

Project Calico Team Briefing Presentation

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Mission

- The collection and delivery of a ransom for humanitarian purposes in order to release and secure the vessel, cargo and crew of the Hibernia III.

Task - Air Team

Personnel and Roles

- Tom – Team Leader
- Mike – Drop Specialist
- Raj – Project Security
- Charly – Aircraft Captain
- Jon – Co-pilot

Task

Collect the quantum from the clients bank in Athens

Prepare and package the ransom

Conduct a proof of life check.

Deliver the ransom to the hostage takers.

Confirm receipt of the ransom on board the Hibernia III

Task - Maritime Team

Personnel and Roles

Chris – Maritime Team Leader

Miguel – Team member

Bob – Team member

Omondi – Team Member

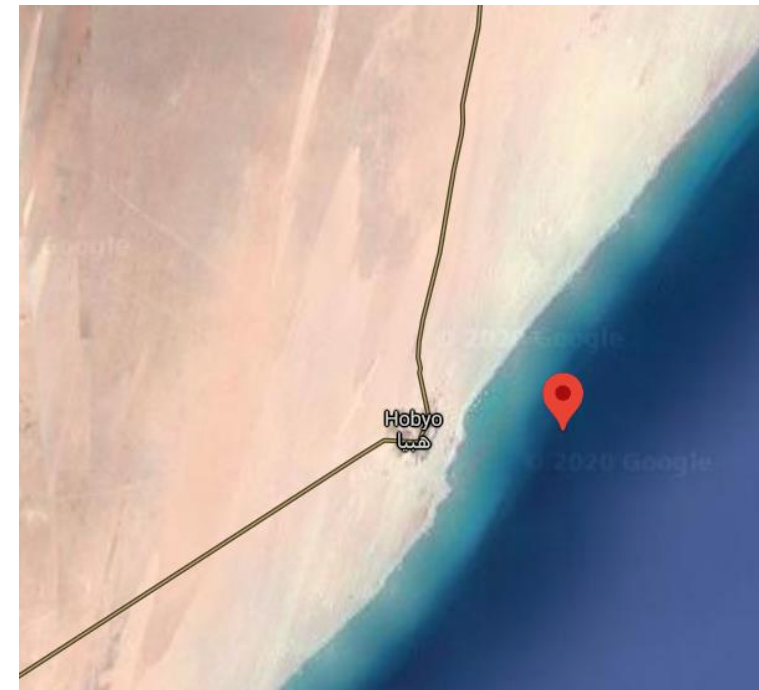
Sea Dragon and Crew on Charter

Task









- To pre-position in an area 50 Kilometres seaward of the Hibernia III
- On Drop day, manoeuvre to within 5 KM.
- After the pirates have vacated, deposit an armed team on board.
- Cross load fuel and food supplies if required.
- Escort Hibernia III to Mombasa and the reception party.

Situation:

- The Hibernia III a VLCC was hijacked off the coast of Somalia on the 8th September on her way to Mombasa
- 24 Crew on board – mostly Ukrainian and Pinoy.
- 100 Million USD of petroleum products on board.
- Being held at an anchorage offshore Hobyo
- Nothing known about the pirate group who have seized her.
- Negotiator called Abdi.



Situation: Met Forecast

14		33° /27°	Windy this morning	25%
15		31° /26°	Breezy with clouds and sun	18%
16		31° /26°	Breezy with partial sunshine	25%
17		31° /26°	Increasing cloudiness	8%
18		31° /26°	Pleasant with sun and clouds	2%
19		31° /25°	Mostly sunny and pleasant	1%
20		35° /26°	Increasing cloudiness	4%
21		35° /26°	Partly sunny	8%

- Moon state



Phases and Timeline

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Phase 1 – Sea Dragon depart and move to area of interest.

Phase 2 – Air team manoeuvres to Collection Point.

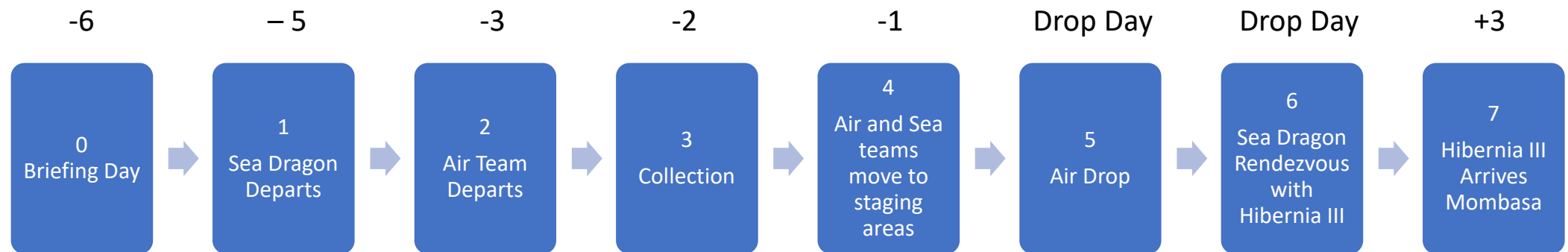
Phase 3 - Collection of quantum.

Phase 4 – Air team manoeuvres to staging area, & Sea Dragon moves to holding area.

Phase 5 – Final authorisation, Air Drop and return to base.

Phase 6 – Sea Dragon rendezvous with Hibernia III.

Phase 7 – Sea Dragon escorts Hibernia III to Mombasa.



Air Team Manoeuvre Plan

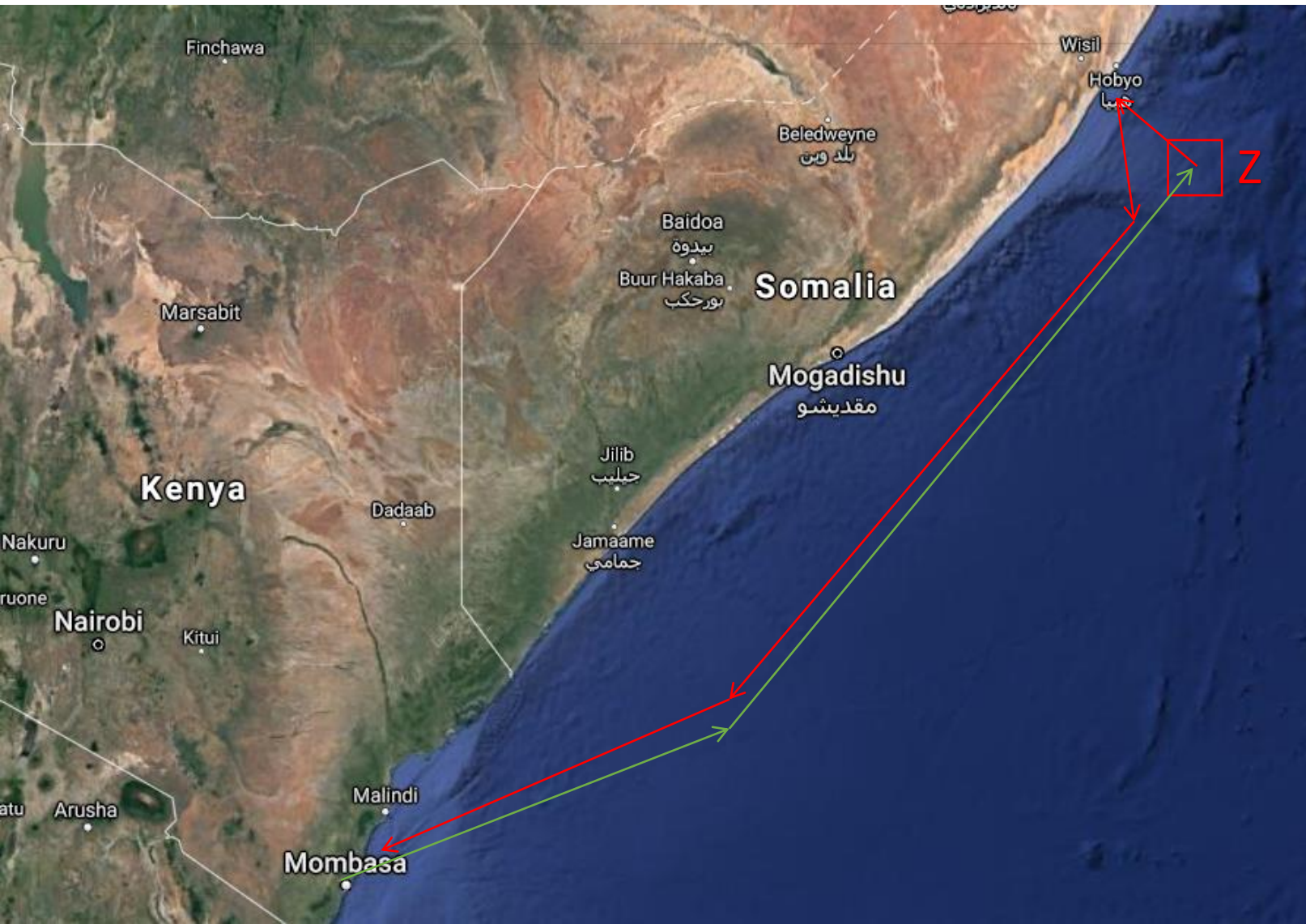
- 16th Depart 08.00
 - Nairobi to Athens, overhead Khartoum and Alexandria – 4550 Km
 - Transit 5 hours 45 minutes
- 17th – Collection procedures.
- 18th Depart 18.00
 - Athens to Djibouti and refuel 3600 Km
 - Transit 4 hours and 30 minutes
 - Refuel and crew break – 8 hours
- 19th Depart 07.30
 - Djibouti to Hobyo to Nairobi 2540 Km
 - Arrive Hobyo 09.00, Loiter time 90 minutes

Citation X Planning stats

- Cruise speed 800 Km per hour
- Range 6000 kilometres



Maritime Team Manoeuvre Plan

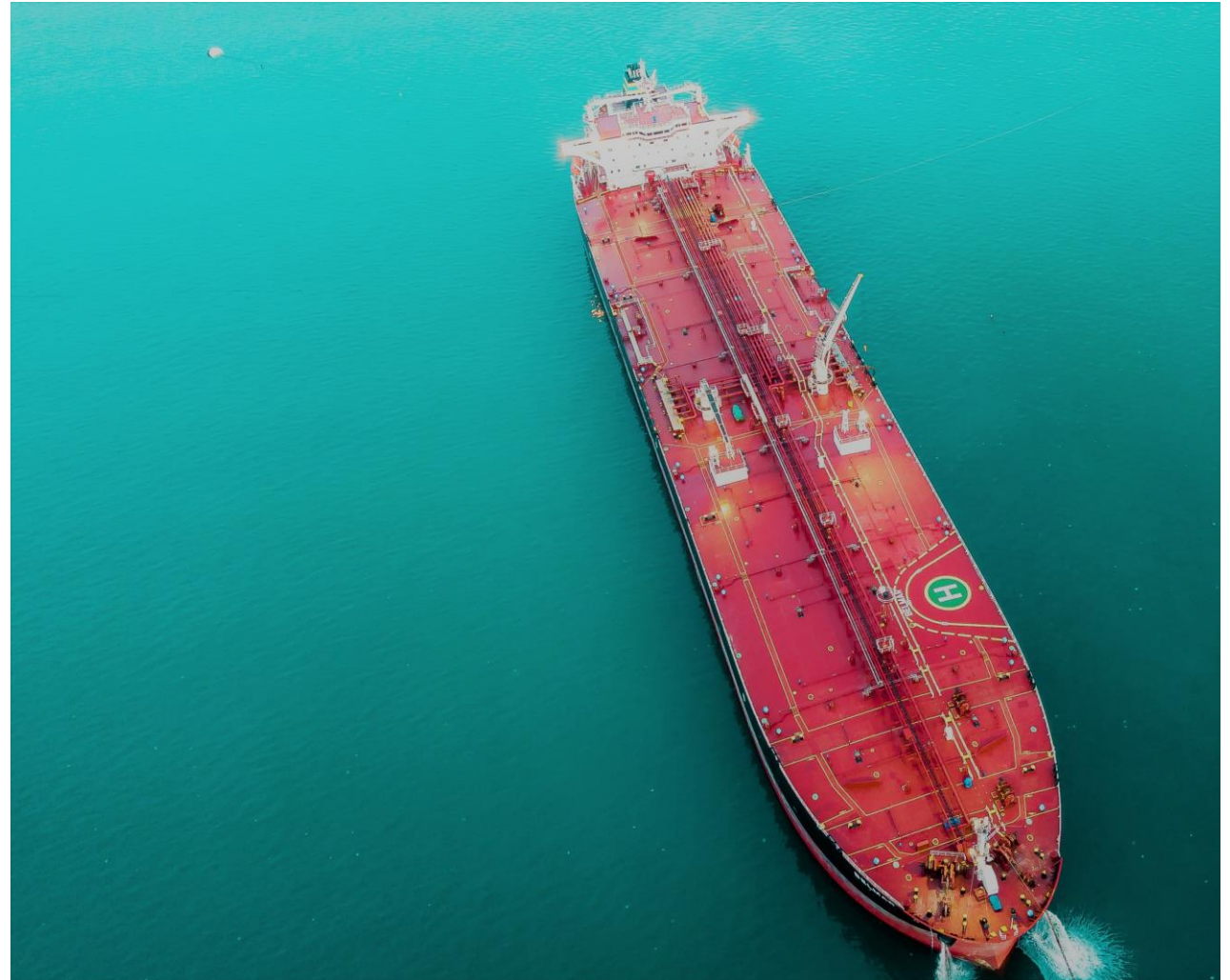


- Depart MSA 14th 07.30
- Arrive Zulu 18th Approx 16.00
- Arrive Hobyo 19th 08.00
- Depart Hobyo 19th by 18.00
- Arrive Mombasa 21st TBC

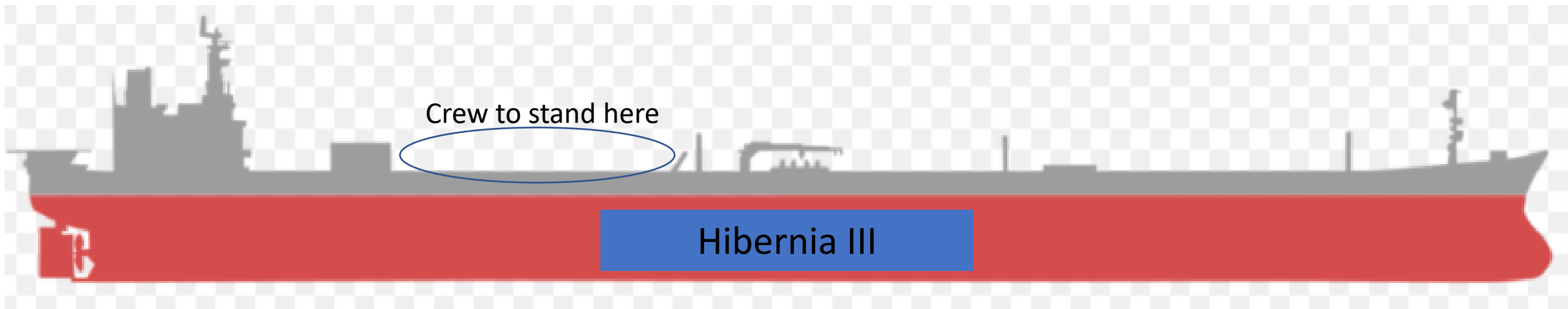
Vessel Details

- Hibernia III
- Type: VLCC
- Length 300 meters
- Beam 55 meters
- Draught 20 meters
- Deep red below the water line, matt black hull with a white superstructure.

- Coordinates 5.351507N, 48.551440E



Proof of Life Check



All crew to be on deck at 08.45 with aircraft arriving at 09.00

Crew to stand with clear separation at least arms width apart to enable aircrew to count them during flypast.

Aircraft will communicate on VHF Channel 9 when 30 minutes away, and at the beginning of the POL run.

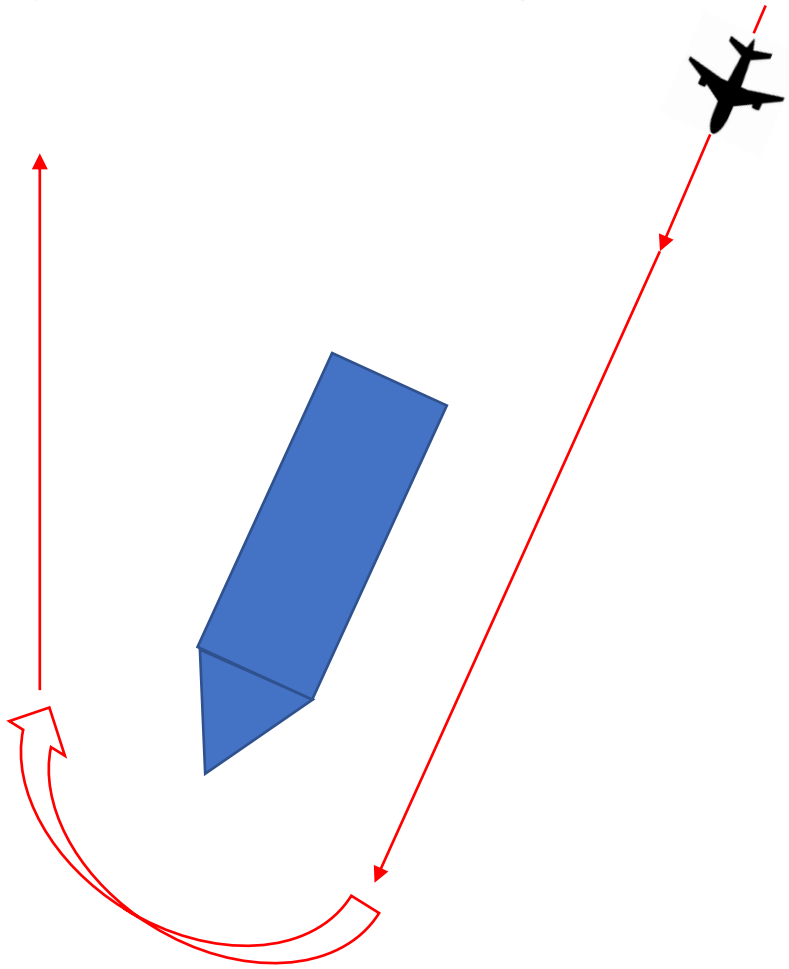
Aircraft will make two low passes at 500 feet. Ships crew are to face the aircraft for photographing

Aircraft will then hold off for approximately 10 minutes and check photographs against the ships manifest.

Aircraft will then line up for Drop Run as per Drop procedure.

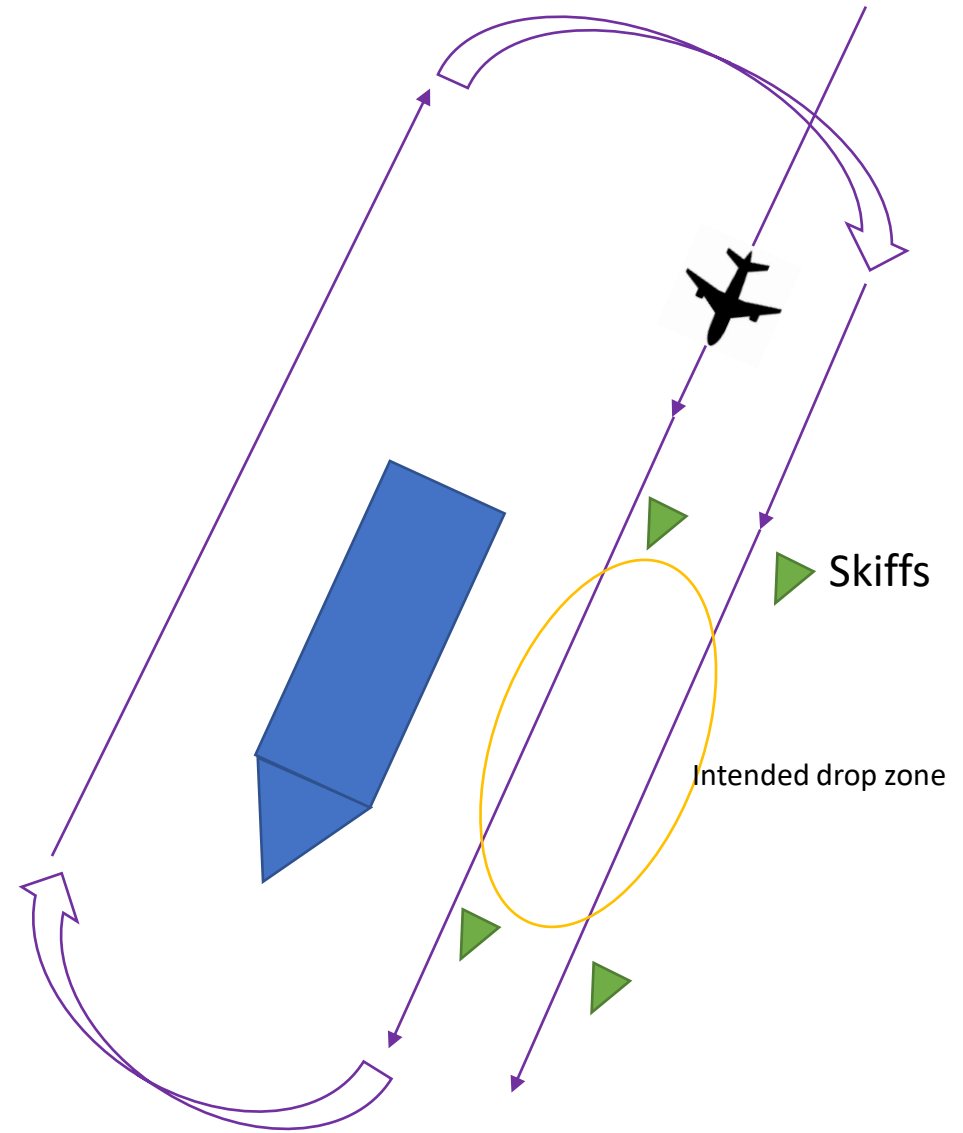


Drop Procedure Diagram



Phase 1

Aircraft passes down port side at 500 feet to conduct proof of life check. Aircraft will then hold whilst photos are checked.



Phase 2

After proof of life is confirmed, 2 drop runs will be completed each with two loads dropped by parachute. Abdi to ensure that there are four skiffs in the water at the locations indicated. Do NOT try to catch the loads. Let them land in the water and then recover them. Aircraft will then loiter until loads are onboard the Hibernia III

Comms

- Clients phone number for final approval after POL
- Aircraft Sat Phone number
- Ops room Sat phone number
- Hibernia III – Sat phone number
- VHF Channel 9