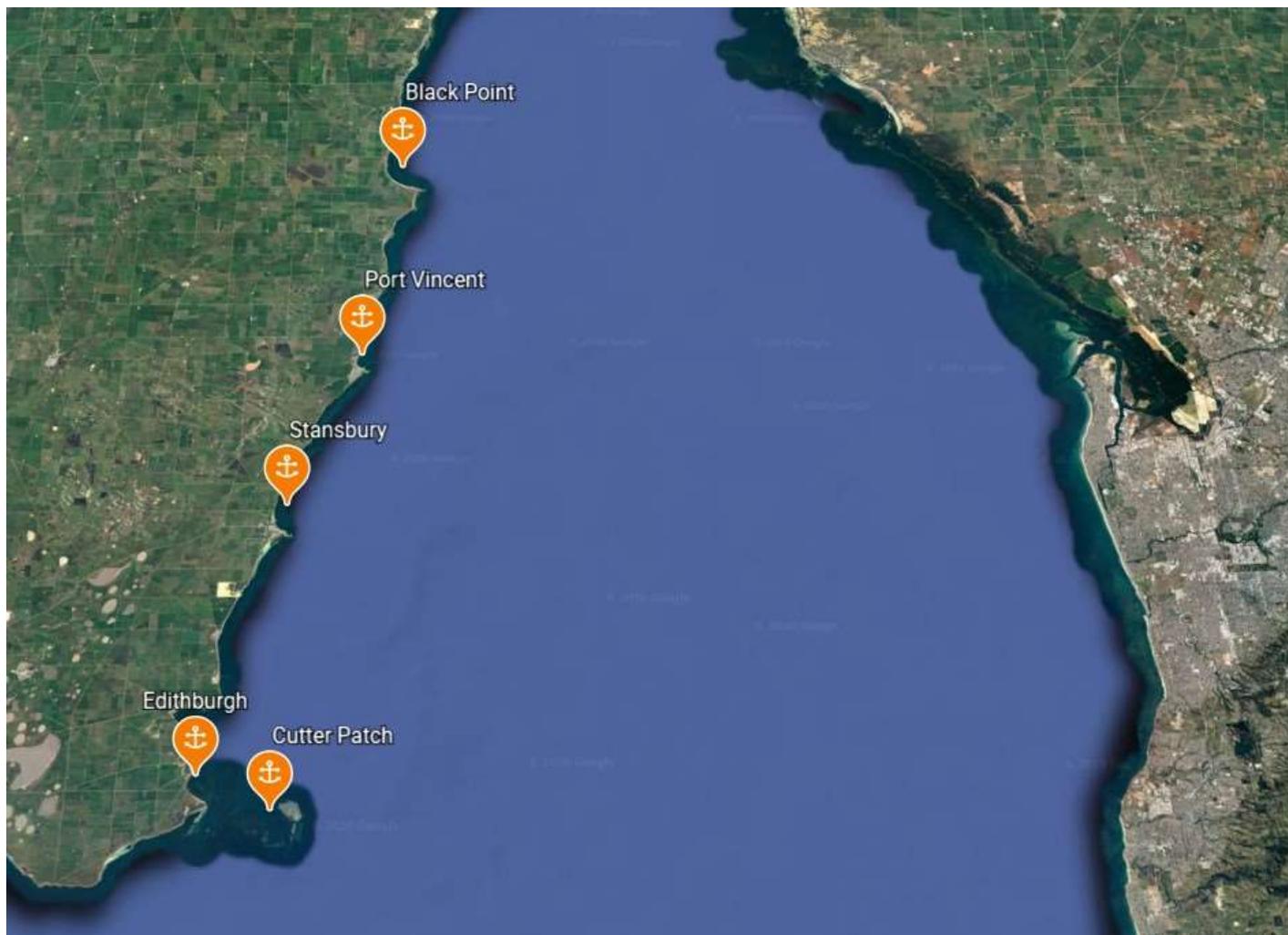


Gulf of St Vincent West Coast



The western side of the Gulf is a very popular cruising ground within easy reach of Adelaide, and it is a comfortable day sail to any of the destinations shown.

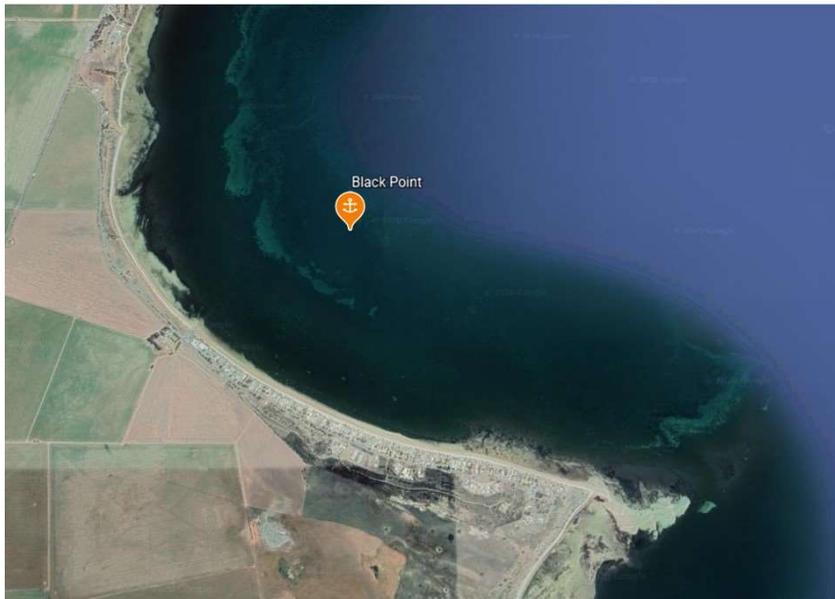
There are moorings maintained by the RSAYS at Black Point, Port Vincent, Stansbury and Edithburgh, and a marina at Port Vincent.

Of particular interest is the area around Troubridge Shoals, especially the area known as the Cutter Patch, south-east of Edithburgh.

Black Point

Indicative Anchoring Position

34° 36.2'S 137° 53.7'E

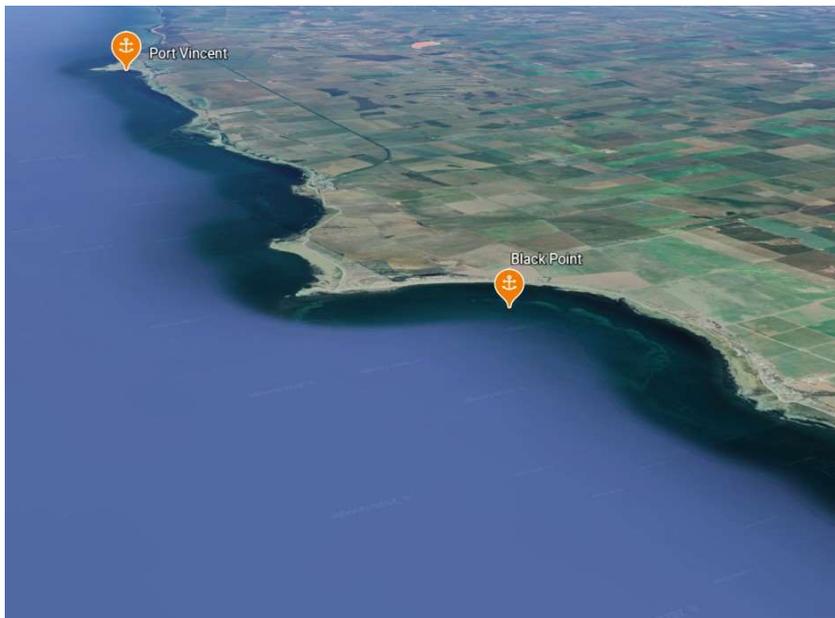


Shelter from E – S – W

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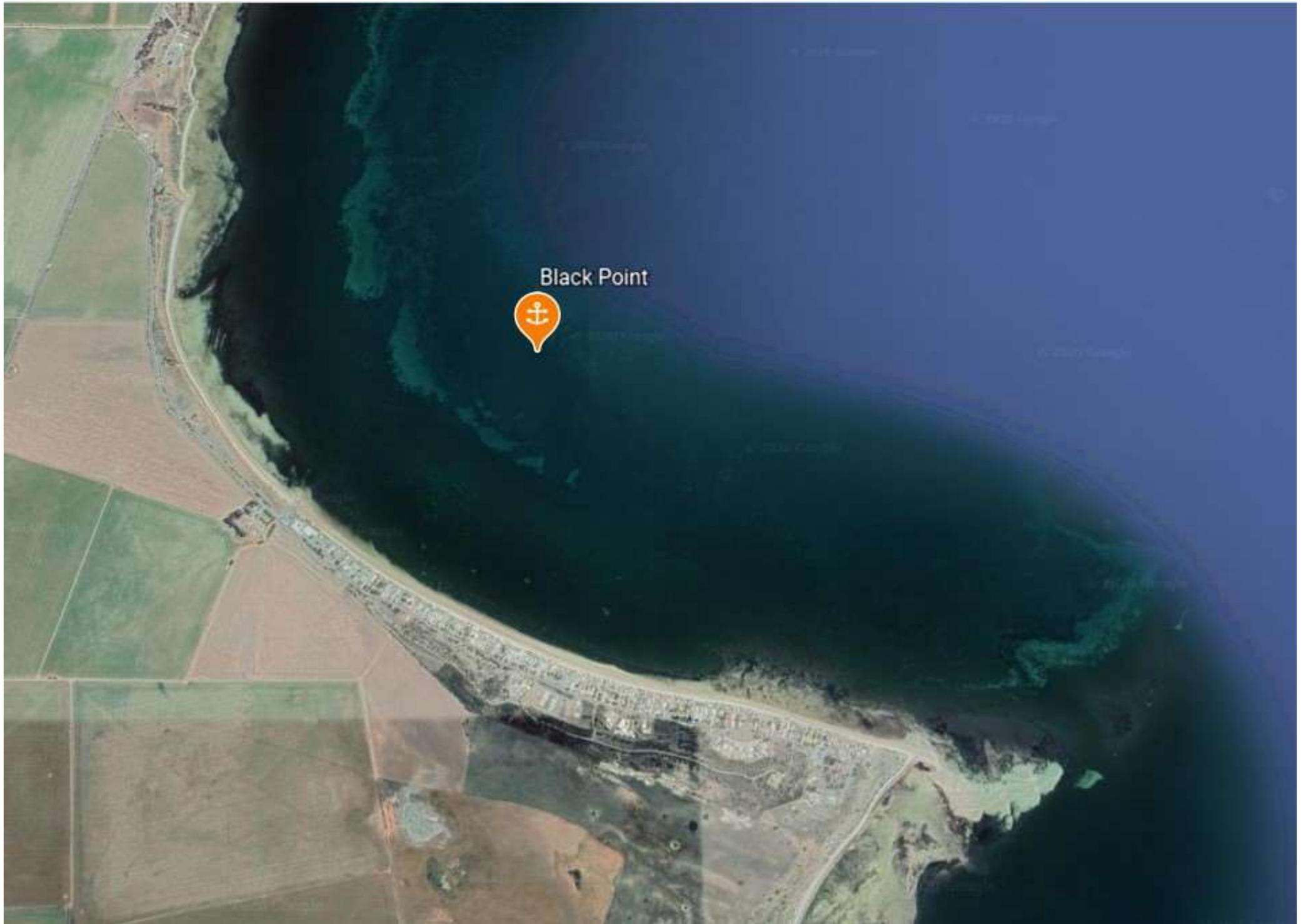
Black Point is one of the few places in SA to have a north facing beach. The protection this affords against the afternoon sea breezes makes it a very popular holiday destination, and there are many large holiday homes along the beach.

A sand spit runs north east from the headland at the eastern end of the beach. A lit beacon marks the northern end of the spit, and should be given a wide berth when approaching from the south or east. There are many areas in this semi-enclosed bay which are suitable for anchoring, and the choice will depend on wind direction. In the typical summer pattern of settled south easterlies, anywhere along the beach with sufficient depth is satisfactory. No protection is available from northerlies. The holding is only fair with some weed on thin sand over limestone, and if strong winds are forecast then using a mooring is advisable.



There are three RSAYS moorings which are substantial and well maintained. They have large yellow buoys marked with the RSAYS logo, and are reasonably close to each other towards the western end of the bay at approximately 34° 36.35'S 137° 53.42'E.

No shore based services or shops are available, but beach access by dinghy is easy and very pleasant walks along the beach are always popular.



Black Point

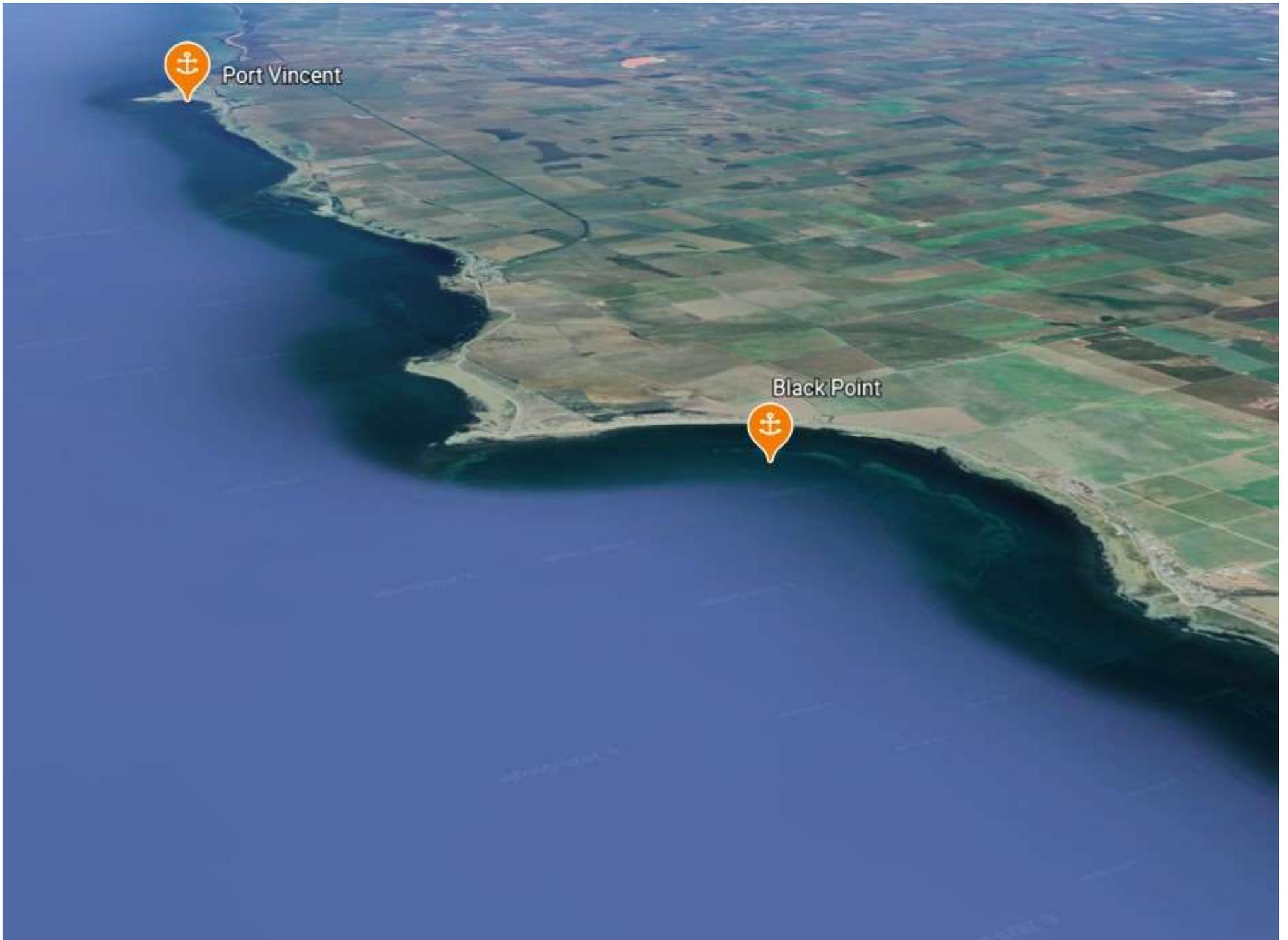




Port Vincent



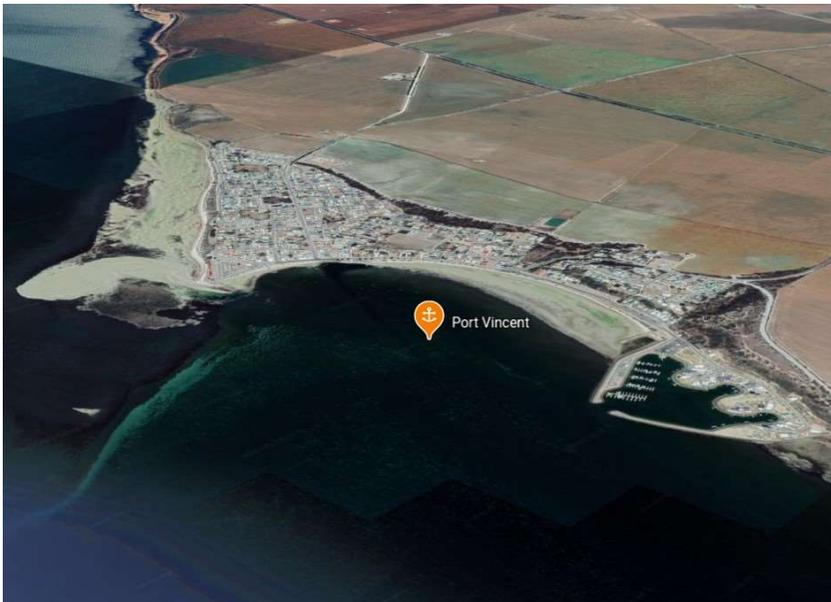
Black Point



Port Vincent

Indicative Anchoring Position

34° 46.3'S 137° 51.8'E



Shelter from **All Directions (in the marina)**
SE – S – W (in the anchorage)

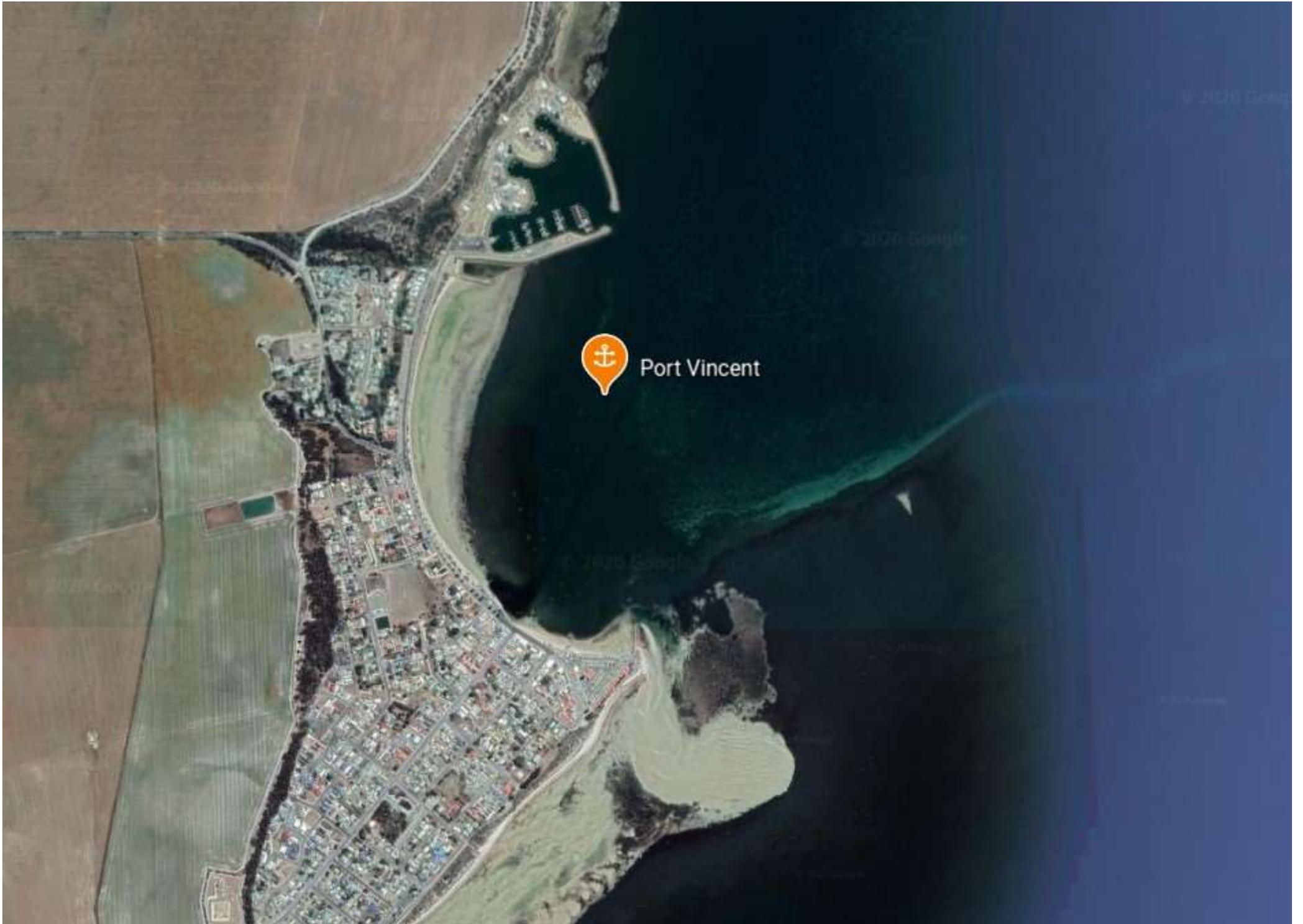
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Port Vincent is a small township which is a very popular holiday destination. It is located on a bay which is formed by a small headland (called Surveyor Point) from which a long sand spit extends to the north east. The northern end of this spit is marked by a lit beacon which should be given a wide berth if approaching from the south.

A modern marina is located about a mile north of the town and most visiting yachts now use this. It is administered by the CYC of SA, but all boats are welcome, and berths can be rented for short to medium stays. At the time of writing (July 2020) the marina manager is Rob Marner who should be contacted on 0414 611 110 for bookings. It should be noted that the marina entrance has silted up considerably and is only about 2 metres deep at LAT. Note also that Rows A, B, C and D are administered by the CYC while Row E is not, so the attached plan does not show berth numbers on that row.

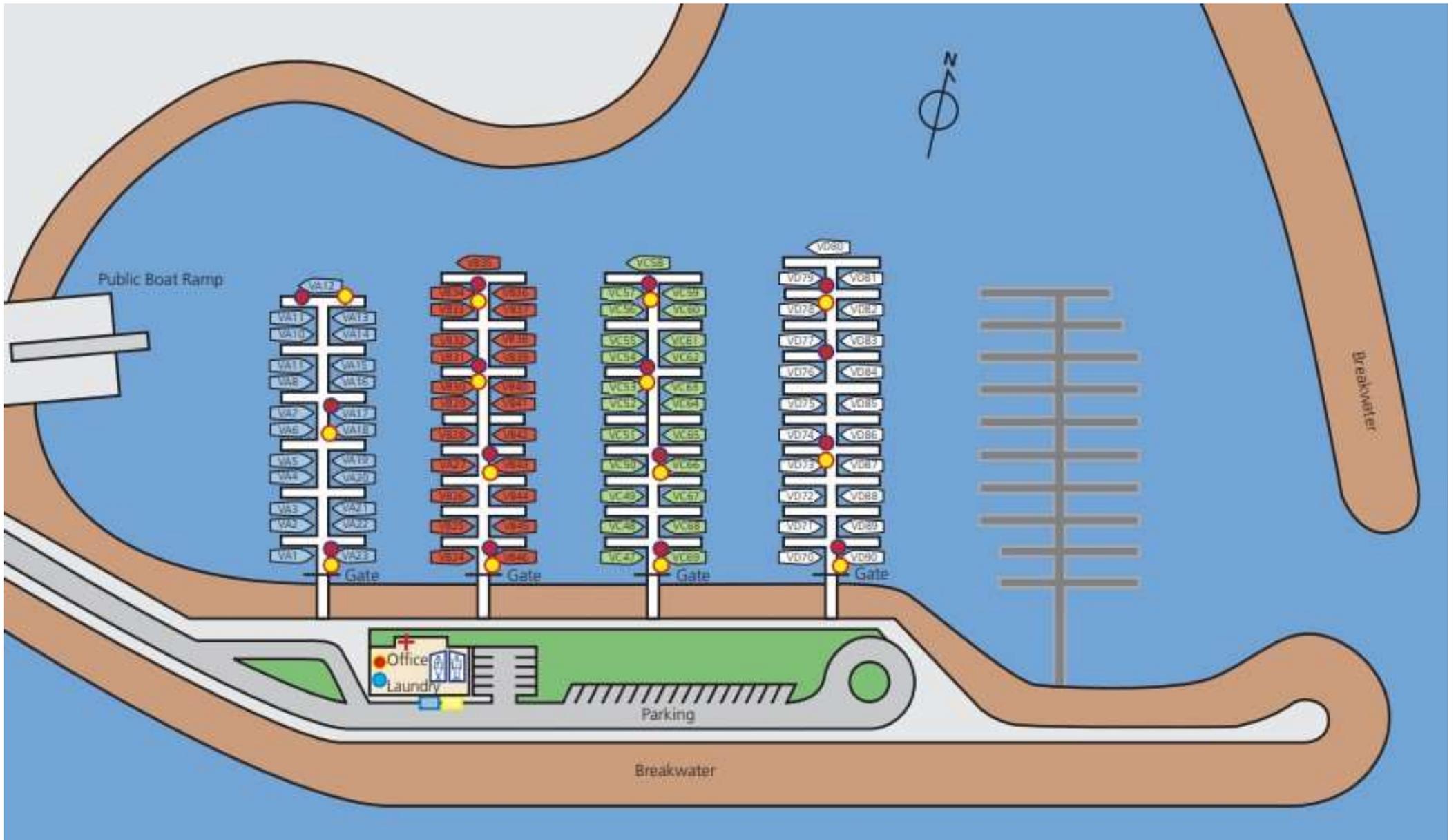
Historically this was once a thriving wheat port, and the entry channel to the wharf is still marked by beacons and leads. Unfortunately dredging was stopped many years ago, so the channel is now silted up and very narrow, and much of the mooring area is shallow and tide dependent. Before the marina was built, many private moorings were present in the bay on the land side of the channel, and most of these were abandoned rather than removed, so the bottom in this area is now littered with old chain which makes anchoring risky. The Squadron has two moorings which are well maintained and substantial, and these are recommended if you wish to be close to the shore but not in the marina. Their approximate position is 34° 46.4'S 137° 51.74'E .

A safer place to anchor (although with a longer dingy ride to shore) is on the seaward side of the marked channel, and it is very comfortable to anchor close to the spit in typical summer south easterlies.





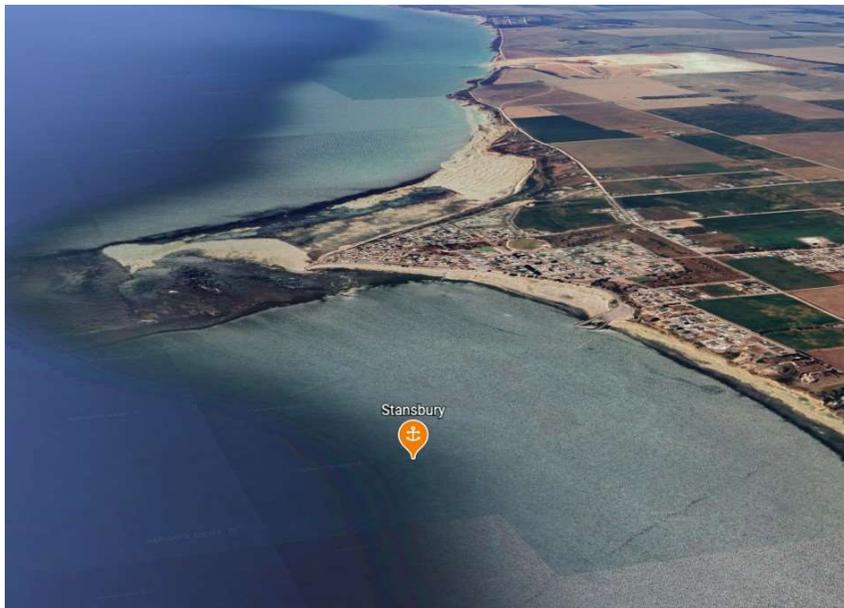
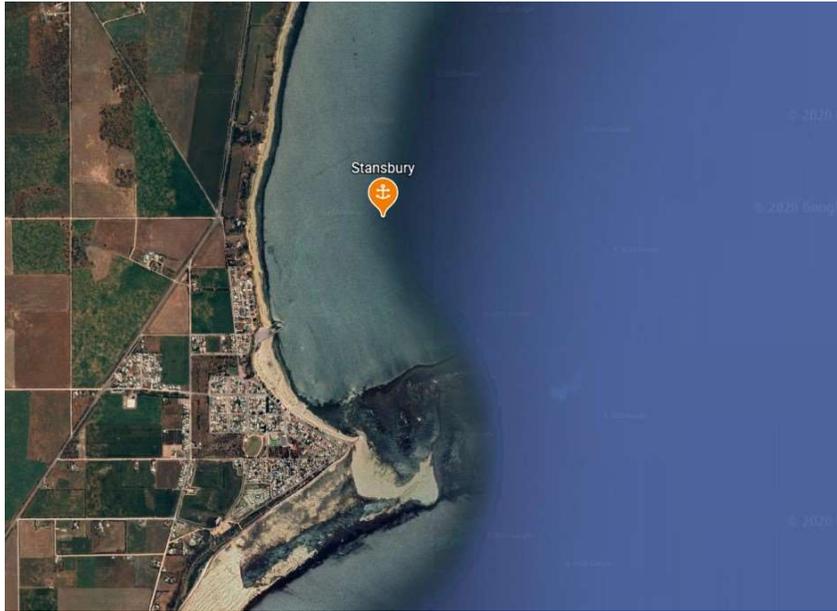
Port Vincent



Stansbury

Indicative Anchoring Position

34° 53.7'S 137° 48.3'E



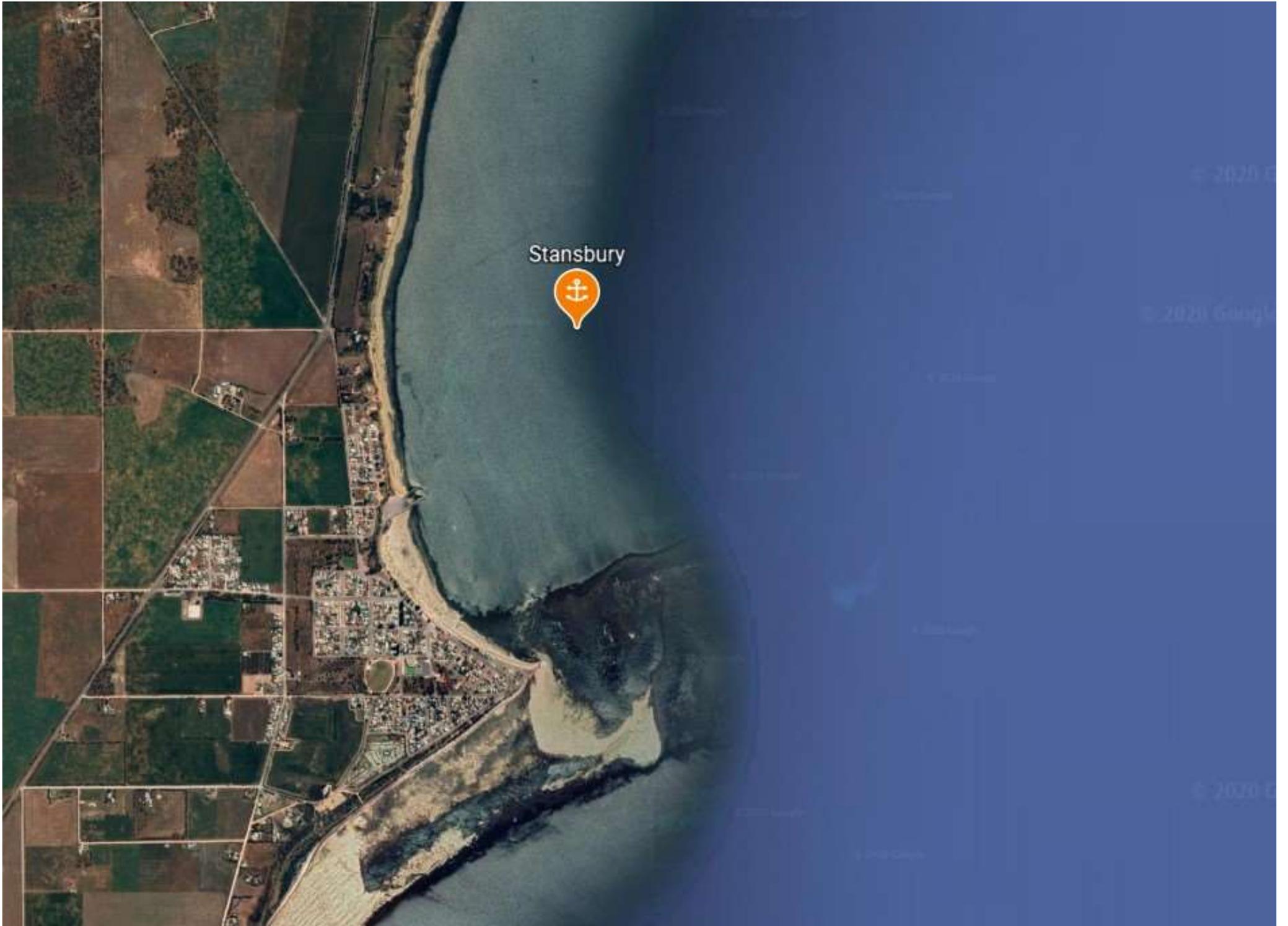
Shelter from SE – S – W

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The township of Stansbury lies at the head of Oyster Bay which is formed by a sand spit extending about 2 miles to the north east of Oyster Point. A lit beacon marks the northern end of the spit, and should be given a wide berth when approaching from the east and south.

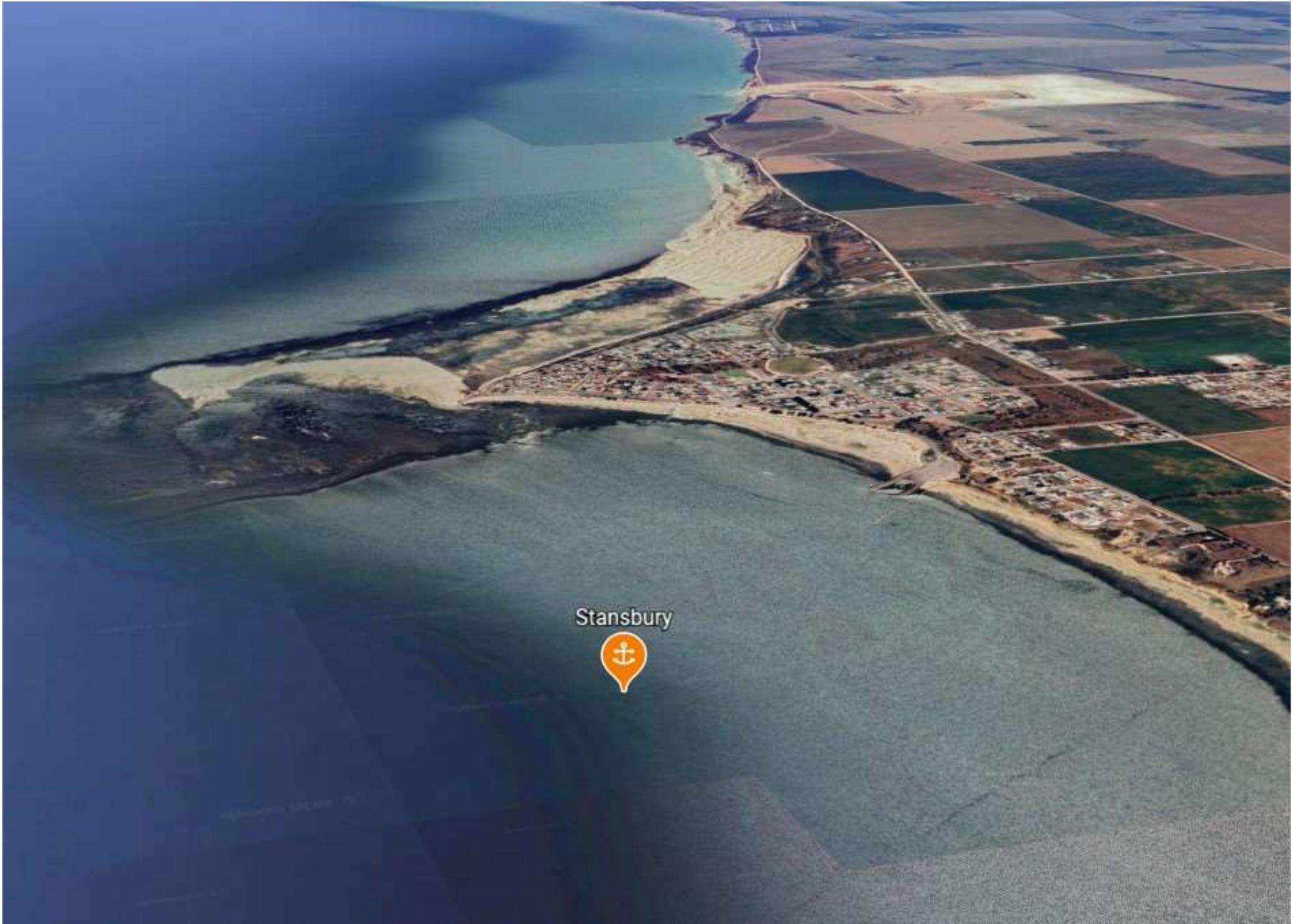
The area to the south of the long jetty is generally too shallow for keel boats, and the location of the moorings and anchoring area is north of this jetty. Holding is only fair on thin sand over limestone, and if strong winds are forecast, the use of a mooring is recommended. There are three Squadron moorings which are substantial and well maintained, and the large yellow buoys marked with the RSAYS logo are easily located. Their approximate position is 34° 53.97'S 137° 47.96'E.

Shore access is an easy dinghy ride, with either a beach landing just south of the jetty, or for those who don't want wet feet, a sheltered floating pontoon near the boat launching ramp is available. From there it is a short walk to the township which has all the facilities expected of a busy holiday destination.



Stansbury





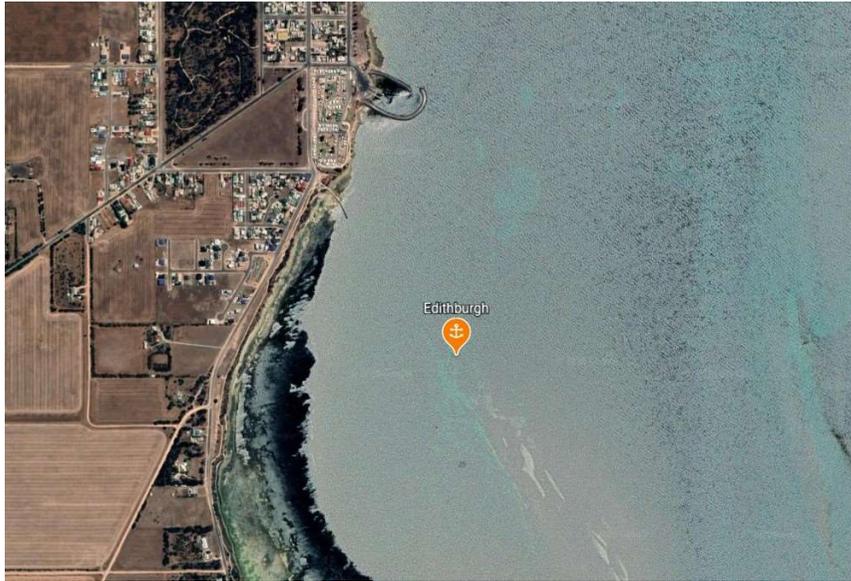
Stansbury



Edithburgh

Indicative Anchoring Position

35° 05.8'S 137° 45.0'E



Shelter from SE – W – NW

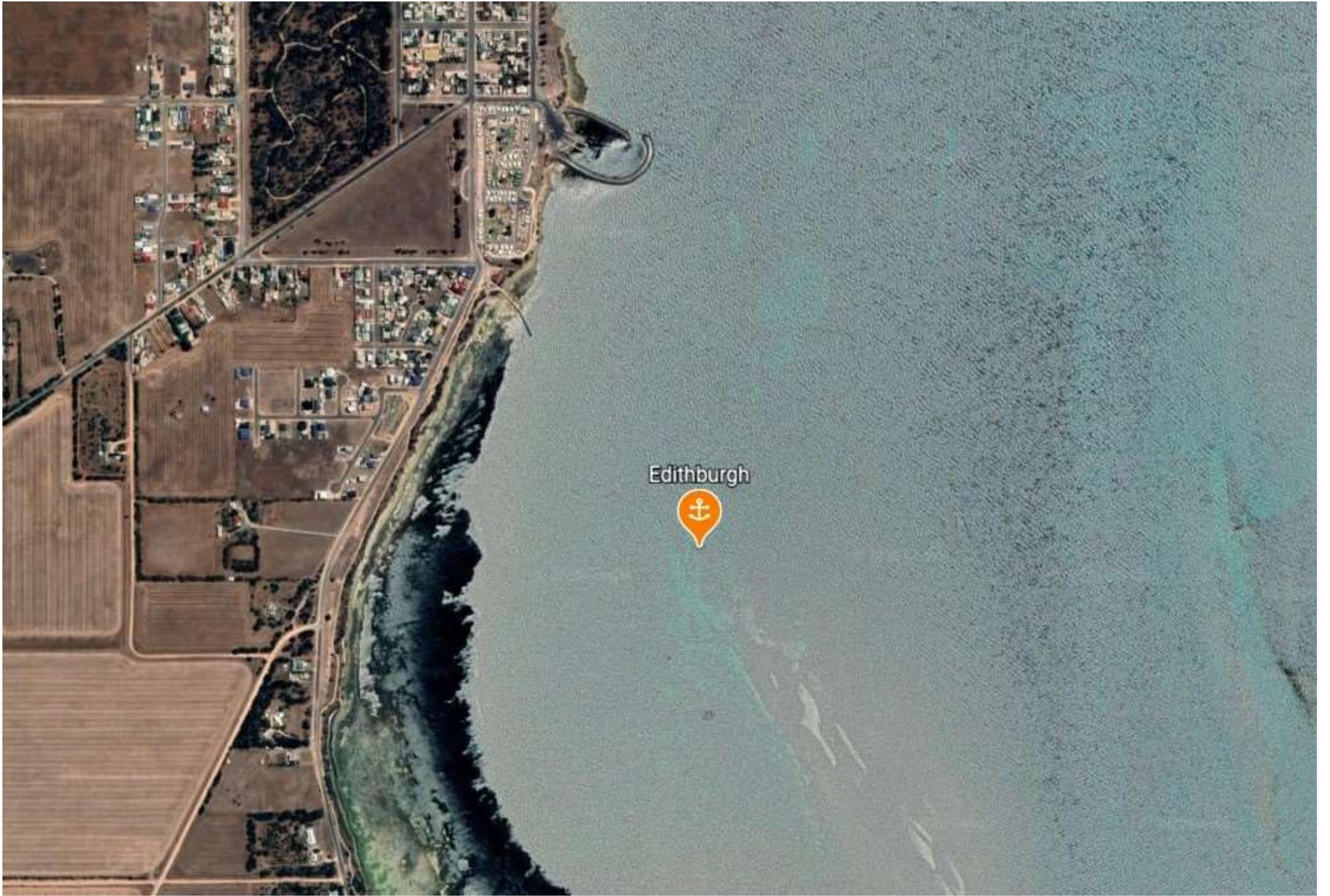
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Edithburgh is a township on the western edge of a large area known as Troubridge Shoals. This area has very strong tidal currents and is very shallow in parts, so care is needed when navigating or anchoring there. However, despite these minor hazards, the area provides good shelter and useful anchorages when en route to Kangaroo Island or Spencer Gulf.

The Edithburgh anchorage is situated in a blind channel inside a sand spit immediately south of a small fishermen's jetty which is well south of the boat launching ramp and main town jetty. The bottom is mud with moderate weed cover and the holding is poor. The Squadron has three moorings which are substantial and well maintained within this anchorage, and their use is recommended if possible. They have large yellow buoys marked with the RSAYS logo, and are at the approximate position 35° 05.85'S 137° 44.95'E .

The town has all the facilities expected of a popular holiday location. Beach landing is difficult due to rock and weed, but the small fishermen's jetty is easy to use.

When heading to Investigator Strait from this anchorage, the Sultana Passage is well marked with fixed poles (unlit) and safe passage is possible at any tide.



Edithburgh





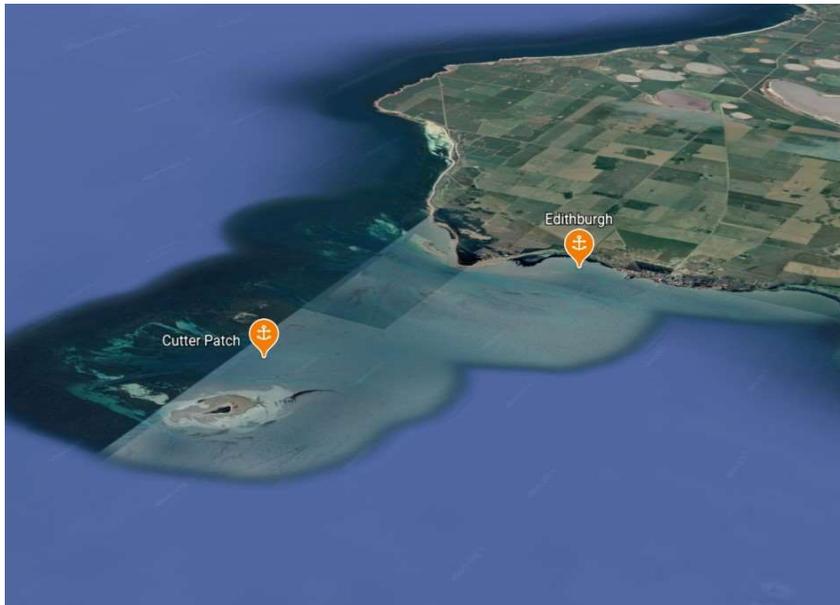
Edithburgh



Cutter Patch

Indicative Anchoring Position

35° 07.4'S 137° 48.7'E



Shelter from NE – E – S – SW

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The area known by locals and the yachting community as the Cutter Patch is not a name found on any chart, but it is an excellent anchorage and surprisingly sheltered from the sea state outside (although not from the wind). It lies between Troubridge Shoals to the west and Troubridge Island to the east. It can be safely approached from the north west at any tide. The bottom is sand with patchy weed, and the holding is good. Strong tidal current flows through the anchorage which can cause interesting wind against tide effects.

Landing is possible on Troubridge Island, but great care is needed in securing the dinghy as the tide can progress very rapidly across the sandy shoals. Also it should be noted that the island is a bird refuge and Conservation Park, and a permit is needed before visiting.

When leaving the anchorage it is easy to enter the Sultana Passage to the west with careful attention to charted depths. For those who like more of a challenge it is also possible (with great care) to exit to the south near the Marion Reef beacon, but this is definitely not for the faint-hearted.

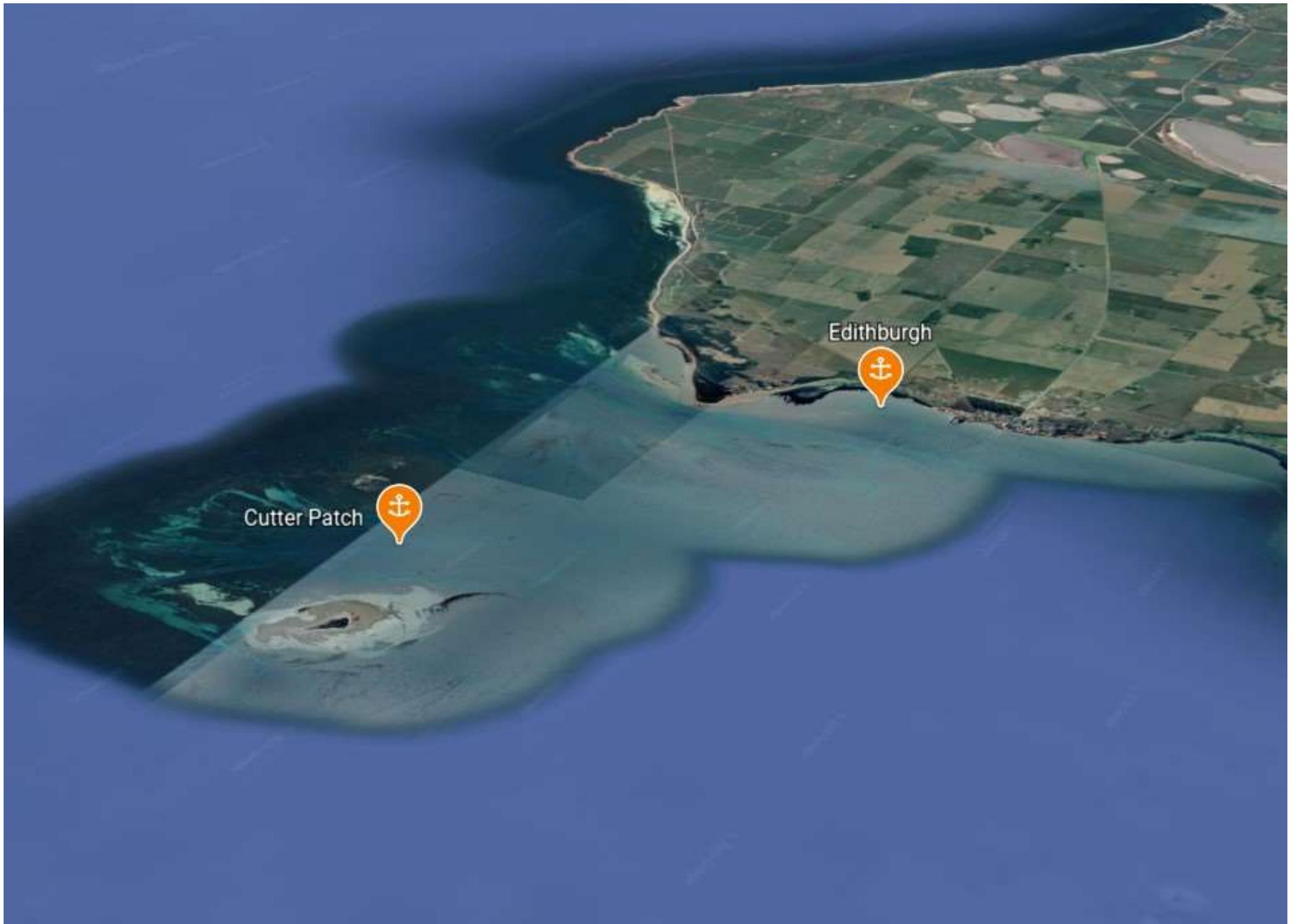


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