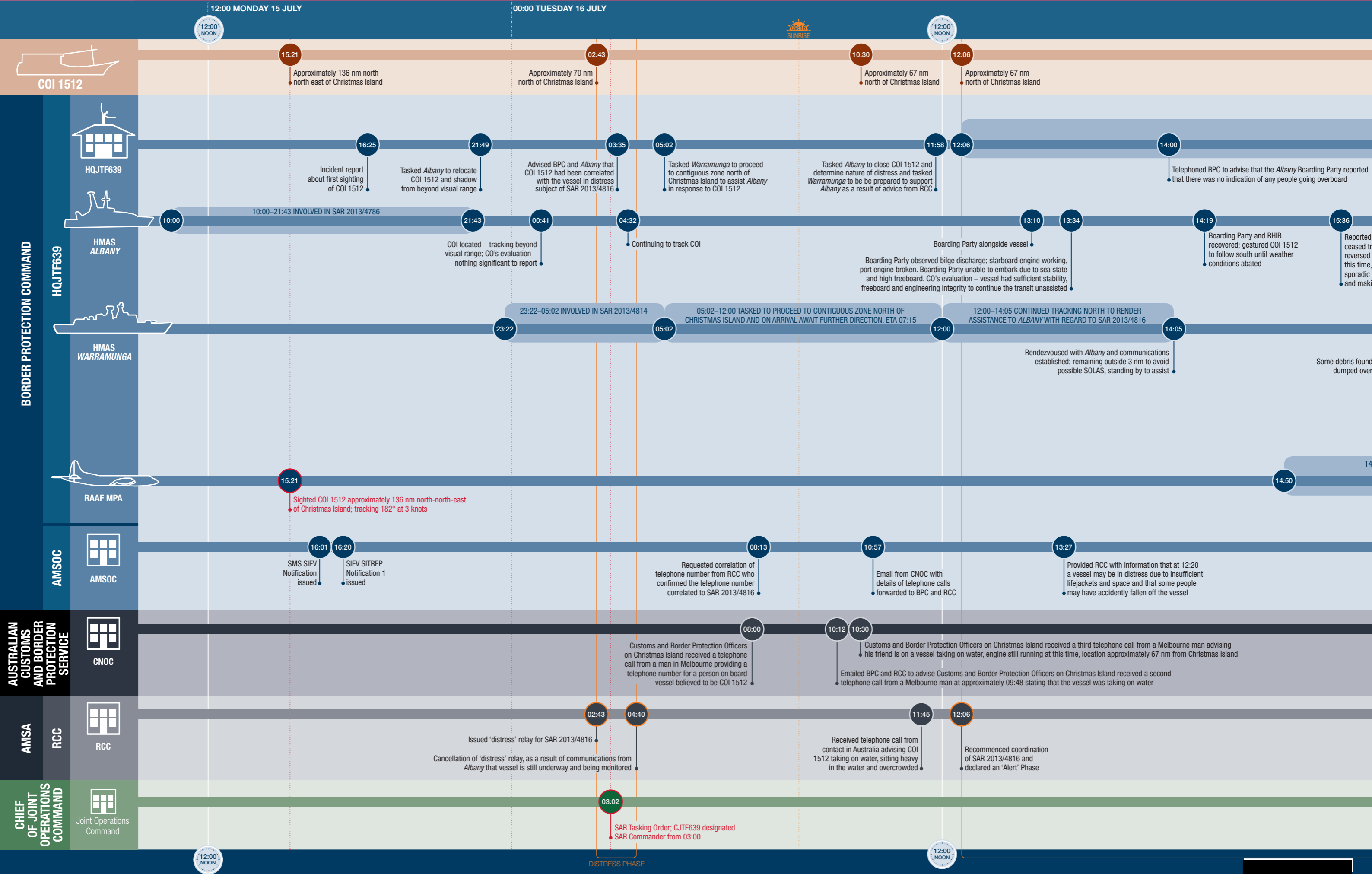


Key events timeline SAR 2013/4816

15 July 2013
to 13:35 17 July 2013

NOTE: Times are displayed as Australian Eastern Standard Time





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| AMSOC | Australian Maritime Security Operations Centre |
| BPC | Border Protection Command |
| CNOC | Customs National Operations Centre |
| COI | Contact of interest |
| ETA | Estimated time of arrival |

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| HMAS | Her Majesty's Australian Ship |
| HQJTF639 | Head Quarters Joint Task Force 639 |
| MV | Merchant vessel |
| nm | Nautical mile |
| PIIs | Potential irregular immigrants |

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| POB | Persons on board |
| RAAF MPA | Royal Australian Air Force Maritime Patrol Aircraft |
| RCC | Rescue coordination centre |
| RHIB | Rigid-hulled inflatable boat |
| SAR | Search and rescue |

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| SIEV | Suspect illegal entry vessel |
| SITREP | Situation report |
| SOLAS | Safety of life at sea |

00:00 WEDNESDAY 17 JULY



18:02

Listing to starboard, approximately 65 nm north of Christmas Island

18:41

Capsized, approximately 65 nm north of Christmas Island

12:06–21:39 COORDINATION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO SAR 2013/4816

Party reported overboard

21:12 21:31 21:39 22:12
Advised to question crew about number of POB
Three crew recovered to *Albany*, questioning of crew indicated likely 135–150 POB
Reported to BPC that *Albany* was carrying two deceased adult females – not wearing lifejackets

15:36

Reported that COI 1512 had ceased trailing her so *Albany* reversed course to investigate. At this time, the vessel's course was sporadic but it was still underway and making way

18:00

Reported three people in the water; launched RHIB to recover
Reported four people in the water recovered; a further eight in the water

18:15

Launched two x 25 person liferafts and second RHIB

18:40

Reported COI was beginning to capsize

05:02–06:06

Transfer of SAR 2013/4816 survivors and two deceased to other government agencies on Christmas Island

15:51–17:59 PROVIDE SURFACE RESPONSE TO SEARCH FOR POSSIBLE PEOPLE OVERBOARD

18:30–18:44 ARRIVED ON-SCENE AND LAUNCHED ALL THREE RHIBS

15:51

Debris found, likely to be that dumped overboard by the COI

16:03

Tasked to cease searching for possible people overboard and to proceed to *Albany's* position. ETA 18:30

17:59

Advised HQJTF639 that it was closing at best speed to assist with recovery operations

18:20

Reported *Albany* RHIB recovering people from vicinity of COI and *Warramunga* RHIBs recovering people to liferafts
Reported recovering a 6–10 month old baby non-responsive; CPR performed; baby resumed shallow breathing after two minutes – recovered to *Warramunga*

18:30

Launched two x 25 person liferafts

18:44

Reported recovering people to liferafts

18:46

Reported recovering a 6–10 month old baby non-responsive; CPR performed; baby resumed shallow breathing after two minutes – recovered to *Warramunga*

18:55

Reported recovering people to liferafts

19:03

Reported recovering people to liferafts

19:10

Reported recovering people to liferafts

19:22

Reported recovering people to liferafts

19:41

Reported recovering people to liferafts

19:50

Reported recovering people to liferafts

20:48

Recovery of liferafts complete
Total 148 (144 people and 4 deceased)
Later reassessed to be 150 (146 people and 4 deceased)

Recovery of two deceased adult males – not wearing lifejackets
Reported surface search did not identify any more survivors in the water
Reported all responsive people had been recovered from the water; intention to recover people in liferafts to *Warramunga* and *Albany*. RAAF MPA to conduct sweep to check for further survivors in the water
Reported 4–5 non responsive people in the water

Transfer of SAR 2013/4816 survivors and two deceased to other Government agencies on Christmas Island

11:10

12:10

14:50–18:15 SEARCHED FOR POSSIBLE PEOPLE OVERBOARD

18:15–20:19 TASKED TO PROVIDE AERIAL ASSISTANCE TO *ALBANY* TO LOCATE PEOPLE IN THE WATER

18:15

18:51

Deployed two x 8 person liferafts

20:19

Off station after completing full sweep of area; final search reports nil survivors or bodies in the water

18:40

Triton tasked to proceed to the vicinity of incident

19:04

Details for MV *Westerbrook* passed to RCC. RCC advised they will not use the vessel at this time

21:12

Triton no longer required

22:08

Confirmed with HQJTF639 a night transfer at Christmas Island had been arranged with CNOC

19:30

Distress relay 'mayday' issued

21:39

Cancellation of distress relay 'mayday'; SAR operations complete

07:14

Confirmed that at the completion of offload of survivors from *Warramunga* there will be no further requirement for military assistance for SAR 2013/4816

13:35

Cease Order for SAR 2013/4816

ALERT PHASE

MAYDAY

