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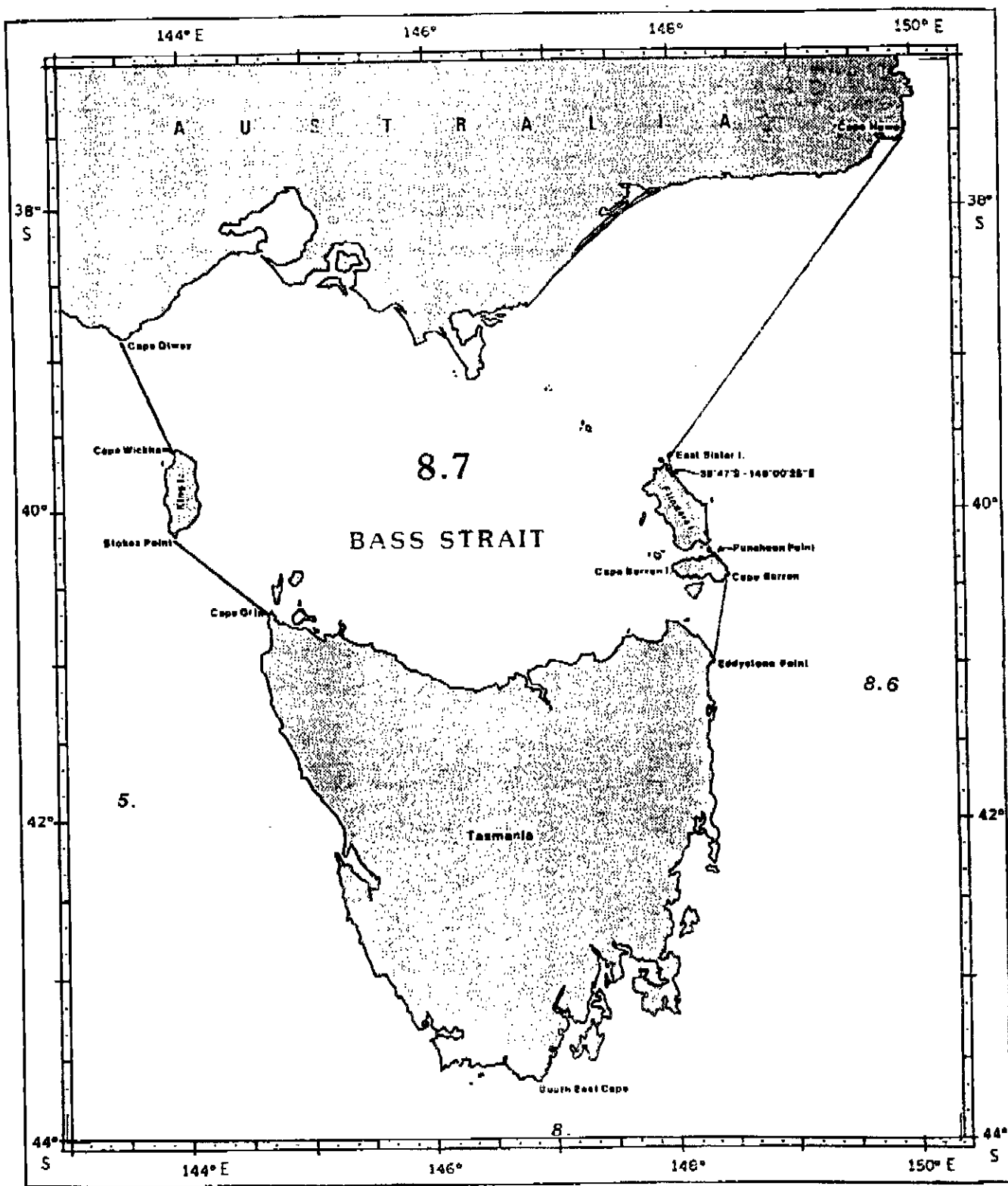
As requested by phone today, here is the official definition of Bass Strait from the International Hydrographic Organization.

Your premise that most of the route is in the Tasman Sea would appear correct.

Regards

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### BASS STRAIT



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## 8.7 BASS STRAIT

The limits of the Bass Strait, situated between the southeastern coast of Australia and the northern coast of Tasmania, and linking the Indian Ocean with the Tasman Sea, are the following :

*On the North :*

The southeastern coast of Australia, from Cape Otway ( $38^{\circ}51'30''\text{S} - 143^{\circ}30'40''\text{E}$ ) eastward to Cape Howe ( $37^{\circ}30'15''\text{S} - 149^{\circ}58'40''\text{E}$ ).

*On the East :*

A line joining Cape Howe southwestward to the eastern extremity of East Sister Island ( $39^{\circ}39'\text{S} - 148^{\circ}00'25''\text{E}$ ), and southward to position  $39^{\circ}47'\text{S} - 148^{\circ}00'25''\text{E}$ , on the northeastern coast of Flinders Island ;  
thence from this position southeastward, through this island, to the southeastern extremity thereof ( $40^{\circ}12'15''\text{S} - 148^{\circ}20'\text{E}$ ) ;  
thence a line joining the southeastern extremity of Flinders Island southward to Puncheon Point ( $40^{\circ}17'30''\text{S} - 148^{\circ}20'\text{E}$ ), the northern extremity of Cape Barren Island ;  
thence from Puncheon Point southeastward, through this island, to Cape Barren ( $40^{\circ}26'15''\text{S} - 148^{\circ}29'\text{E}$ ), the eastern extremity thereof ;  
and thence a line joining Cape Barren southward to Eddystone Point ( $40^{\circ}59'30''\text{S} - 148^{\circ}20'40''\text{E}$ ), the northeastern extremity of Tasmania (*the common limit with the Tasman Sea, see 8.6*).

*On the South :*

The northern coast of Tasmania, from Eddystone Point westward to Cape Grim ( $40^{\circ}40'50''\text{S} - 144^{\circ}41'\text{E}$ ).

*On the West :*

A line joining Cape Grim, on the northwestern coast of Tasmania, northwestward to Stokes Point ( $40^{\circ}09'20''\text{S} - 143^{\circ}55'24''\text{E}$ ), the southern extremity of King Island ;  
thence from Stokes Point northward, along the eastern coast of this island, to Cape Wickham ( $39^{\circ}35'\text{S} - 143^{\circ}57'\text{E}$ ), the northern extremity thereof ;  
and thence a line joining Cape Wickham northwestward to Cape Otway ( $38^{\circ}51'30''\text{S} - 143^{\circ}30'40''\text{E}$ ), on the southeastern coast of Australia (*the common limit with the Indian Ocean, see 5*).