



26-May-23 – Issue #2.

West Kenmare Bay Rally – 16th to 18th June 2023.

Dear Drascombers,

Welcome to the 3rd Kenmare Bay Rally in the southwest.

Please note that this year's event will be based at [Bunaw](#), Killmacillogue Harbour on the S shore of Kenmare Bay, approx. 25km SW of Kenmare.

When travelling to Bunaw from Kenmare, take the Castletownbere Road (R571) down the S shore of the Bay. After 16km, turn right and slowly follow The Coast Road (R573) to Bunaw. **Ignore any satnav directions to take the more direct byroad over the side of Knockatee Mountain, there be dragons – ask Jack !**

The slip, pier & car park are actively used by fishers working on the mussel farm in the bay, so we must not obstruct their activities.

Rally HQ will be [Helen's Bar, Bed & Breakfast](#). Helen's is famous for its fresh seafood & fine refreshments. They will be serving food throughout the weekend as normal.

The rally will run over Saturday & Sunday, but you are of course free to make your own arrangements to come early/stay later.

Friday, 16th June (LW 10:20, HW 16:17, LW 22:43)

Arrive & launch from slip at Bunaw. Be aware of local traffic on the road where you access the slip.

Raft up on the pier (beware one foul berth up near the pub) or anchor off in deep water, boats will not dry out. No Visitor moorings provided. Note no water taxi being provided this rally, please arrange your own tenders.

Parking for cars & camper vans in the car park at front of pub.

Parking for boat trailers in field behind the pub via the lane.

20:00 Muster in Helen's Bar.

Rally registration, sale of burgees, charts.

Discuss sailing plans considering weather forecast & fleet make-up.

Saturday, 17th June (HW 04:39, LW 11:03, HW 17:00, LW 23:25)

09:15 Skipper's briefing on the Pier.

09:45 Fleet underway, weather permitting the fleet will head NW across the bay towards Garnish/Parknasilla & up the river to Sneem on the afternoon flood tide. Picnic ashore, exact location chosen on the day. Explore the islands on the return leg.

If the conditions in the bay are unsuitable, then there are plenty of alternative sailing destinations within Killmacillogue Harhour including Collorus, Lauragh Bridge & Dereen Gardens with its fine Café !

17:00 Fleet returns to Bunaw.

19:00 Rally dinner in the Mussel House at Helen's Bar. I will need to confirm numbers & menu option by Sun 11th June, e-mail will follow.

Sunday 18th June (HW 05:19, LW 11:43, HW 17:40)

09:15 Skipper's briefing on the Pier.

09:45 Fleet underway, destination to be chosen on the day depending on weather & fleet conditions. Options include Ardgroom, Tahilla, etc. Picnic ashore, exact location chosen on the day.

If the conditions in the bay are unsuitable, then there are plenty of alternative sailing destinations within Killmacillogue Harhour including Collorus, Lauragh Bridge & Dereen Gardens with its fine Café !

16:00 Fleet returns to Bunaw, those that need to leave can haul out, those that can stay will adjourn to Helen's to make independent plans for Monday.

If some crews would like to cruise in company on the Bay from/to Kenmare, before & after the rally, then car & trailer parking will be available over the weekend at my mother's house by the pier in Kenmare (Eircode V93 DK60), please let me know in advance.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Area

The Admiralty chart for the area is No 2495.

Communication

Information will be given:

- + At the Skipper's Briefing at 09:15 at Bunaw Pier on each day.
- + During the day by messages to "ALL DRASCOMBES" on VHF Channel 72.
- + By SMS/WhatsApp messages to participants' mobile phones using a group text.
 - Please include your mobile phone number on your Registration Form for participation in the SMS/WhatsApp messaging system.

Safety

Each skipper is responsible for the safety of their boat and crew. If conditions are such that you are uncomfortable then decision to sail or not rests solely with you. The rally organizers do not intend to encourage avoidable discomfort by sailing in unsuitable conditions, rather to organize alternative entertainment ashore for participants in the case of inclement weather.

Participants are recommended to use the Irish Sailing "SafeTRX" phone app and be familiar with its tracking function. On each day of the rally, at the discretion of the organiser, you will be asked to share your track with rkj1mail@gmail.com. If you find you cannot use SafeTRX please use Google Maps to share your location with rkj1mail@gmail.com for the duration of the days sailing.

If you are separated from the fleet or observe a vessel in difficulty, please inform Roy Johnston by SMS at +353 87 2385389 or on the VHF working channel, CH 72.

Tides for Cobh in June 2023:

Cobh - June 2023			
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Variations from Cobh are below FYI, these have already been applied to the times quoted for each day:

- Kenmare: -00:52

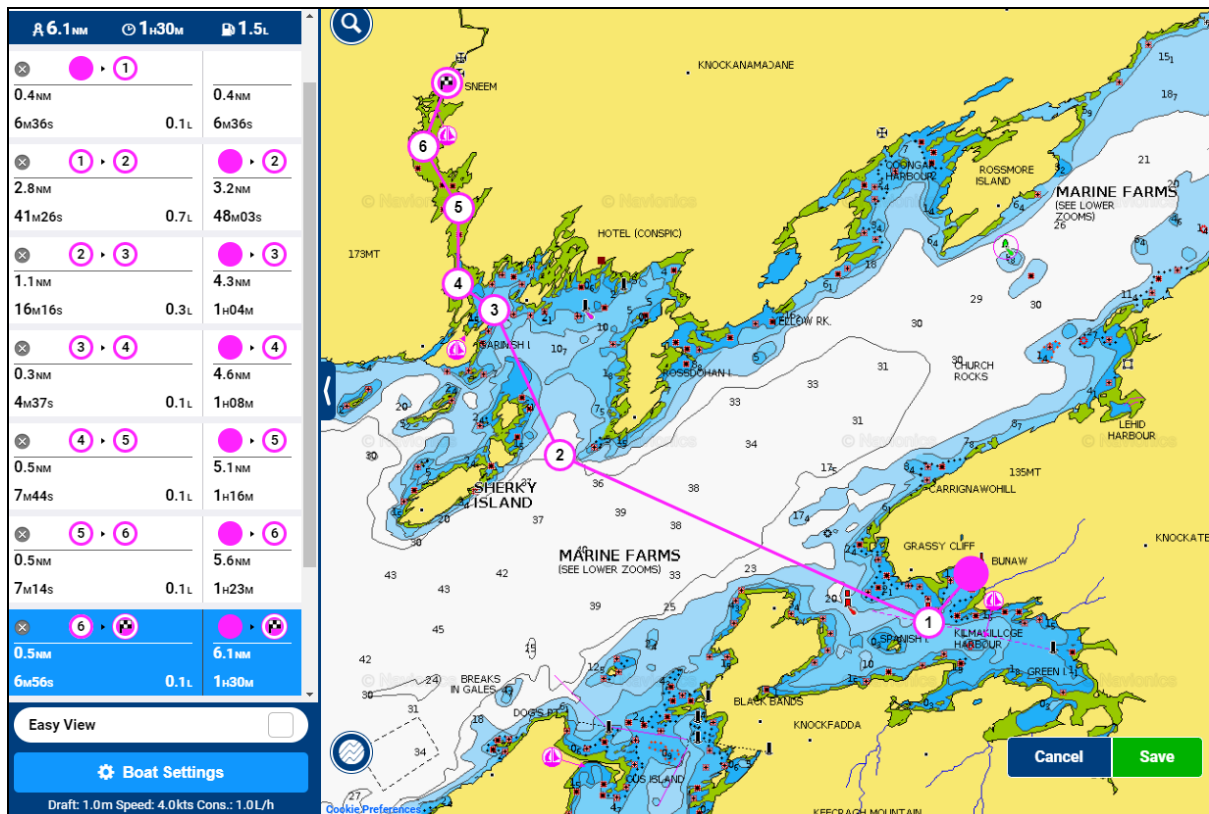


Figure 1, possible route to Sneem, for information only, not to be used for navigation

Daily catering

Each day's sailing will include a break ashore or at anchor for a picnic/cookout and for activities and socialising. Bring the food and cooking equipment you need in your boat each day.

Alas, there is no longer any shop in the Bunaw/Lauragh area, the nearest will be Ardroom or Kenmare, please factor that into your planning for the weekend. On Saturday, if we reach Sneem, then crews can shop there.

Evening meals

Helen's Bar will be serving food from late morning as normal, order at the bar.

Friday – No fixed plan for the evening meal as people will be travelling & launching, Helen's Bar will be the main mustering point for participants on Friday evening for Rally registration, booking of meals, discussing sailing plans, etc.

Saturday – Rally dinner in the Mussel House at Helen's Bar, Bunaw. I will need to confirm numbers & menu option by Sun 11th June, a further e-mail will follow.

Sunday – No formal plan for dinner on Sunday evening, if there is interest, crews should partner together and try to arrange something for those who are available.

Registration

Each participating skipper is required to complete and sign a Rally Application form. Please understand this minor bureaucratic request. The Rally registration fee will be €10, please have exact change available on Friday evening.

Merchandise

There will be a limited number of commemorative Rally burgees (€5) available for purchase.

Local sea charts

Laminated copies of the Upper Kenmare River (marked up with points of interest) from Admiralty chart #2495 will be available for purchase (€5).

Accommodation:

The B&B accommodation at Helen's has also been held for our group for Friday night through Sunday night, you should contact Pauline on 087 213 2717 to make a direct reservation.

- Pauline advises me that she is now full for Friday & Saturday night, but there may be some other accommodation available locally, contact her directly.
- Other B&B is available in the Tuosist, Lauragh, Kenmare & Ardgroom areas, consult the usual information sources.

Campervans

Camper vans may over-night in the car park in front of Helen's Bar on a first come first served, no facilities.

Camping

Beara Camping (<https://www.bearacamping.com/>) is located 10 km/15 min drive from Bunaw Pier back towards Kenmare, several people used it last rally & gave good reports.

There is also Creveen Lodge Caravan and Camping Park

(<http://creveenlodge.com/camping/>)

on the Healy Pass Road, Lauragh, Co Kerry. I don't know anything about it.

Some few small camping pitches may be available in the field behind the Bar for a small fee, I need to confirm this, please advise me if you are interested.

Discrete wild camping with small tents may be possible on the shore line, I don't have any details.

Attached are a few photos from summer 2022 trips to the area.

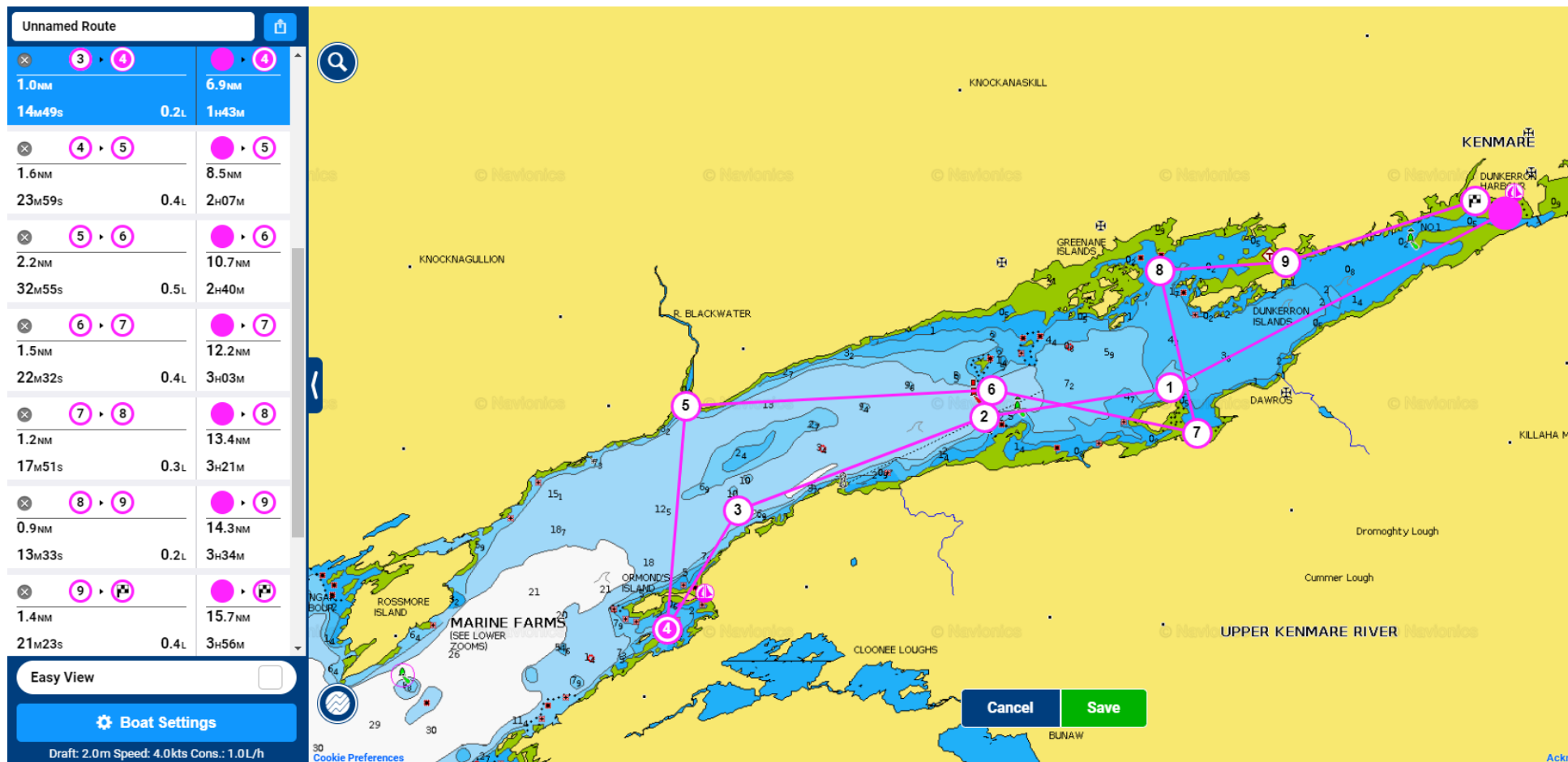


Photo 2, the slip at Bunaw, spot the helicopter !.

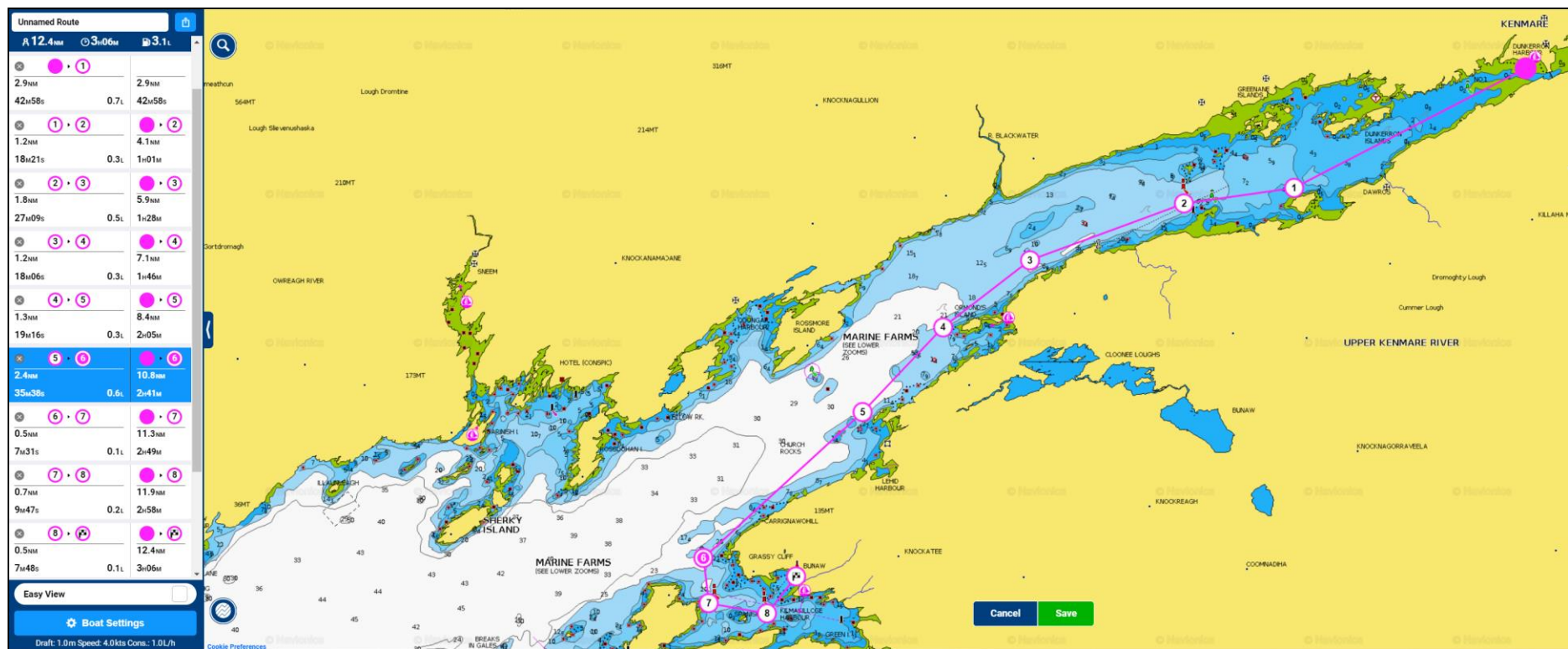


Photo 3, launching at low water, the pier at Bunaw.

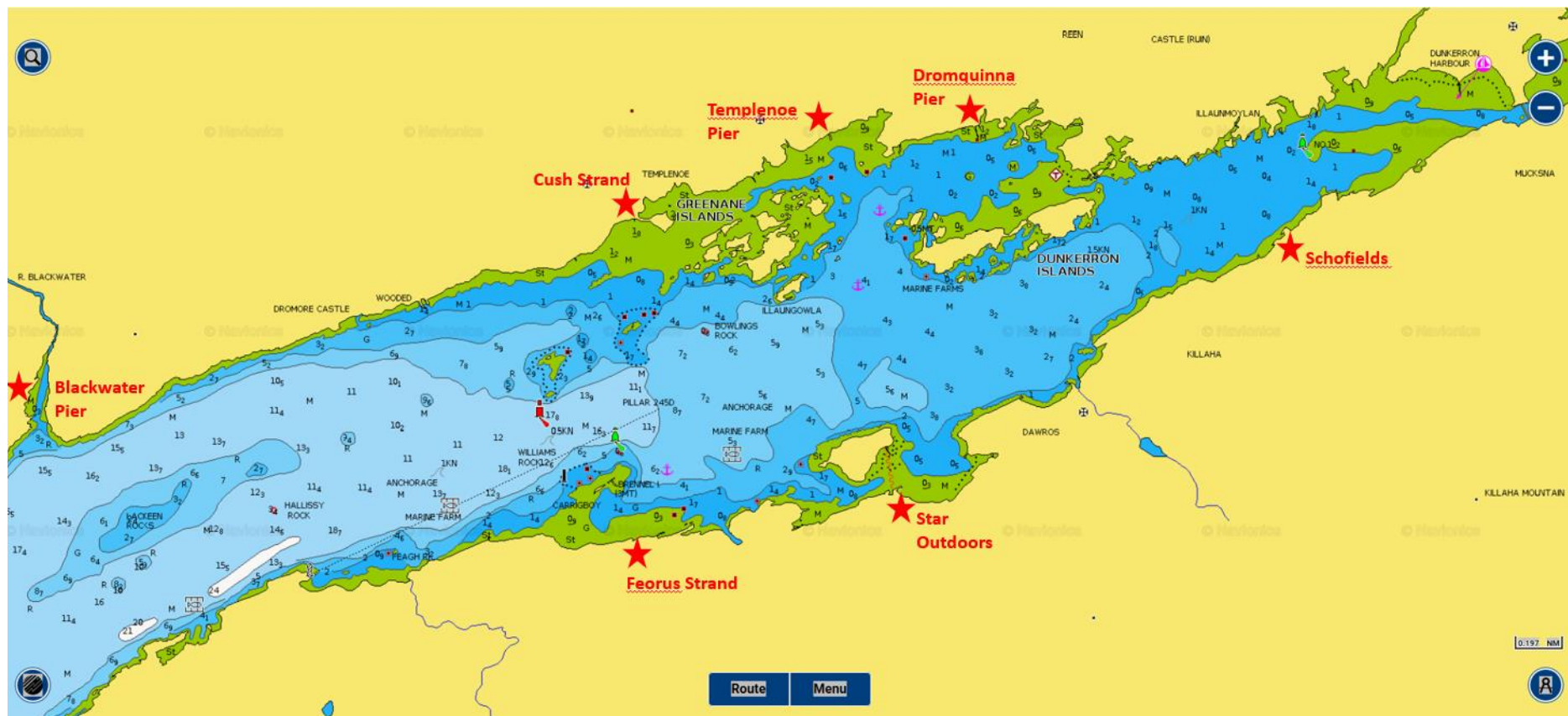
Kenmare Bay, 2019 Rally Saturday route, ~16NM, 3-Aug-19, in a light S breeze for outward leg. For information only, not to be used for navigation.



Possible cruise from Kenmare to Bunaw in Kilmacelogue Harbour if conditions are suitable. For information only, not to be used for navigation !



Safe Havens in upper Kenmare Bay; good Pier or strand with car access. Useable slips ways at Kenmare, Blackwater & Bunnaw only.



Safe Havens in mid Kenmare Bay; good Pier or strand with car access. Useable slips ways at Kenmare, Blackwater & Bunnaw only.

