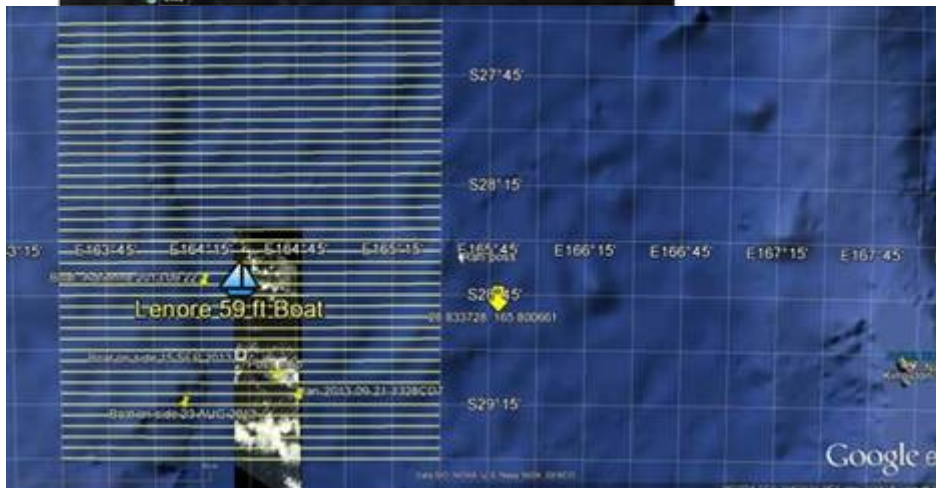
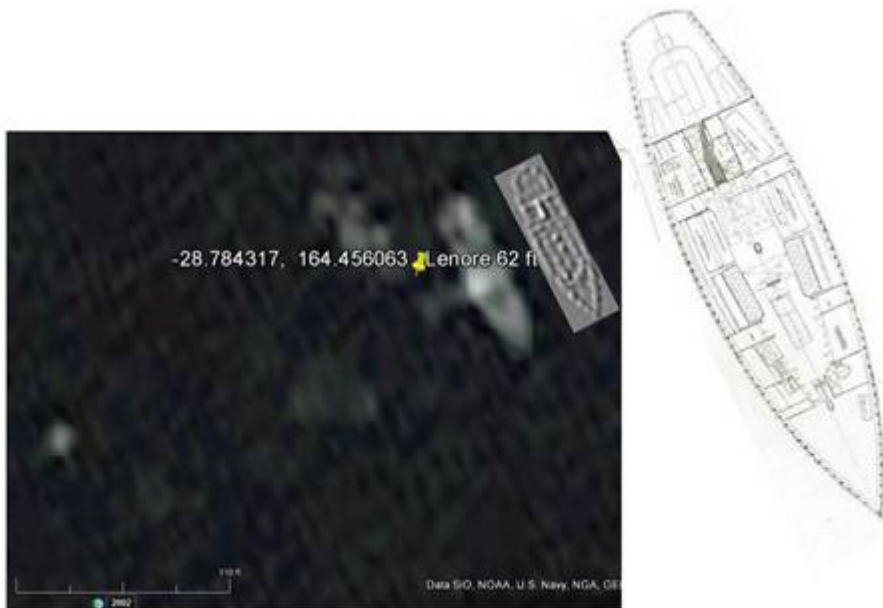


# Find the Nina weekly update, Sept. 26, 2013

## IMPORTANT

We have spent the past 10-days searching with airplanes and still no luck, but we have a couple of solid targets. The searching has almost exhausted our funding; therefore, we need to pull back from “general” searching and do more “spot searching” reacting to solid Tomnod finds. This means our searching of Tomnod maps now becomes the main focus for finding the Nina, and we must increase the pace. In addition, we need to be more selective in possible target identification and only send in sightings that clearly reflect the size and structure of the Nina. Below is an image from our number 1 search target right now. Note the satellite image is blurry as it is zoomed to 200%, but I have overlaid a scale of the Nina next to the target and I’ve included a line drawing of the Nina showing location of the rear cabin, twin masts and shape of bow and stern. This is the level of definition needed. The map to the right is our actual search plan to locate this target.



**Note about Life rafts.** We get more possible life raft sightings than boat sightings and we take each on seriously. However, we know the Nina crew would **NEVER** abandon the vessel unless it absolutely sunk under them. The Nina is a wooden vessel with a “self-righting” hull design, so we do not think she has sunk, she is simply without sails and power and adrift in the circulating waters of the Tasman Sea. As you review Tomnod maps and think you see a life raft, make sure it matches what the Nina carried. Her life raft is a Revere: 8 person Ocean Lifer, approx. 8.5 feet long and 6.0 feet wide. See the following image.



### **The petition to Dept. of State: John Kerry**

Our petition to the U.S. Dept. of State and John Kerry now has over 1,300 signatures and growing daily. The plan is for Ricky Wright, father of Nina crew member 19-year old Danielle Wright, 3 others who were stranded at sea for months - with the most notable being John Glennie, who has the longest survival record of 119 days lost at sea, as well as others from the boating community and concerned citizens, will travel to Washington, D.C. and personally deliver the petition on behalf of all the Nina families. The exact date is TBD, but we encourage everyone in the D.C. area to join Ricky and voice your concerns.

### **Social Media Initiatives**

We have to be more visible on social media and need your help in getting our messages out and applying pressure to the U.S. government; therefore, we have several concurrent social media campaigns. Please encourage people to cooperate with us and post these activities on Facebook.

- **Twitter Campaign.** Go to <https://twitter.com/search-home> and open or create a Twitter account. Then follow all tweets with the #ninarescue and #s7s hash tags and start following anyone who tweets with these hash tags #ninarescue, #s7s. When a tweet comes through with either of these has tags, RETWEET, so we go as far as we can.

Here are some example tweets to get you started:

- Save 7 Sailors [#ninarescue](#), Please sign petition <http://tinyurl.com/sailnina> U COUNT![@StateDept](#) [@ABC](#) Ask John Kerry For Leadership.
- Crew on [#ninarescue](#) need help! Life or death! Ask [@StateDept](#) 2 support [#rescue](#) Please sign petition <http://tinyurl.com/sailnina> [@washingtonpost](#)
- All Is Lost Redford Film but LOST is not alone [#ninarescue](#) save 7 sailors [#s7s](#) [@AllIsLostFilm](#) [@StateDept](#) [@foxnews](#)

If we can get enough tweets and retweets, we can lead in the trending numbers and draw MEDIA ATTENTION. Many media organizations and elected officials follow these trends so let's give them something to follow and act upon!

- **Thunderclap.** This is a new social media site. Please register at thunderclap using this link: <http://thndr.it/18PehpX> We need 92 more people to sign up to qualify.
- **Call in days.** We will be announcing call in days asking people to call the secretary of state. Please participate. We will send specific instructions when we post the times.

### For the Smartphone Viewers

My tired old eyes can barely make out Tomnod images on my 24-inch monitor, so congrats to all of you who can review maps on your Smartphone. Note that something has changed with the Tomnod mobile viewing and neither iOS or Droid display the URL address and Tomnod map number. I learned to turn my iPhone sideways and tap on the Tomnod.com in the address bar and it will show the map number, so please record this number if you are sending in a screen shot of a sighting. Also the 2-finger zoom does not work. I have to save my screen image (press the home and power buttons at the same time) and it saves my screenshot to my gallery. Once in my gallery I can zoom in and move around, etc.

### What are these items we see on the Tomnod maps?

There are literally millions of items floating in the Tasman Sea and of course many of them show up on the satellite images. Here are just a few of the things our air crews typically encounter.

**Floating Debris.** Tomnod maps 631521 is a good example of trash that has joined together to give the appearance of something larger.



**Floating Fishing Nets.** Free floating fishing nets are an extreme maritime hazard. But also show up on satellite images.



**Lost at Sea Shipping Containers.** There are numerous reports of cargo containers lost at sea.





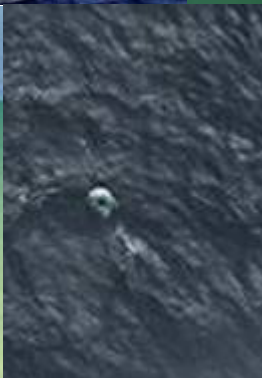
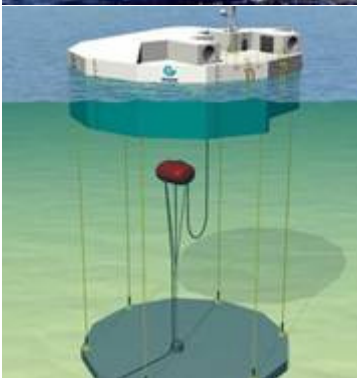
**Naval Warship Exercises.** July 14 through Aug. 6, the U.S. Navy and New Zealand Navy conducted Talisman Sabre 2013 bilateral exercises in the Coral and North Tasman Seas – of course they blew up stuff and left it floating.



**There is Aquatic life in the Tasman Sea. Alive and dead!**



**Free Floating Sea Buoys.** There are many free floating buoys in the Tasman. They monitor earthquakes, sea environments, and drift patterns.



**All Sorts of Floating Things.** Many of these are mistaken for life rafts.



**New meaning to the word “Poop Deck.”** Ships can legally discharge their bilges and raw sewage into the sea. It all clumps together to form a floating debris island.



**And just when we thought we saw it all . . . now strange shaped “Super Yachts” are showing up in Auckland!**



Thank you for all your hard work. New Tomnod maps are posted every few days and I believe the most recent are dated Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>.

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