



OTEMATATA'S
— BEST DAM PUB —

NZBMC



New Zealand Boat Marathon Commission
Join the Fun, Chase the Thrill



TWIN LAKES MARATHON

RACE BRIEFING PACK

RACE
ADVENTURE
COMMUNITY
FUN



SAT 30 &
SUN 31 MAY
2026



TWO DAYS OF
THRILLING RACING
& SOCIAL FUN



COMPETITORS,
CREWS, FAMILIES &
SUPPORTERS WELCOME



GREAT PRIZES
& LAKESIDE
HOSPITALITY



SUPPORT OUR CLUBS
GROW OUR SPORT
ENJOY THE LAKE



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**Pub
Charity**™
Limited

RACE HARD. HAVE FUN. RESPECT THE LAKE. SEE YOU AT THE LAKE!

RACE DAY DETAILS — FILL IN BEFORE BRIEFING

Club / Event	Waitaki Recreational & Boating – Twin Lakes - Benmore
Briefing Officer	Brent Cowles
Race Control / VHF	VHF Channel: [65] Race Control Phone: [Hugh – 027 571 7313]
Course	[Laps per class: A/B 5 C/D 2 E/F 1 Nom Speed 5
Start Times	Nominated Speed: [1PM] Speed Heat 1: [10AM] Heat 2: [11AM Approx]
Safety Boats	See course map attached.
Refuel Location	On land Sailors Cutting — no refuelling on the water]
Local Hazards / No-Go Zones	Be aware of gaps in Islands – giving room when close to shore in gorge & the shallow parts indicated by poles as you enter the main lake at Ohau end.
First Aider on Duty	On Boats Paramedic on standby: [Yes / — Promend]

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Flags

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- **Green** Pick-up boat on station.
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- **Plain White** Medic boat in action — right of way.
- **Yellow** Your distress flag. Hoist it if you need help.

Course & Overtaking

- **100m Rule (Safety Reg 16):** Complete overtaking BEFORE the lead boat is within 100m of a turn buoy, or pass on the OUTSIDE of the turn. Hold your line inside 100m.
- **Narrow Water (Rivers / Gorges):** The lead boat MUST give at least 5 boat widths of room so a faster boat can pass on either the inside or outside. (NZBMC recommended.)
- **Buoy Rule:** Round every turn buoy on the OUTSIDE. Cutting or missing a buoy = 5 MINUTE TIME PENALTY, OR re-address the missed buoy safely. Second offence in same race = DSQ. (NZBMC recommended standard. Club to confirm.)
- **Stay on Course:** No unnecessary deviation. Don't track in another boat's wake — if they stop, you'll run them down.

Safety & Distress

- **If you need help:** Yellow flag UP. Stay with the boat. Head into wind at 8 km/h.
- **Insurance:** A reminder during these events your insurance is unlikely to cover your boat while participating.
- **First on scene:** STOP and help until a pick-up arrives. You'll be credited the time you stopped if you complete 50%+ of the course.
- **Co-pilot:** Eyes behind. Call out faster boats coming up. Watch lines, watch wakes.
- **Kill cord:** Attached to the driver at all times. No cord = season DSQ.

Conduct & Finish

- **No alcohol or drugs** before or during racing. Auto-DSQ.
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- **Did not finish?** Tell Race Control on your way in.
- **Incident report:** To Race Control within 30 minutes of finish.
- **Protests:** Within 1 hour of the last race, in writing, by skipper.

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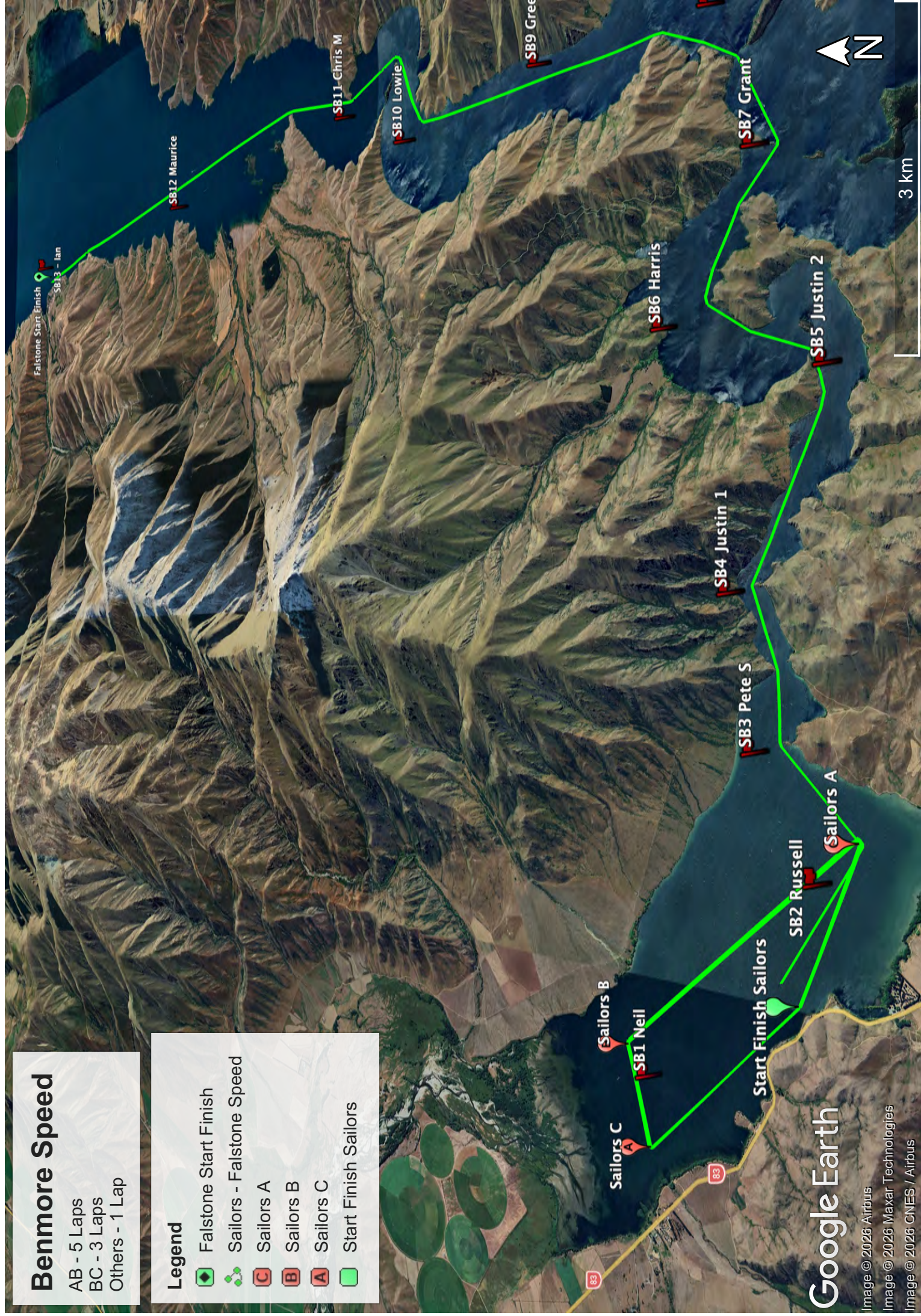
Skipper Name: _____	Co-pilot Name: _____
_____ <i>Signature & Date</i>	_____ <i>Signature & Date</i>

Benmore Speed

AB - 5 Laps
BC - 3 Laps
Others - 1 Lap

Legend

- Falstone Start Finish
- Sailors - Falstone Speed
- Sailors A
- Sailors B
- Sailors C
- Start Finish Sailors



Google Earth

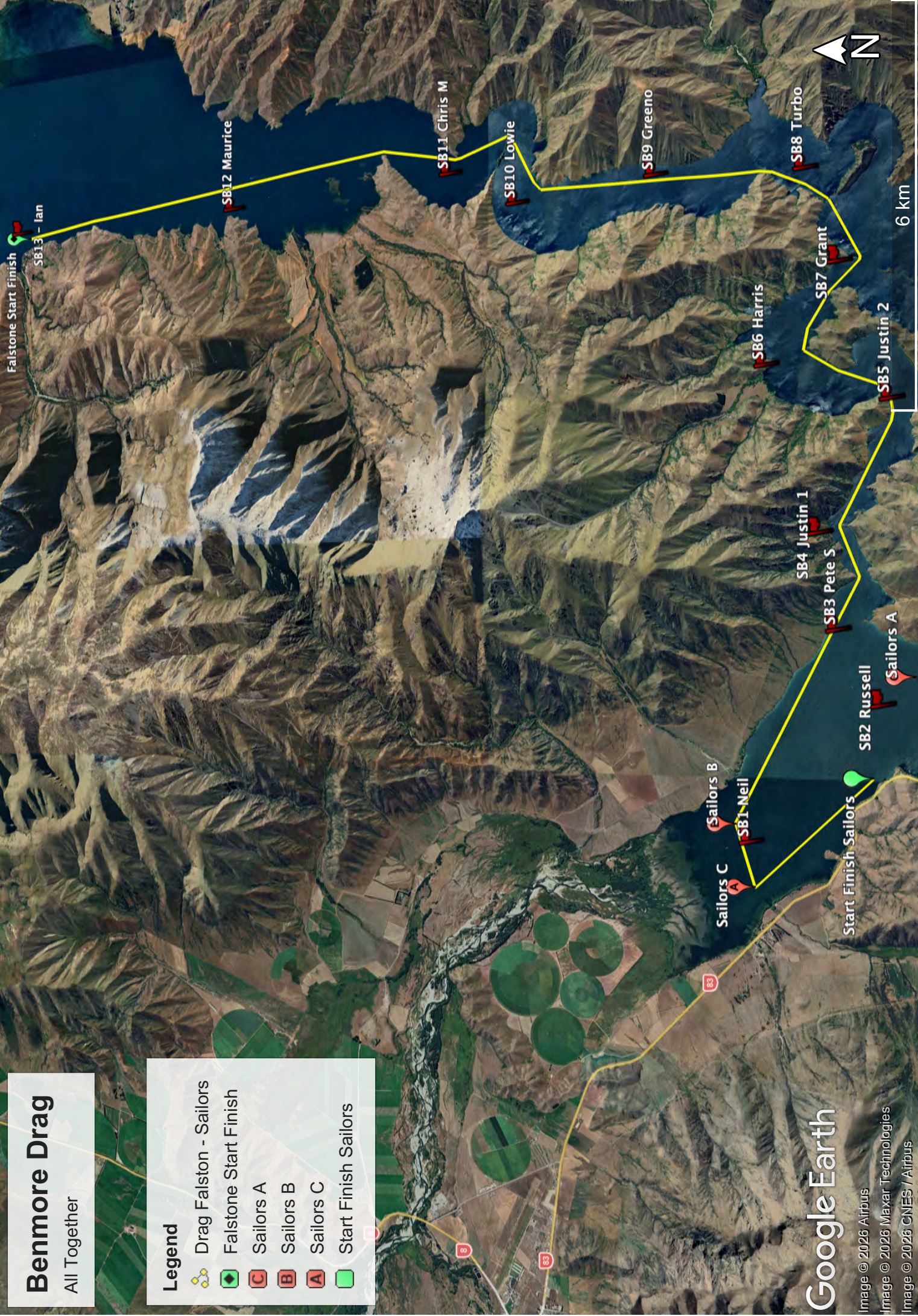
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Benmore Drag

All Together

Legend

- Drag Falston - Sailors
- Falstone Start Finish
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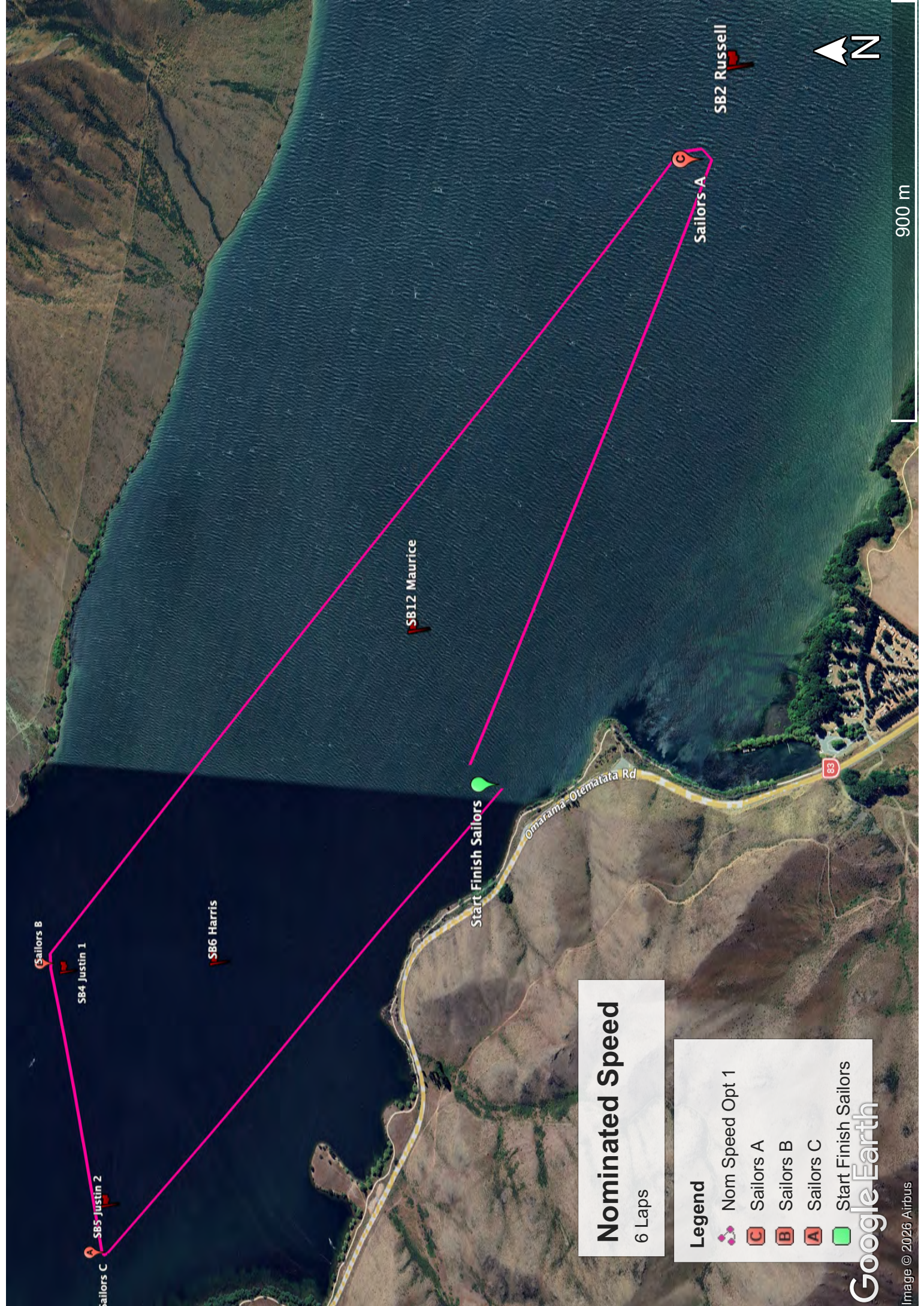


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


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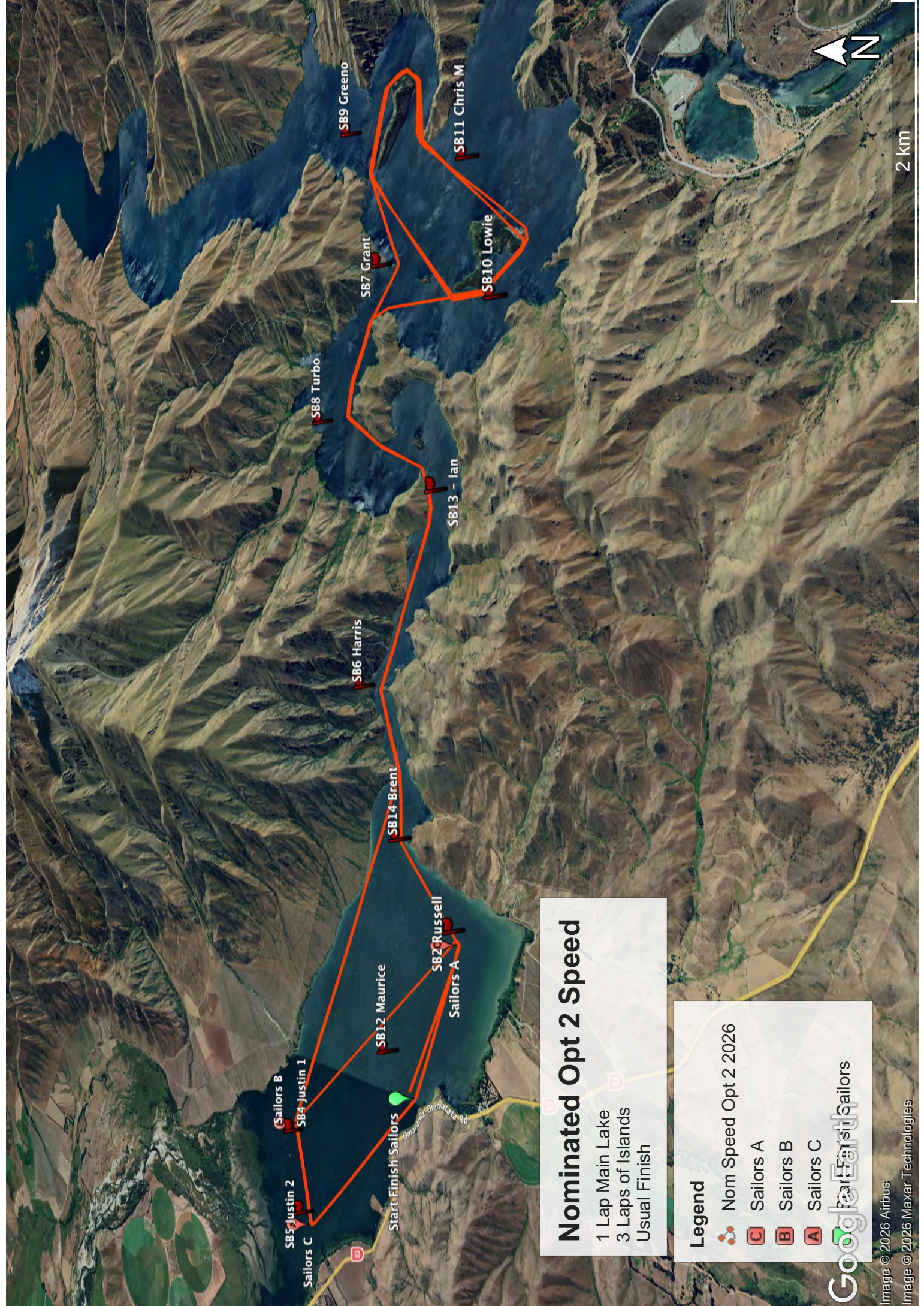


Nominated Speed

6 Laps

Legend

-  Nom Speed Opt 1
-  Sailors A
-  Sailors B
-  Sailors C
-  Start Finish Sailors



Nominated Opt 2 Speed

- 1 Lap Main Lake
- 3 Laps of Islands
- Usual Finish

Legend

- Nom Speed Opt 2 2026
- Sailors A
- Sailors B
- Sailors C

Google Earth Sailors

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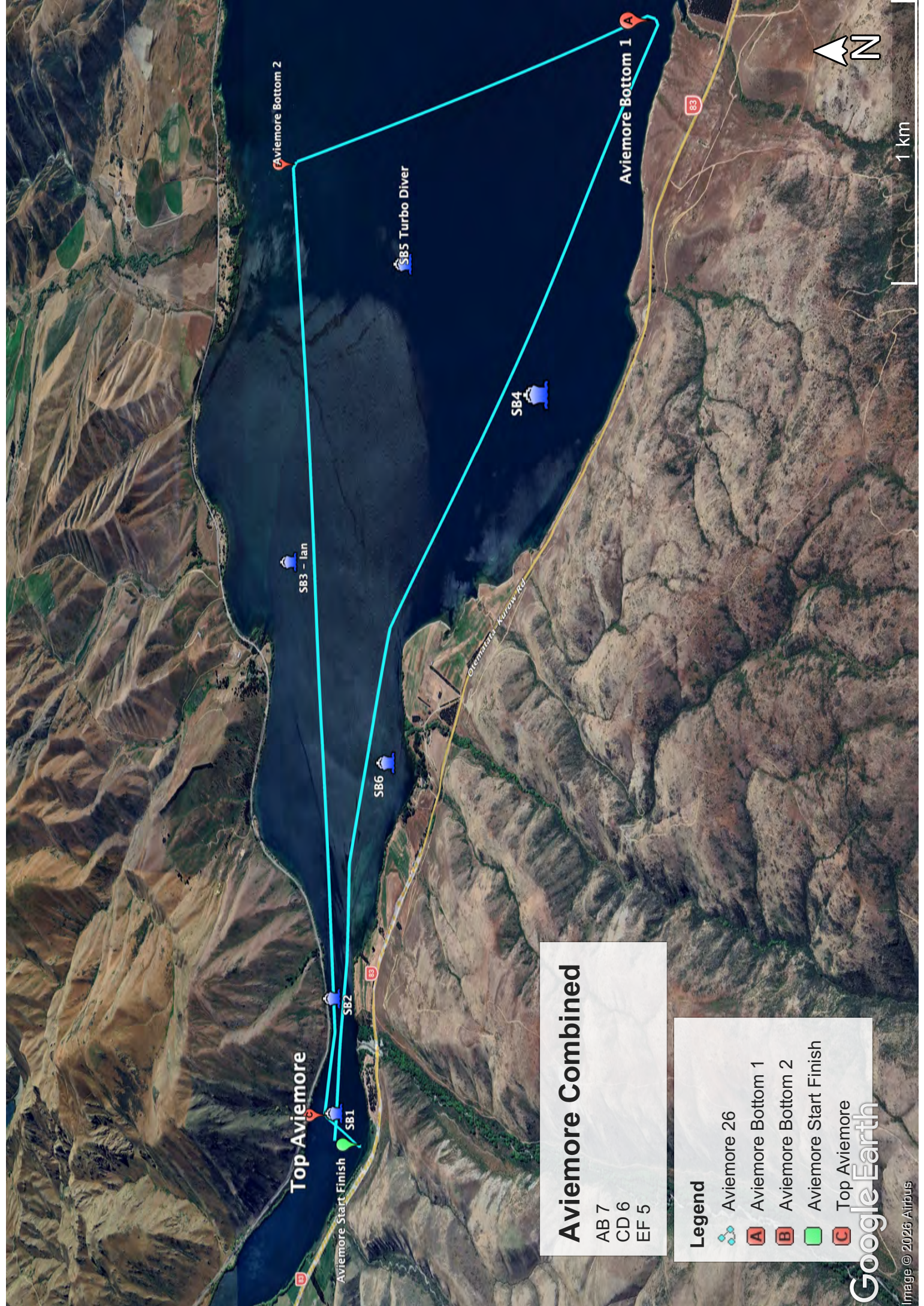
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_____ <i>Signature & Date</i>	_____ <i>Signature & Date</i>



Aviemore Combined

- AB 7
- CD 6
- EF 5

Legend

- Aviemore 26
- Aviemore Bottom 1
- Aviemore Bottom 2
- Aviemore Start Finish
- Top Aviemore

Poker Run Area

Find 6 Clues to collect 6 cards
A card for each correct answer
Put forward your best hand
Cards Dealt at prizegiving with each correct answer
Best Costume Prizes

Legend

- Aviemore 26
- Full Lap - Nom Speed
- Poker Run Space



2 km