 54.046' E
	T	6m	20° 04.967' S	148° 54.128' E
	T	6m	20° 05.009' S	148° 54.157' E
	C	20m	20° 04.879' S	148° 54.085' E
<b>Crayfish Beach</b>	B	20m	20° 05.510' S	148° 57.199' E
	B	20m	20° 05.513' S	148° 57.246' E
<b>Dumbell Island</b>	C	25m	20° 10.323' S	149° 00.436' E
	T	6m	20° 10.337' S	149° 00.471' E
<b>East Butterfly Bay</b>	B	20m	20° 04.322' S	148° 55.858' E
	B	20m	20° 04.268' S	148° 55.888' E
	B	20m	20° 04.213' S	148° 55.910' E
	B	20m	20° 04.394' S	148° 55.766' E
	B	20m	20° 04.344' S	148° 55.716' E
	B	20m	20° 04.351' S	148° 55.822' E
<b>Esk Island</b>	B	20m	20° 13.982' S	149° 02.354' E
	C	25m	20° 14.043' S	149° 02.329' E
<b>False Nara Inlet</b>	B	20m	20° 10.017' S	148° 53.193' E
	B	20m	20° 09.978' S	148° 53.137' E
<b>Henning Island</b>	B	20m	20° 18.675' S	148° 55.567' E
	C	25m	20° 18.733' S	148° 55.616' E

<b>Langford Island</b>	T	6m	20° 04.997' S	148° 52.899' E
	T	6m	20° 05.014' S	148° 52.916' E
	T	6m	20° 04.794' S	148° 52.609' E
	A	10m	20° 04.860' S	148° 52.739' E
	B	20m	20° 04.817' S	148° 52.701' E
	B	20m	20° 04.893' S	148° 52.782' E
	C	25m	20° 04.781' S	148° 52.654' E
	D	35m	20° 04.749' S	148° 52.613' E
<b>Luncheon Bay</b>	B	20m	20° 03.875' S	148° 57.013' E
	B	20m	20° 03.873' S	148° 56.964' E
	B	20m	20° 03.871' S	148° 56.898' E
	B	20m	20° 03.884' S	148° 56.873' E
	B	20m	20° 03.863' S	148° 56.808' E
	D	35m	20° 03.832' S	148° 57.067' E
	T	6m	20° 03.889' S	148° 56.993' E
<b>Mackeral Bay</b>	T	6m	20° 05.061' S	148° 57.044' E
	T	6m	20° 05.269' S	148° 57.056' E
<b>Mantaray Bay</b>	T	6m	20° 03.604' S	148° 57.425' E
	B	20m	20° 03.586' S	148° 57.437' E
	B	20m	20° 03.619' S	148° 57.397' E
	T	6m	20° 03.641' S	148° 57.406' E
	T	6m	20° 03.648' S	148° 57.397' E
	T	6m	20° 03.645' S	148° 57.381' E
<b>Maureens Cove</b>	A	10m	20° 04.125' S	148° 56.320' E
	B	20m	20° 04.108' S	148° 56.247' E
	B	20m	20° 04.056' S	148° 56.366' E
	T	6m	20° 04.129' S	148° 56.284' E
	T	6m	20° 04.100' S	148° 56.353' E
	T	6m	20° 04.142' S	148° 56.333' E
<b>North Stonehaven Bay</b>	B	20m	20° 05.587' S	148° 54.419' E
	B	20m	20° 05.537' S	148° 54.413' E
	B	20m	20° 05.421' S	148° 54.403' E
	B	20m	20° 05.390' S	148° 54.394' E
	B	20m	20° 05.363' S	148° 54.400' E
	B	20m	20° 05.324' S	148° 54.377' E
	C	25m	20° 05.474' S	148° 54.376' E
	D	35m	20° 05.651' S	148° 54.380' E
<b>Paddle Bay</b>	T	6m	20° 15.285' S	148° 49.821' E
	T	6m	20° 15.313' S	148° 49.800' E
<b>Peter Bay</b>	T	6m	20° 11.888' S	148° 58.689' E
	T	6m	20° 11.926' S	148° 58.705' E
<b>Pinnacle Bay</b>	B	20m	20° 03.625' S	148° 57.624' E
	B	20m	20° 03.658' S	148° 57.682' E
<b>Planton Island</b>	T	6m	20° 16.022' S	148° 51.010' E
<b>Saba Bay</b>	T	6m	20° 06.468' S	148° 56.487' E
	T	6m	20° 06.453' S	148° 56.453' E
	T	6m	20° 06.417' S	148° 56.412' E
	T	6m	20° 06.669' S	148° 56.542' E
	T	6m	20° 06.665' S	148° 56.489' E
	T	6m	20° 06.389' S	148° 56.399' E



	B	20m	20° 06.411' S	148° 56.449' E
	C	25m	20° 06.429' S	148° 56.494' E
	D	35m	20° 06.448' S	148° 56.552' E
<b>Sandy Bay</b>	B	20m	20° 16.751' S	148° 49.661' E
	B	20m	20° 16.799' S	148° 49.653' E
	B	20m	20° 16.847' S	148° 49.647' E
	T	6m	20° 16.685' S	148° 49.667' E
	T	6m	20° 16.713' S	148° 49.684' E
<b>South Stonehaven Bay</b>	B	20m	20° 06.004' S	148° 54.451' E
	B	20m	20° 06.183' S	148° 54.260' E
	B	20m	20° 06.270' S	148° 54.194' E
	B	20m	20° 06.279' S	148° 54.150' E
	B	20m	20° 06.103' S	148° 54.351' E
	B	20m	20° 06.062' S	148° 54.386' E
	C	25m	20° 06.130' S	148° 54.293' E
	D	35m	20° 06.005' S	148° 54.368' E
<b>Sunlovers Beach</b>	B	20m	20° 15.129' S	148° 48.752' E
<b>Teague Island</b>	T	6m	20° 17.977' S	149° 04.231' E
	T	6m	20° 18.005' S	149° 04.178' E
<b>Tongue Bay</b>	T	6m	20° 14.423' S	149° 01.054' E
	T	6m	20° 14.417' S	149° 01.095' E
	T	6m	20° 14.378' S	149° 01.109' E
	T	6m	20° 14.340' S	149° 01.126' E
	T	6m	20° 14.621' S	149° 01.061' E
	B	20m	20° 14.302' S	149° 01.120' E
	B	20m	20° 14.346' S	149° 01.087' E
	B	20m	20° 14.386' S	149° 01.070' E
	B	20m	20° 14.437' S	149° 00.970' E
	B	20m	20° 14.395' S	149° 00.961' E
	C	25m	20° 14.296' S	149° 01.011' E
	C	25m	20° 14.344' S	149° 01.040' E
	C	25m	20° 14.256' S	149° 01.100' E
	C	25m	20° 14.302' S	149° 01.070' E
	D	35m	20° 14.347' S	149° 00.976' E
	D	35m	20° 14.248' S	149° 01.042' E
	D	35m	20° 14.401' S	149° 01.014' E
	D	35m	20° 14.337' S	149° 00.912' E
	D	35m	20° 14.287' S	149° 00.954' E
<b>West Butterfly</b>	T	6m	20° 04.135' S	148° 55.310' E
	T	6m	20° 04.156' S	148° 55.295' E
	B	20m	20° 04.680' S	148° 55.513' E
	B	20m	20° 04.624' S	148° 55.510' E
	B	20m	20° 04.596' S	148° 55.514' E
	B	20m	20° 04.595' S	148° 55.473' E
	B	20m	20° 04.495' S	148° 55.530' E
	B	20m	20° 04.453' S	148° 55.479' E
	B	20m	20° 04.410' S	148° 55.514' E
	B	20m	20° 04.487' S	148° 55.457' E
	B	20m	20° 04.543' S	148° 55.428' E
	D	35m	20° 04.259' S	148° 55.501' E

D	35m	20° 04.259' S	148° 55.501' E
D	35m	20° 04.325' S	148° 55.484' E
D	35m	20° 04.390' S	148° 55.451' E

*Disclaimer: The above published positions are correct to the best of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service's knowledge at November 2020. No guarantee is given that the moorings are in the location shown in the table. Vessel skippers should verify the mooring positions with their own GPS equipment prior to attempting to access the moorings. Particular care should be taken in accessing the moorings in poor weather, reduced visibility, or at night.*

**Instructions to vessel masters:**

1. Vessel masters are solely responsible for the safety of their vessel while using the public moorings
2. A watch must be kept at all times while the vessel is on the mooring
3. Be aware of changing weather and sea conditions and your proximity to obstacles, including coral and other vessels, and how these may be affected by mooring swing
4. Refer to instructions specified or included on the tag or buoy.

### **Public moorings and Reef Protection Areas in the Whitsundays (Whitsundays Plan of Management)**

The Whitsundays region is one of the most highly visited regions of the Great Barrier Reef. The Whitsundays Plan of Management is in place to help protect the values and minimise disturbance. Some basic information on public moorings and no-anchoring areas is outlined below. For further information visit [www.gbrmpa.gov.au](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au).

#### **Public moorings**

Public moorings are available to all Reef users and are installed at popular locations. Blue double cone-shaped buoys attached to the moorings have a colour-coded band explaining the class (vessel length), time limits and maximum wind strength limits applicable to the mooring.

A large number of privately-owned moorings also exist in the marine parks and you should have the owner's permission before using these moorings.

#### **Using public moorings**

To protect fragile reefs in high-use areas, there are rules to help stop misuse of public moorings and reef protection markers. The rules include:

- exceeding time limits
- attaching more than one vessel to a public mooring
- rafting-up – attaching multiple vessels in a chain when one vessel is attached to the mooring □ altering the mooring
- not following the instructions on the mooring.

These rules ensure public moorings continue to be available for everyone's use. It's about playing fair while out on the water. Anyone found to be misusing a public mooring or public infrastructure may be issued with a fine. The appropriate use of public moorings is outlined in Regulation 171 of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 2019.

#### **No-anchoring areas**

No-anchoring areas protect coral reefs from anchor damage. A person must not drop an anchor for a vessel, aircraft or any other facility in a no-anchoring area. The majority of no-anchoring areas are marked by reef protection markers, which are white pyramid-shaped buoys with a blue label. Twenty five Reef Protection Areas can be found in the Whitsundays.

The twenty five no-anchoring areas are located at:

- Baird Point
- Bait Reef (unmarked, see map below)

Hook Island – Manta Ray Bay  
(unmarked, see map below)

- ☐ Black Island
- ☐ Blue Pearl Bay
- ☐ Cairn Beach
- ☐ Cateran Bay
- ☐ Caves Cove
- ☐ Chalkies Beach
- ☐ Cockatoo Point
- ☐ Crayfish Beach
- ☐ Dumbell Island
- ☐ East Butterfly Bay
- ☐ False Nara Inlet
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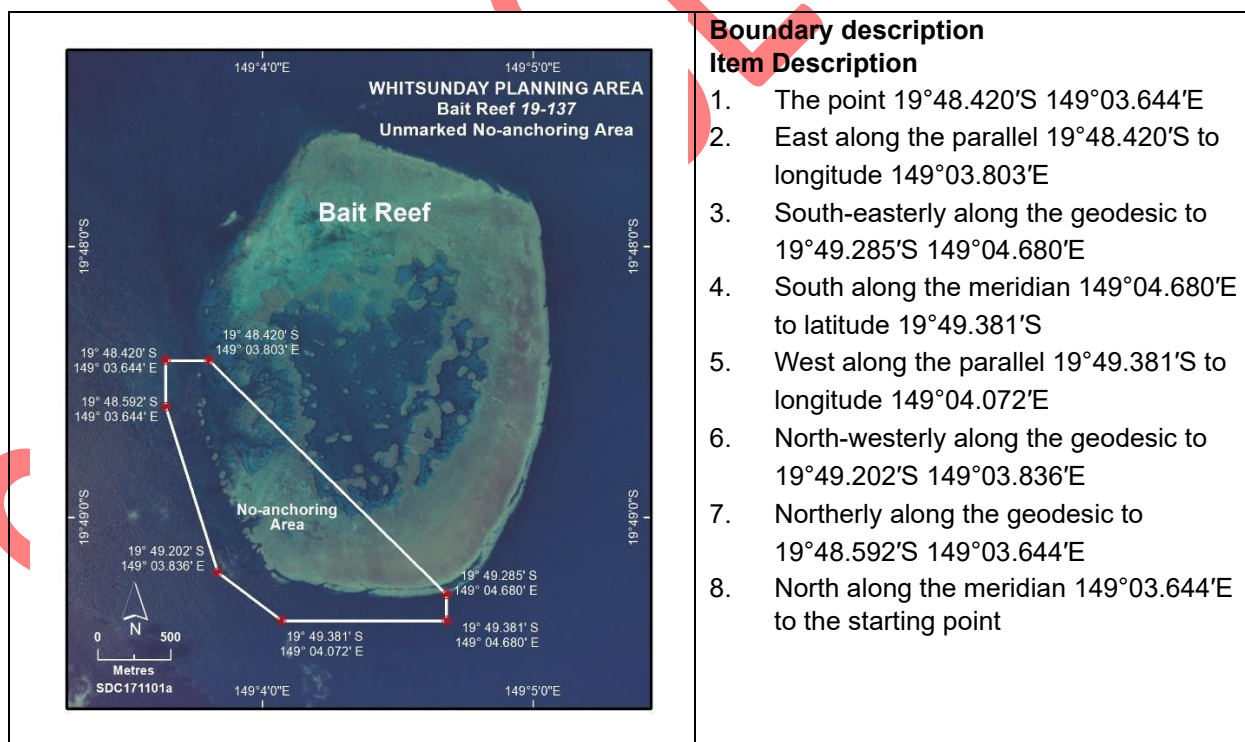
- ☐ Langford Island
- ☐ Luncheon Bay
- ☐ Maureens Cove
- ☐ North Stonehaven Bay
- ☐ Peter Bay
- ☐ Pinnacle Bay
- ☐ Saba Bay
- ☐ Sandy Bay
- ☐ South Stonehaven Bay
- ☐ Sunlovers Beach
- ☐ West Butterfly Bay
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When visiting a reef or bay that has a no-anchoring area:

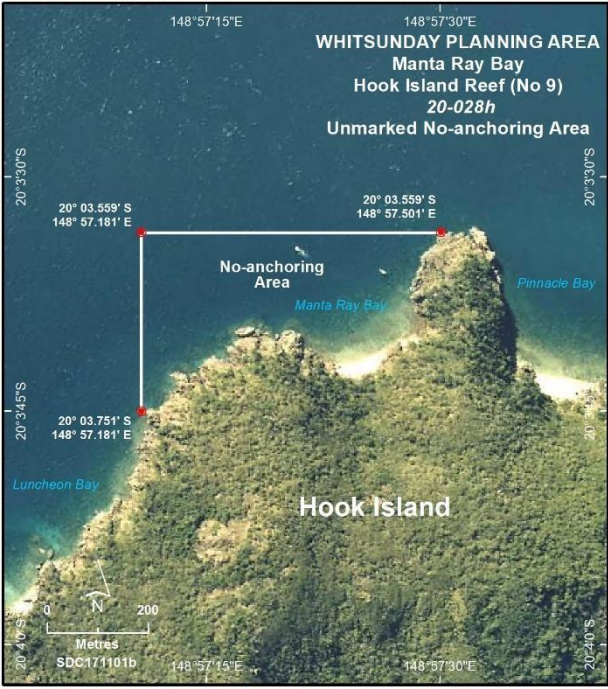
- You may enter when approaching or leaving moorings or beaches. You cannot anchor inside the area, however vessels may access and anchor on the beach when conditions allow.
- You cannot attach your vessel or aircraft to a reef protection marker.

#### Unmarked no-anchoring areas – 2 locations

##### Bait Reef unmarked no-anchoring area



Hook Island – Manta Ray Bay unmarked no-anchoring area

	<p><b>Boundary description</b></p> <p><b>Item Description</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The point 20°03.559'S 148°57.181'E</li><li>2. East along the parallel 20°03.559'S to the intersection of the Hook Island (20-028) coastline at mean low water and the meridian 148°57.501'E (at the point closest to 20°03.559'S 148°57.501'E)</li><li>3. Generally southerly then westerly then south-westerly along the Hook Island (20-028) coastline at mean low water to the intersection of the Hook Island (20-028) coastline at mean low water and the parallel 20°03.751'S (at the point closest to 20°03.751'S 148°57.181'E)</li><li>4. North along the meridian 148°57.181'E to the starting point</li></ol>
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