

8 May 1942 Battle of Coral Sea



Fresh from their successes in the Indian Ocean, the Japanese decided to extend their defensive perimeter outwards from their main forward base of Rabaul, in New Britain. Accordingly, they put together two invasion forces, while simultaneously, a powerful screening force was sent to prevent any interference from Allied naval forces. As it turned out, the carriers Lexington and Yorktown were in the Coral Sea, the Americans having been alerted to the likelihood of such a Japanese move by



radio intelligence. What followed was the first true carrier versus carrier battle.

The players can withdraw ships from the battle at the beginning of the Sea Movement phase if they are at the far left (Axis) or far right (Allies) side and there is no non-crippled enemy ship within range 3.

Fletcher

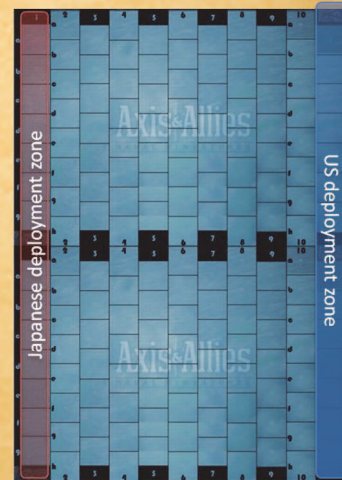


- 4x PBV Catalina
- 1x Saratoga (Lexington, with 1x Wildcat, 1x Dauntless and 1x Devastator)
- 1x Yorktown (with 1x Wildcat, 1x Dauntless and 1x Devastator)
- 4x Fletcher (Morris, Anderson, Hammann, Russell)
- 5x San Francisco (Minneapolis, New Orleans, Astoria, Portland, Chester, Chicago)
- 1x Phelps
- 5x Laffey (Walke, Farragut, Dewey, Aylwin, Monaghan)
- 1x Hoel (Perkins)
- 1x HMAS Australia
- 1x HMAS Sydney (Hobart)

Shigeyoshi



- 1x Shokaku (with 1x Zeke, 1x Val, 1x Kate)
- 1x Zuikaku (with 1x Zeke, 1x Val, 1x Kate)
- 1x Shoho (with 1x Zeke)
- 2x Myoko (Myoko, Haguro)
- 4x Aoba (Aoba, Kinugasa, Furutaka, Kako)
- 3x Yahagi (Yubari, Tenryu, Tatsuta)
- 7x Yukikaze (Shigure, Shiratsuyu, Yugure, Ariake, Ushio, Akebono, Sazanami)
- 7x Shigure (Oite, Asanagi, Mutsuki, Mochizuki,



side	outcome	outcome pts	+ enemy pts sunk	- enemy pts withdrawn	Total score
Allies	Sink or force all enemy ships to withdraw from the battle	450			
Axis	Sink or force all enemy ships to withdraw from the battle	350			