

Naval Battle
Off Samar and the Suriago Straits
25 October 1944

SHO 1

Fifth Fleet, First Strike Force, Main Body Vice Admiral Kurita
Force "A" (Northern Force)

IJN Yamato (BB)
IJN Musashi (BB)
IJN Nagato (BB)
IJN Atago (CA)
IJN Chokai (CA)
IJN Maya (CA)
IJN Myoko (CA)
IJN Haguro (CA)
IJN Noshiro (CL)
IJN Kishinami (DD)
IJN Okinami (DD)
IJN Haginami (DD)
IJN Asashimo (DD)
IJN Akishimo (DD)
IJN Hamanami (DD)
IJN Fujinami (DD)
IJN Shimakaze (DD)
IJN Hayashimo (DD)

Force "B" (Northern Force)

IJN Kongo (BB)
IJN Haruna (BB)
IJN Kumano (CA)
IJN Suzuya (CA)
IJN Chikuma (CA)
IJN Tone (CA)
IJN Yahagi (CL)
IJN Nowaki (DD)
IJN Kiyoshimo (DD)
IJN Urakaze (DD)
IJN Yukikaze (DD)
IJN Hamakaze (DD)
IJN Isokaze (DD)

Force "C" (Southern Force): Vice Admiral Nishimura

IJN Yamashiro (BB)
IJN Fuso (BB)
IJN Mogami (CA)
IJN Shigure (DD)
IJN Michishio (DD)
IJN Yamagumo (DD)
IJN Asagumo (DD)

Attached to Force "C": Vice Admiral Shima

IJN Nachi (CA)
IJN Ashigara (CA)
IJN Abukuma (CL)
IJN Akebono (DD)
IJN Ushio (DD)
IJN Kasumi (DD)

IJN Shiranuhi (DD)
IJN Wakabe (DD)
IJN Hatsushimo (DD)
IJN Hatsuharu (DD)

Southern Area Guard Force, Transport Force: Vice Admiral Sakonju

IJN Aoba (CA)
IJN Kinu (CL)
IJN Uranami (DD)

4 Destroyer Transports

Moble Force, Strike Force: Vice Admiral Ozawa

IJN Zuikaku (CV)
IJN Zuiho (CVL)
IJN Chitose (CVL)
IJN Chiyoda (CVL)
IJN Ise (BB/CV)
IJN Hyuga (BB/CV)
IJN Oyoda (CL)
IJN Tama (CL)
IJN Isuzu (CL)
IJN Maki (DD)
IJN Sugi (DD)
IJN Kiri (DD)
IJN Kuwa (DD)
IJN Hatsuzuki (DD)
IJN Akitsuki (DD)
IJN Wakatsuki (DD)
IJN Shimotsuki (DD)

Supply Force:

IJN Akikaze (DD)
2 tankers
6 escort vessels

American Forces:

3rd Fleet: Admiral Halsey

TG 38.1

2 Heavy carriers
2 Light carriers
3 Heavy cruisers
14 Destroyers

TG 38.2

3 Heavy carriers
2 Light carriers
2 Battleships
4 Light cruisers
18 Destroyers

TG 38.3:

2 Heavy carriers
2 Light carriers
4 Battleships
4 Light cruisers
14 Destroyers

TG 38.4:

2 Heavy carriers
2 Light carriers

1 Heavy cruiser
1 Light cruiser
11 Destroyers
Battleline (drawn from TG 3812, 38.3, & 38.4)
6 Battleships, plus miscellaneous cruisers and destroyers

7th Fleet Escort Carrier Group, TG 77.4 Rear Admiral Sprague

Taffy 1 (TU 77.4.1)

6 Escort carriers (CVE)
3 Destroyers (DD)
5 Destroyer escorts (DE)

Taffy 2 (TU 77.4.1)

6 Escort carriers (CVE)
3 Destroyers (DD)
5 Destroyer escorts (DE)

Taffy 3 (TU 77.4.3)

6 Escort carriers (CVE)
3 Destroyers (DD)
4 Destroyer escorts (DE)

Battleline at Suriago Strait: Rear Admiral Oldendorf

6 Old Battleships (5 recovered from Pearl Harbor)
3 Heavy cruisers
5 Light cruisers
29 Destroyers
45 PT boats

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