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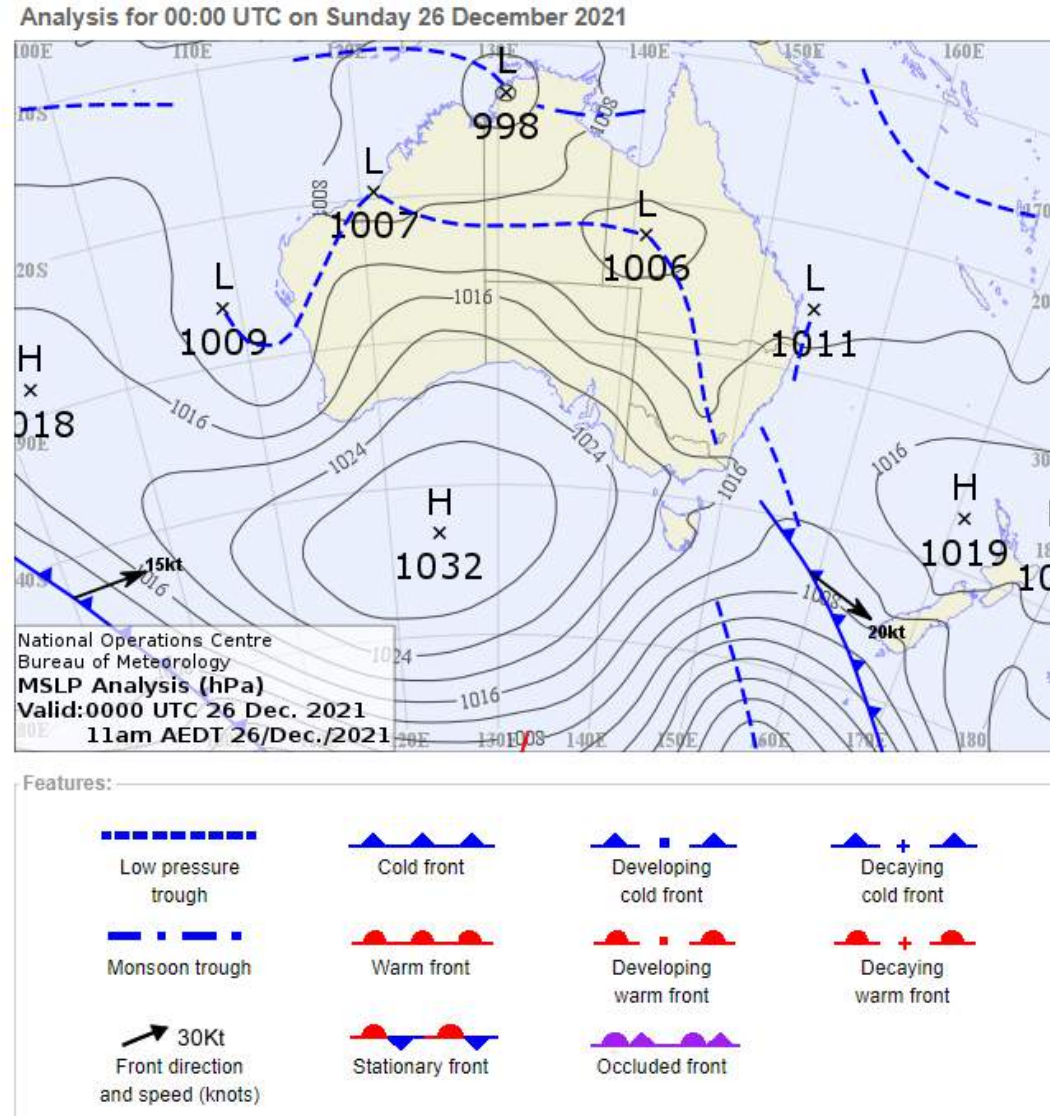
Weather Forecast

Issued by Kenn Batt at 1600hr 26/12/2021

Latest Surface Isobaric Chart

A high pressure system lies to west of the State
With a ridge pushing into Bass Strait .

A cold front lies to the east of Tasmania. This front
Is moving eastwards.



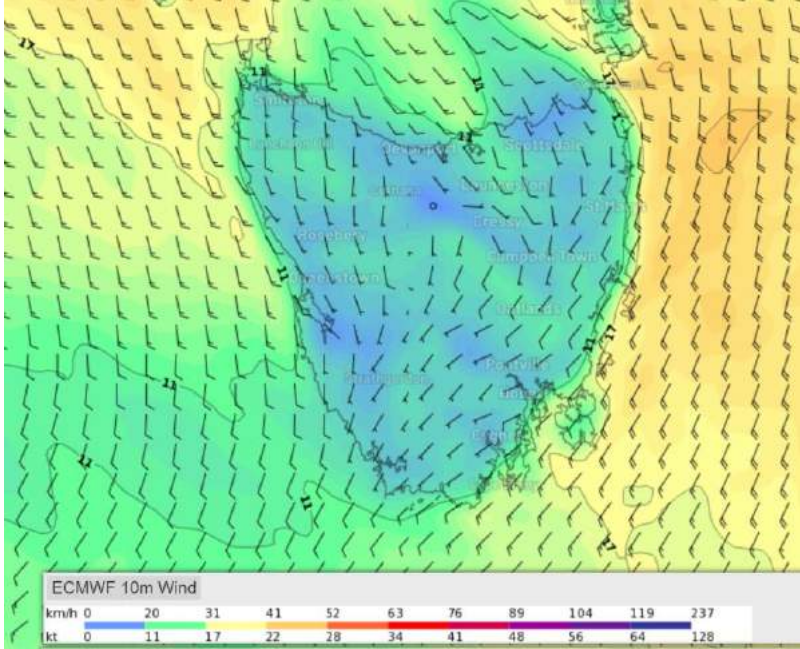
Overview

- This race will be mostly dominated by a ridge of high pressure lying over the State for much of the race period. A trough of low pressure is expected to move along the E Tassie coast on 29th
- A cold front is expected to push up the E Tassie coast on the 30th
- Local winds (sea breezes by day – weak land breezes overnight) and effects are expected to dominate over synoptic flow for much of this race.
- Unfortunately there will be plenty of parking lots during this race, especially during the early hours.
- Banks Strait could prove to be an issue due lighter winds versus tidal flows?
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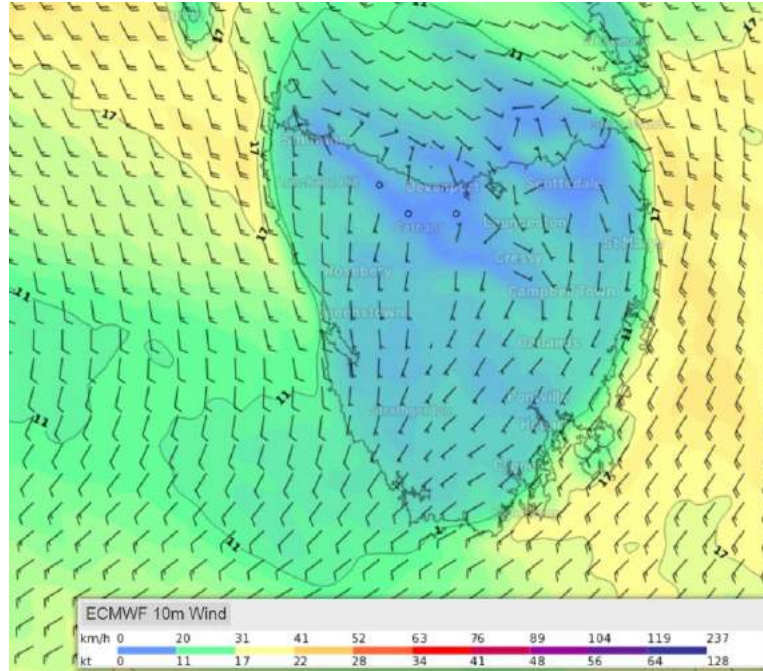
Forecast Winds

- ECMWF Forecast winds below are courtesy of Weatherzone (subscription service)
- [Weatherzone Layers](#)
- My current model of choice is the ECMWF model.

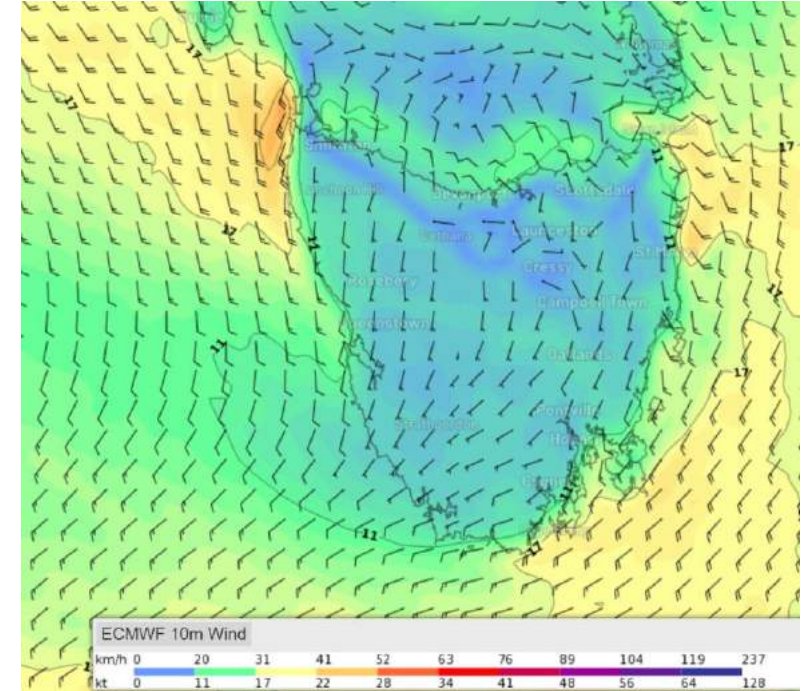
27th December



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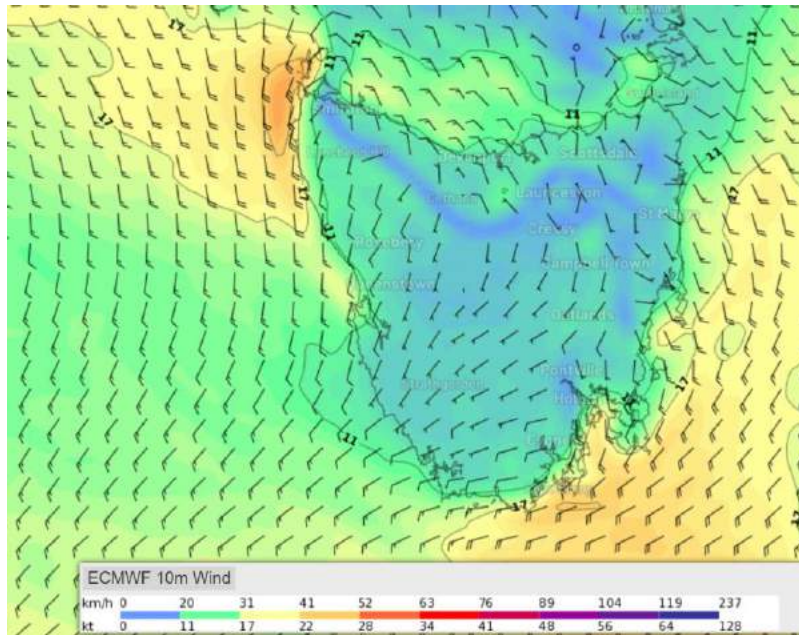
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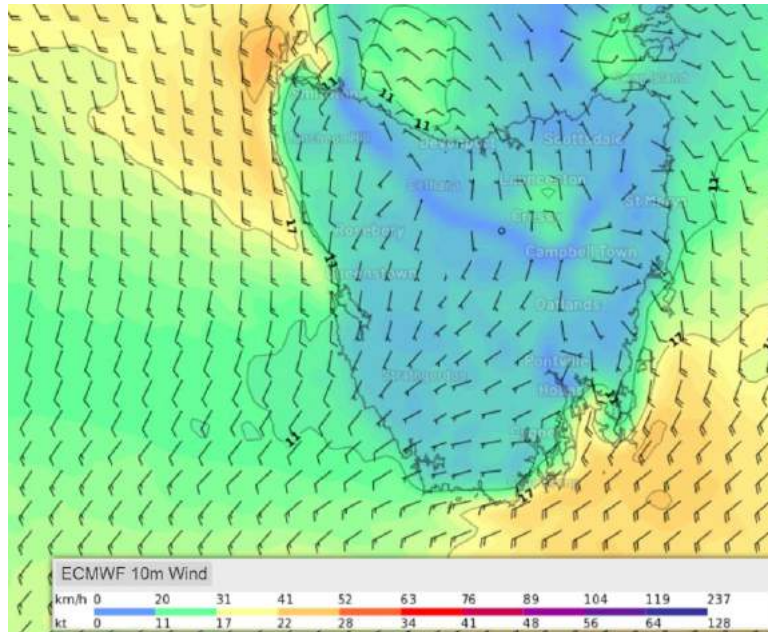
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Light to moderate S-SE winds at first becoming light and variable before turning light to moderate NE-NW during the early-mid afternoon.

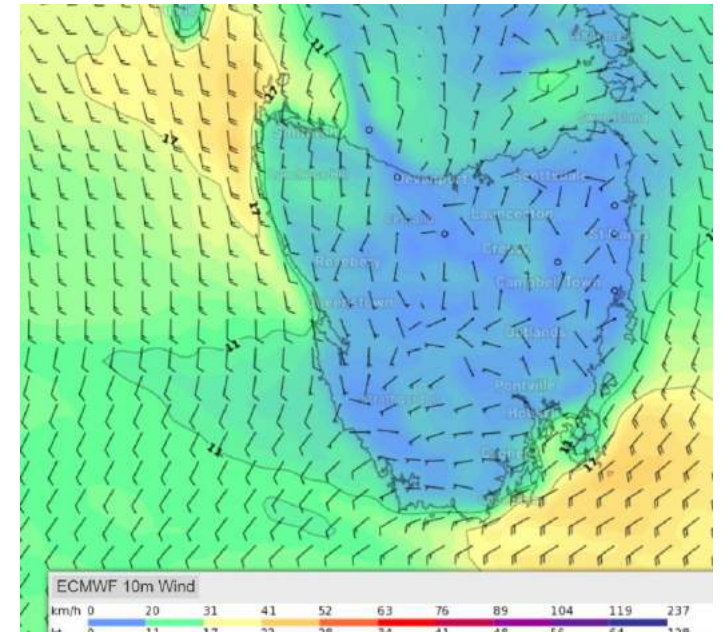
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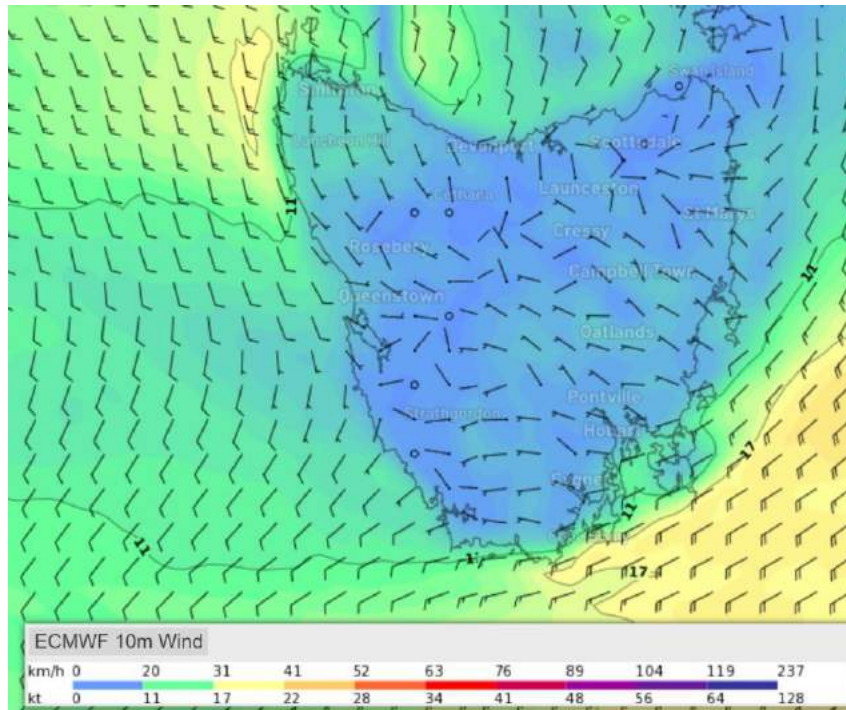
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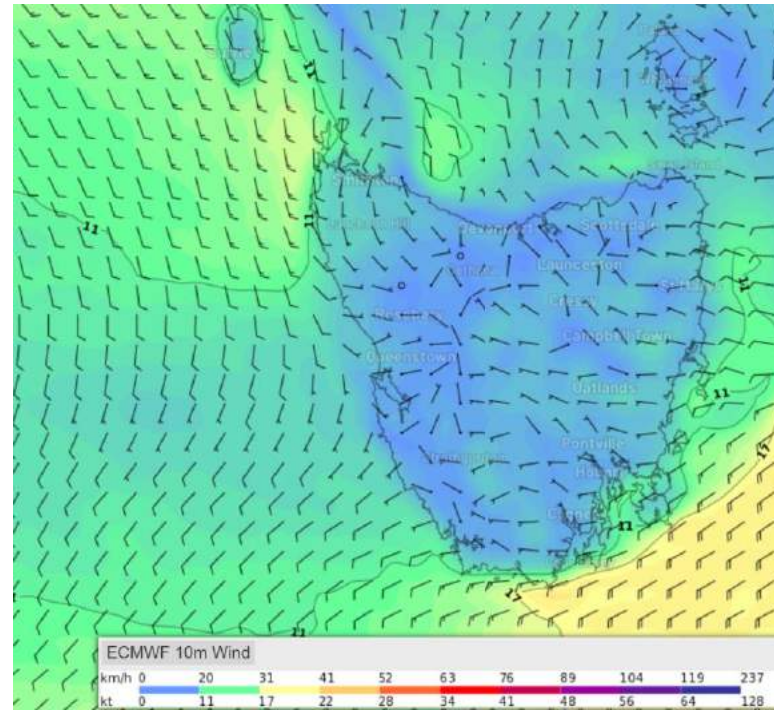
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Light to moderate NE/NW winds becoming NE-SE closer to and in Banks Strait.

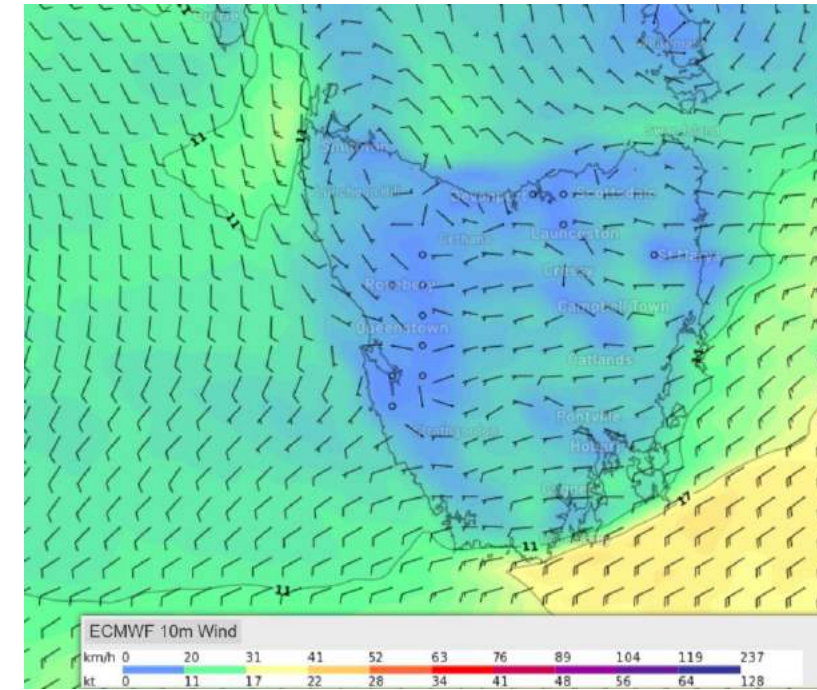
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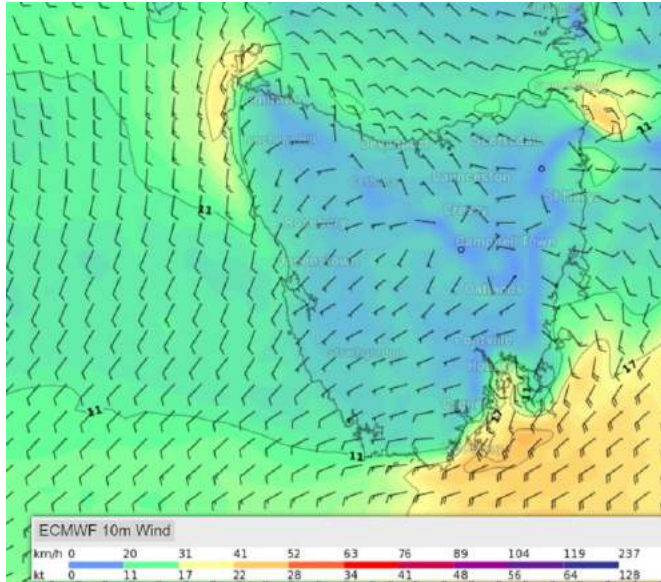
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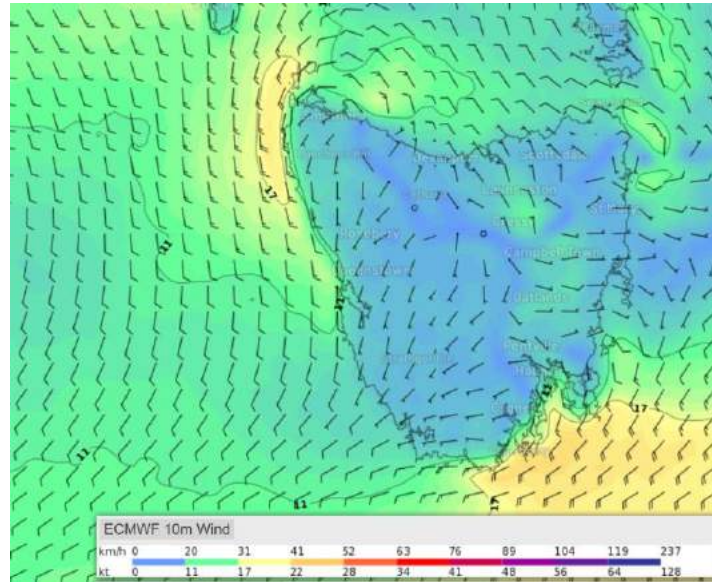
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Light and variable winds overnight/early morning becoming mostly light W-NW over NE Tasmania

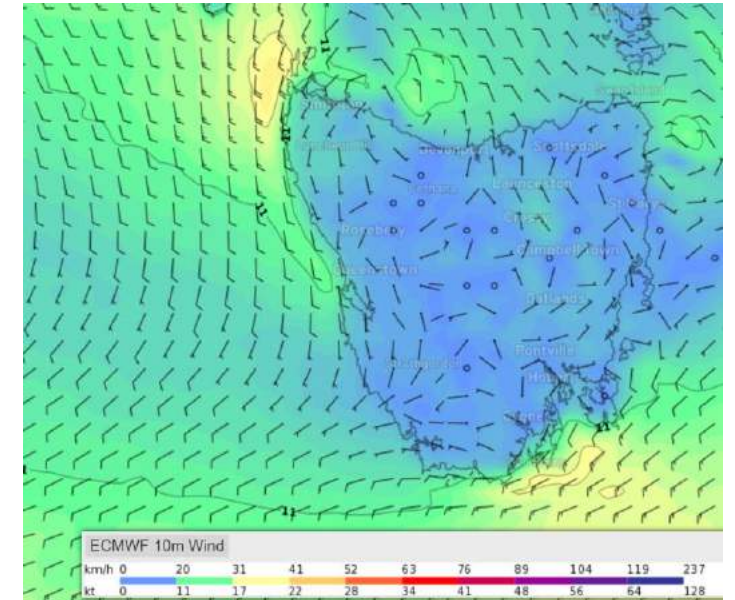
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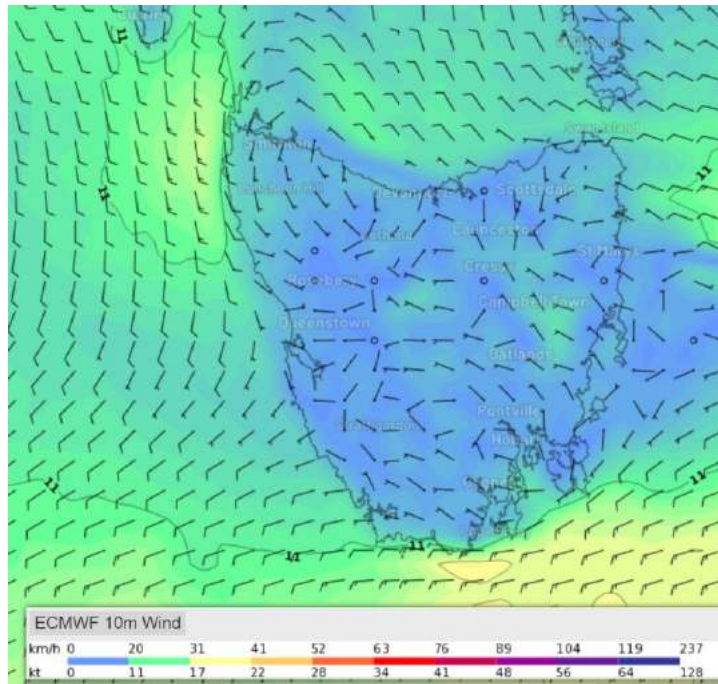
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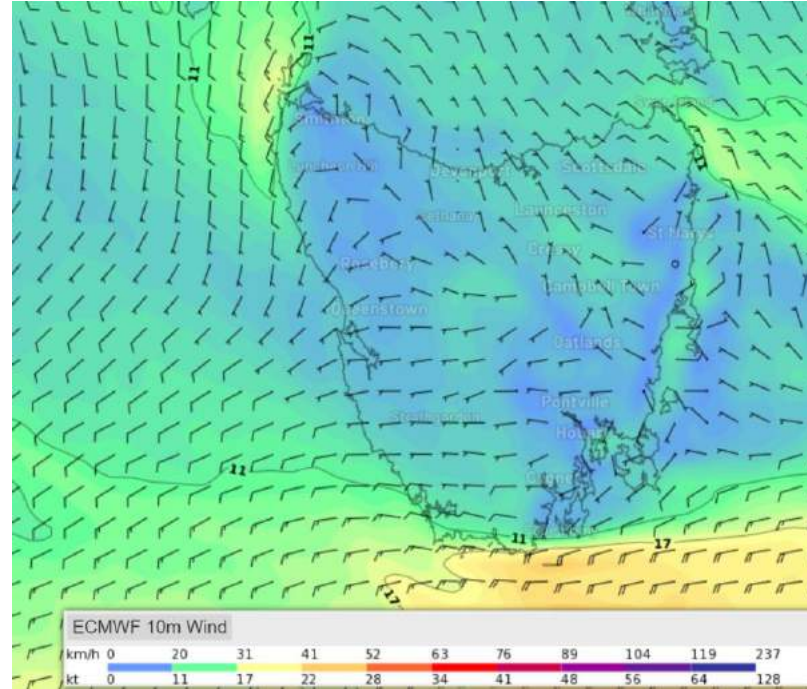
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Light to moderate W-NW winds over NE Tasmania tending more SE-NE over central parts and S-SW in the south

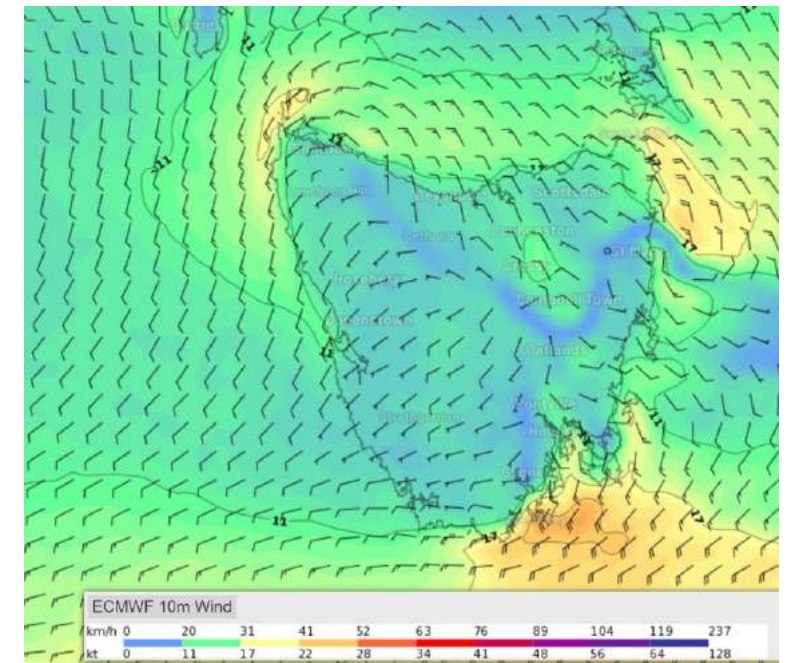
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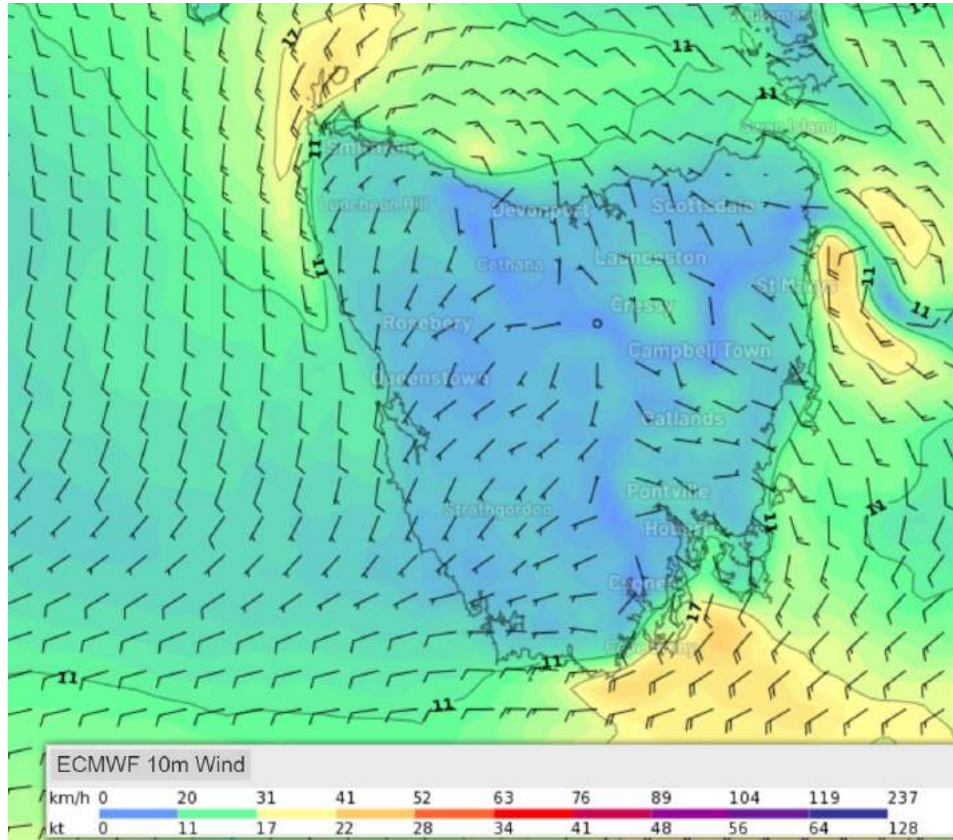
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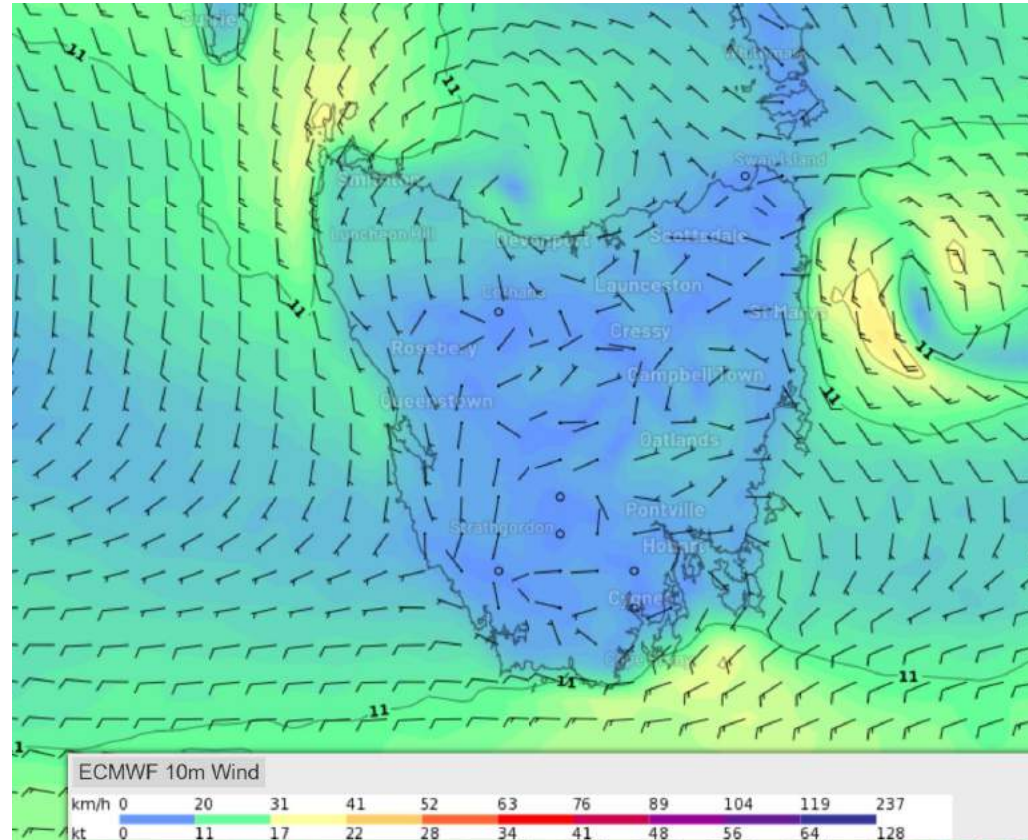
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Light and variable winds early tending light to moderate NW-NE in the north and SW-SE over southern parts. Moderate to fresh S-SE winds developing in Storm Bay and the Derwent late afternoon.

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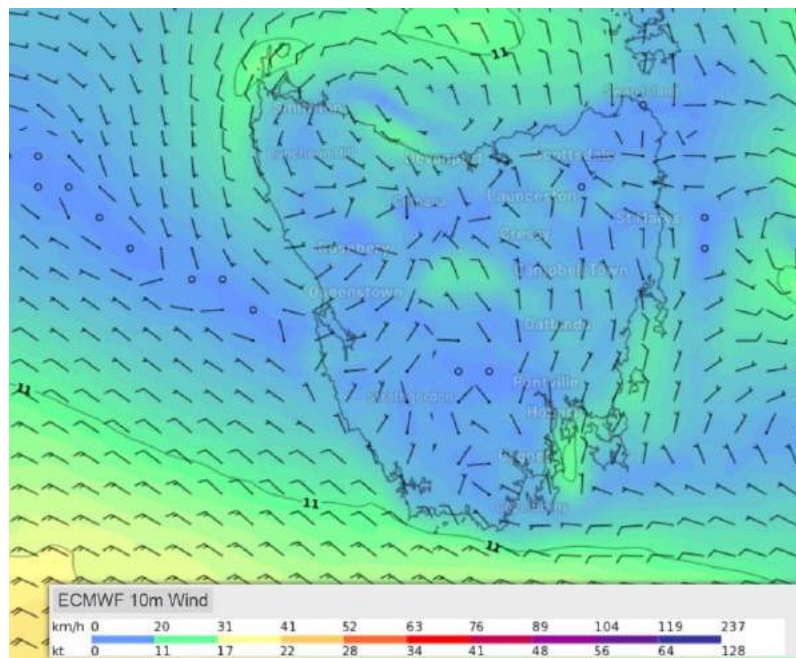
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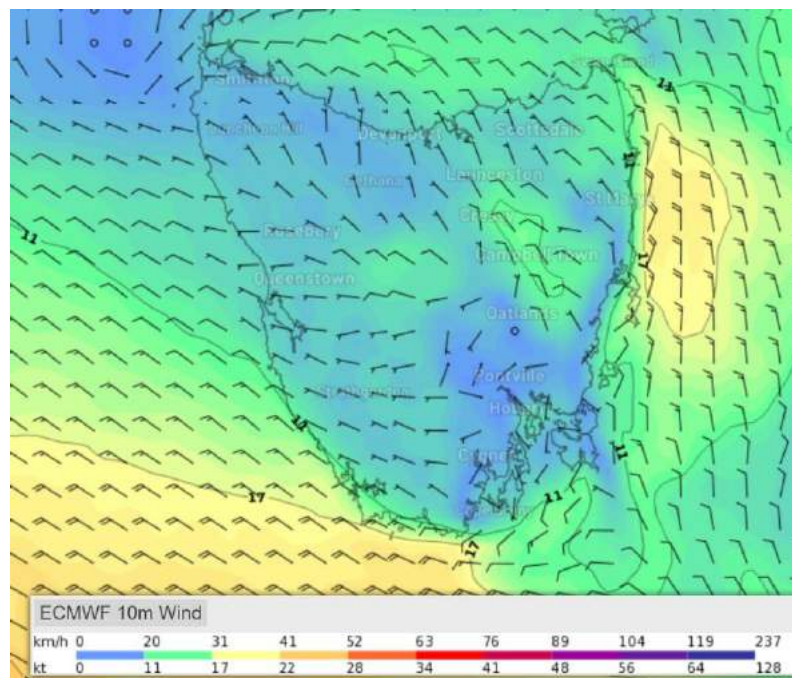
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Moderate to fresh S-SE winds easing late evening

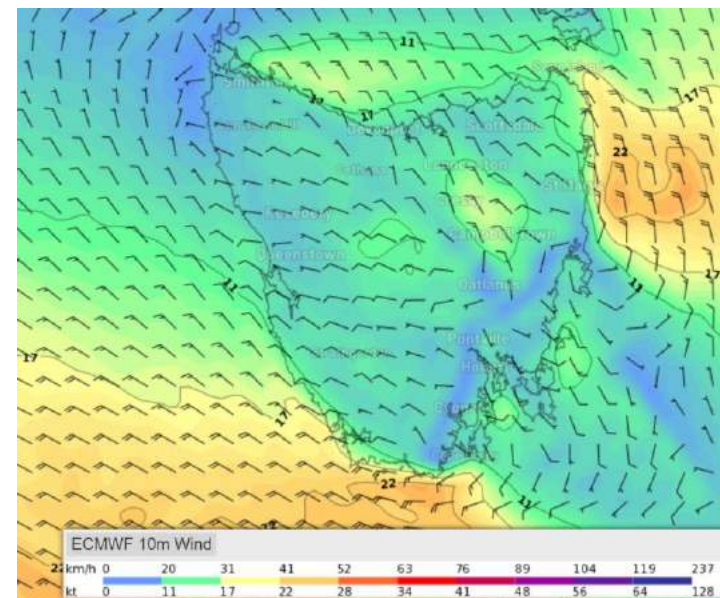
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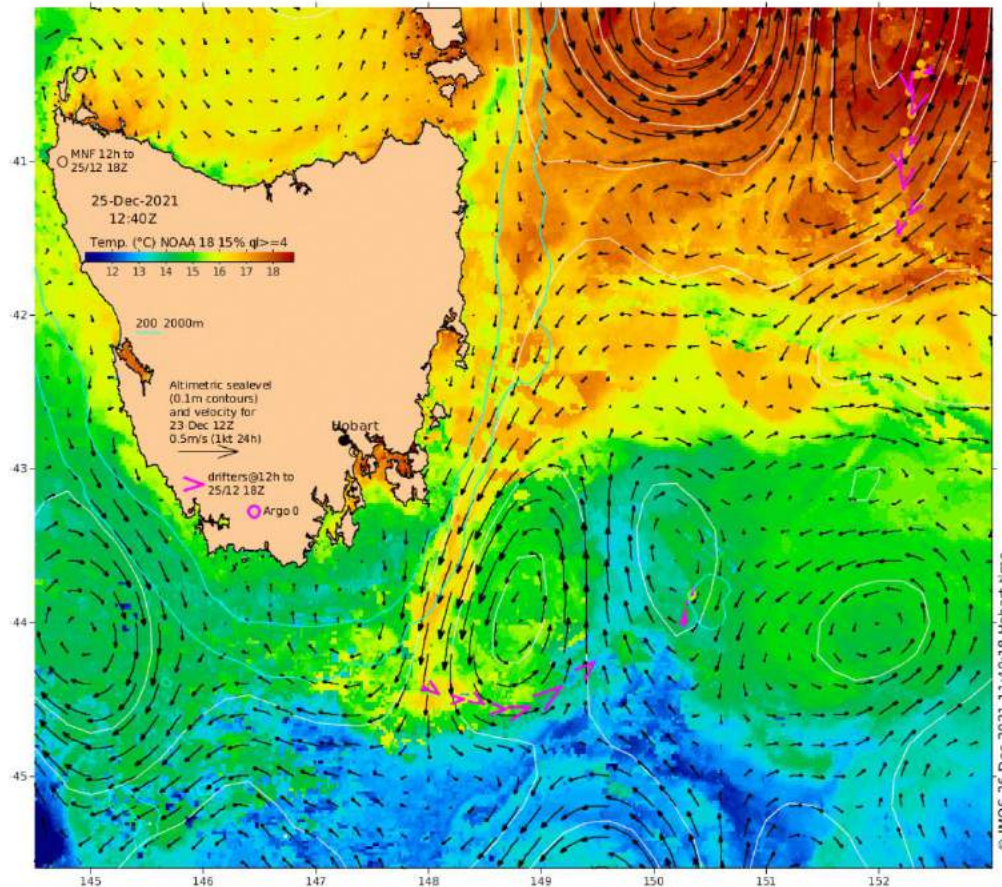
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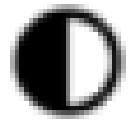
S-SE winds easing overnight and tending N'ly during the morning and freshening ahead of another front. Winds turning light to moderate S-SE behind the front.

Latest CSIRO SSTs and Ocean Currents



The East Australia Current (EAC) is having an effect along the east coast of Tassie. A southward moving current is being indicated along the coast for the race period.
Note: the situation where ocean current (like tidal currents) oppose Wind and/or swell waves can create a very nasty overall Sea state.

[SST IMOS-OceanCurrent](#)



MON 27 DEC

HIGH

5:57 am

3.30 m

LOW

12:18 pm

1.00 m

HIGH

6:05 pm

3.12 m

Tide at Low Head



MON 27 DEC

HIGH	4:49 am 1.33 m
LOW	10:51 am 0.41 m
HIGH	4:54 pm 1.34 m
LOW	11:14 pm 0.26 m

TUE 28 DEC

HIGH	5:35 am 1.37 m
LOW	11:47 am 0.33 m
HIGH	5:54 pm 1.32 m

WED 29 DEC

LOW	12:03 am 0.30 m
HIGH	6:20 am 1.42 m
LOW	12:41 pm 0.26 m
HIGH	6:52 pm 1.31 m

Tides at
Swan
Island

WED 29 DEC		THU 30 DEC		FRI 31 DEC		SAT 1 JAN	
HIGH	4:38 am 1.34 m	HIGH	5:13 am 1.42 m	HIGH	5:55 am 1.51 m	HIGH	6:42 am 1.59 m
LOW	11:32 am 0.62 m	LOW	12:32 pm 0.48 m	LOW	1:32 pm 0.34 m	LOW	2:32 pm 0.22 m
HIGH	5:09 pm 1.00 m	HIGH	6:34 pm 0.98 m	HIGH	7:58 pm 1.00 m	HIGH	9:12 pm 1.02 m
LOW	10:30 pm	LOW	11:06 pm	LOW	11:45 pm		

Tides in Hobart |

Last Bit

- Always keep abreast of the weather via radio sources including skeds, the internet (plenty of weather sites including the BoM) and the Eye Ball Mk1 method.
- Remember in forecasts and warnings that the average wind speed and the Significant Wave Height (Hsig) is forecast. Be aware that wind gusts can be up to 40% more (in thunderstorms it can be up to 150% more) than the average. Wave heights can be higher, up to twice the Hsig and lower than the Hsig. Wave heights can be horrific in situations where wind wave opposes tidal and ocean currents
- Have a great but safe race