

# Saildrone – Mission

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Saildrones are wind powered Unmanned Surface Vehicles (USVs) being used by CSIRO to support ocean and marine research. The USV are controlled remotely, with missions preprogramed. The location of a USV can be altered via satellite communication.

This plan provides key information to the public on the purpose of the mission and the saildrones location.

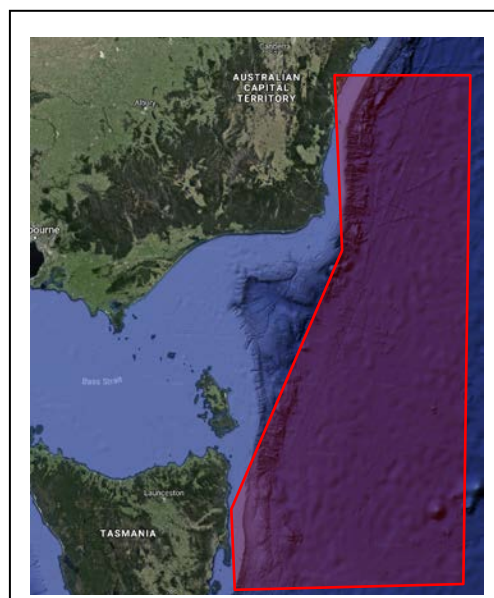
## Mission title: Continental shelf trials (sd2018\_v2)

### Mission Purpose:

Deployment of the saildrones along the east part of Bass Strait to evaluate performance in heavy seas and deep water.

**Mission Duration:** 60 days

**Departure Date & Target Location:** May 1, 2018 ex Hobart operating along the east end of Bass Strait



**If you see a saildrone, please remain more than 500m away from the systems.  
Saildrones should only be recovered by authorised personnel.**

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