SGL star party

Observing galaxies – the brightest ones

Are you interested in observing some galaxies at the SGL star party. Then this is for you regardless of the telescope / binoculars you have brought with you.

Firstly you need to have a list of areas of the sky which are well placed at different points of the evening.

The skies are dark enough to observe from 7.30pm although the skies are not fully dark until 8pm. I have only gone up to 1.30pm as I know that realistically that is when most turn in for the night.

Then you need a list of the brightest galaxies.

Time	Suggested constellations to observe	Suggested 50mm binocular targets
7.30 to 9pm Early evening	Andromeda Triangulum Camelopardalis	1. M31 / AND / 3 2. M32 / AND / 8 3. M110 / AND / 8 4. M33 / TRI / 5 5. NGC 2403 / CAM / 8
9pm to 10.30pm Mid evening	Ursa Major Canes Venatici Sextans	6. M81 / UMA / 6 7. M82 / UMA / 8 8. M108 / UMA / 10 9. M109 UMA / 9 10. M101 / UMA / 7 11. M106 / CVN / 8 12. M51 / CVN / 8 13. M94 / CVN / 8 14. M63 / CVN / 8 15. NGC 3115 / SEX / 8
10.30pm to Midnight Late evening	Leo Coma Berenices	16. M95 / LEO 9 17. M96 LEO 9 18. M105 / LEO 9 19. NGC 3384 / LEO 9 20. M65 LEO 6 21. M66 LEO 8 22. M88 / COM / 9 23. M64 / COM / 8
Midnight to 1.30am After midnight.	Virgo Hydras back end	24. M84 / VIR / 9 25. M86 / VIR / 8 26. M87 / VIR / 8 27. M60 / VIR / 8 28. M49 / VIR / 8 29. M104 / VIR / 8 30. M83 / HYA / 7

Now you just need some maps..

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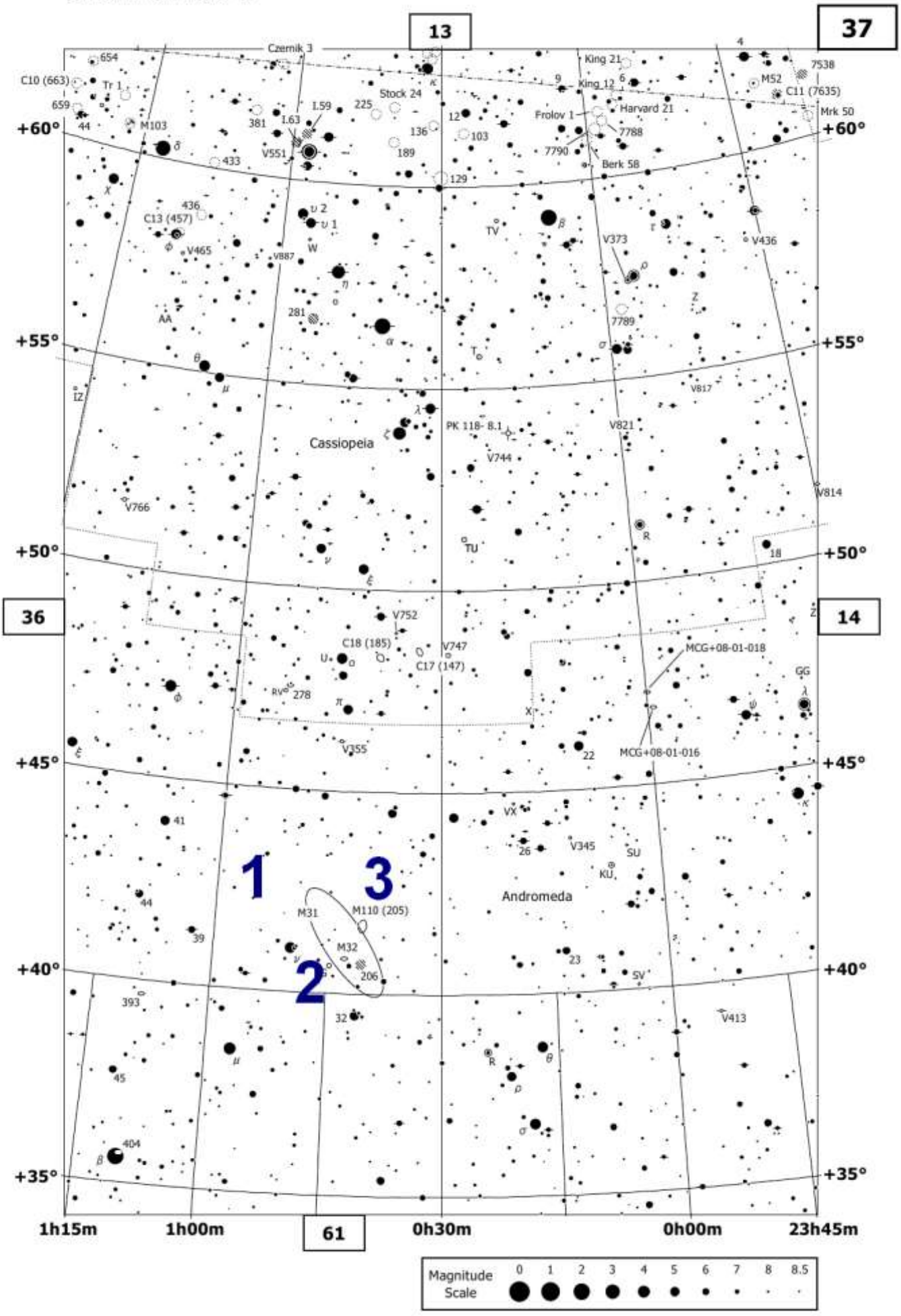

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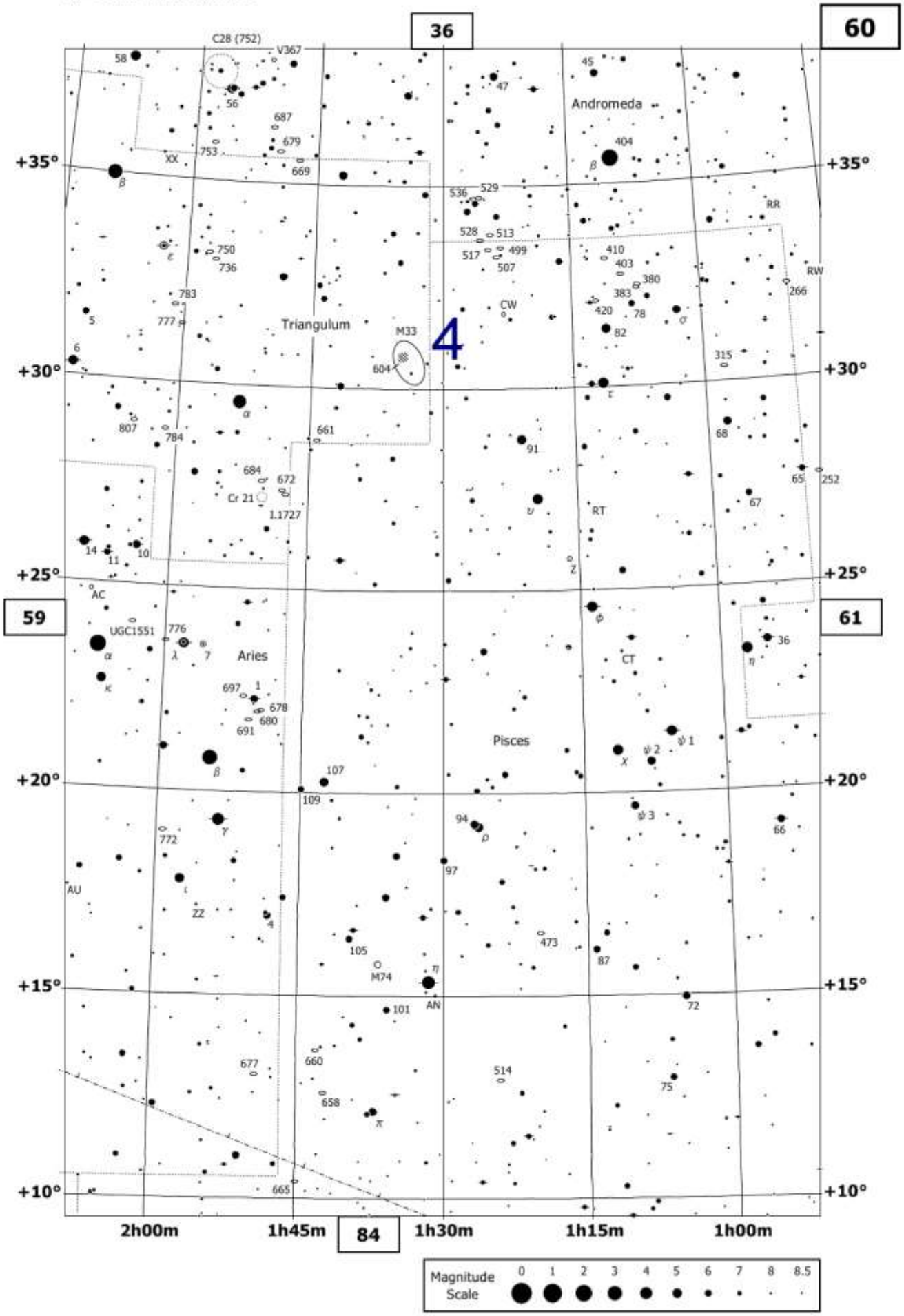

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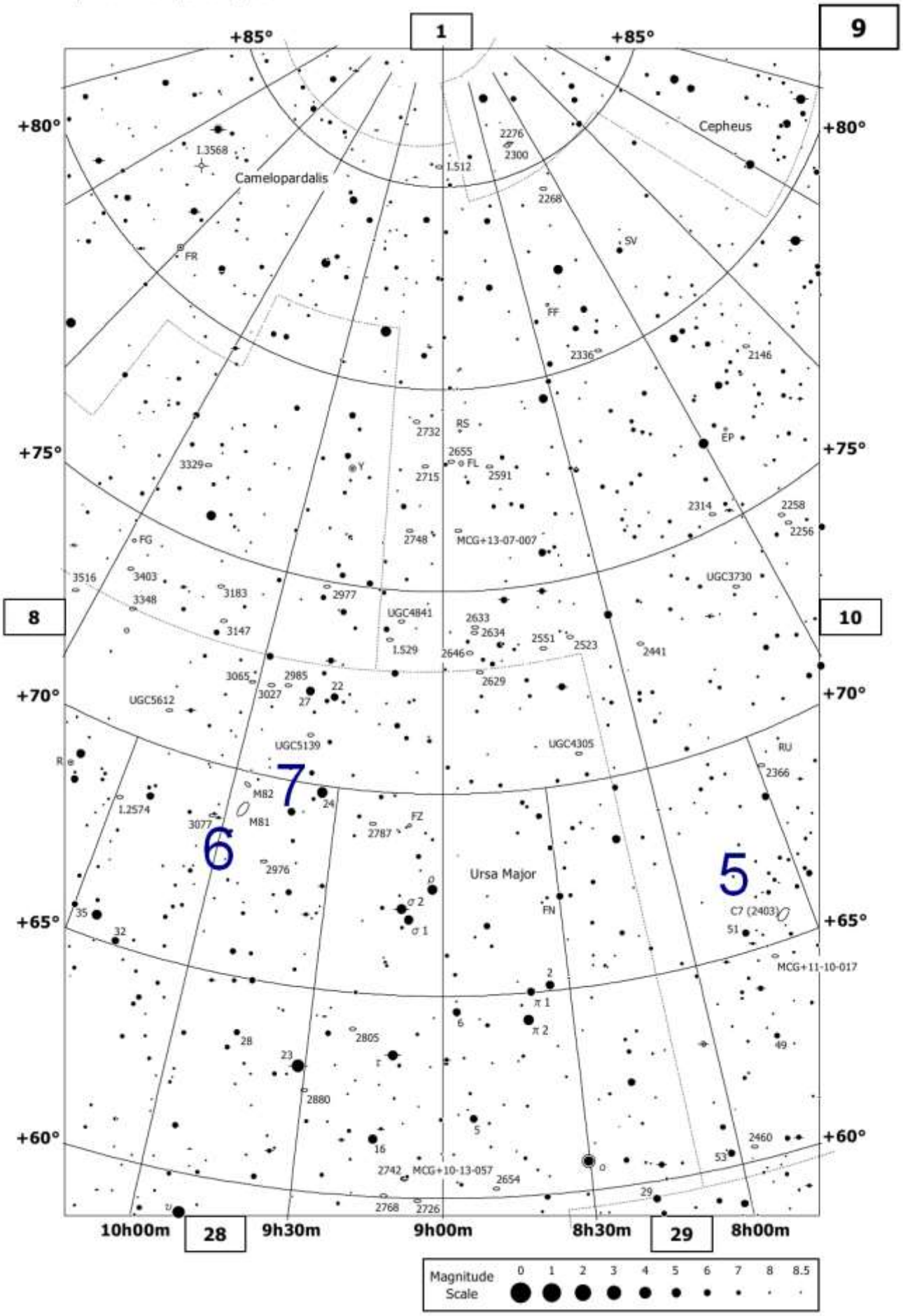

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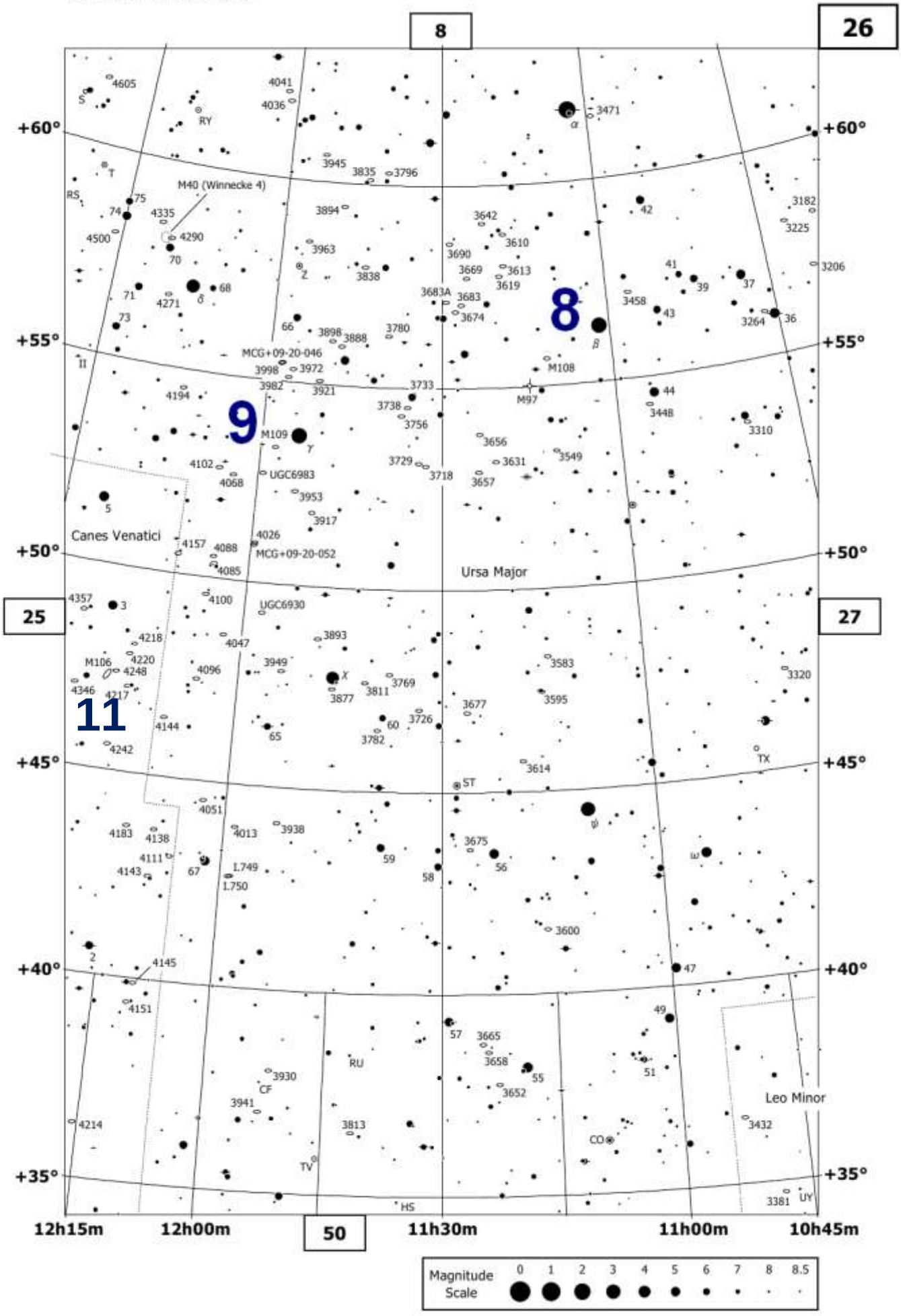

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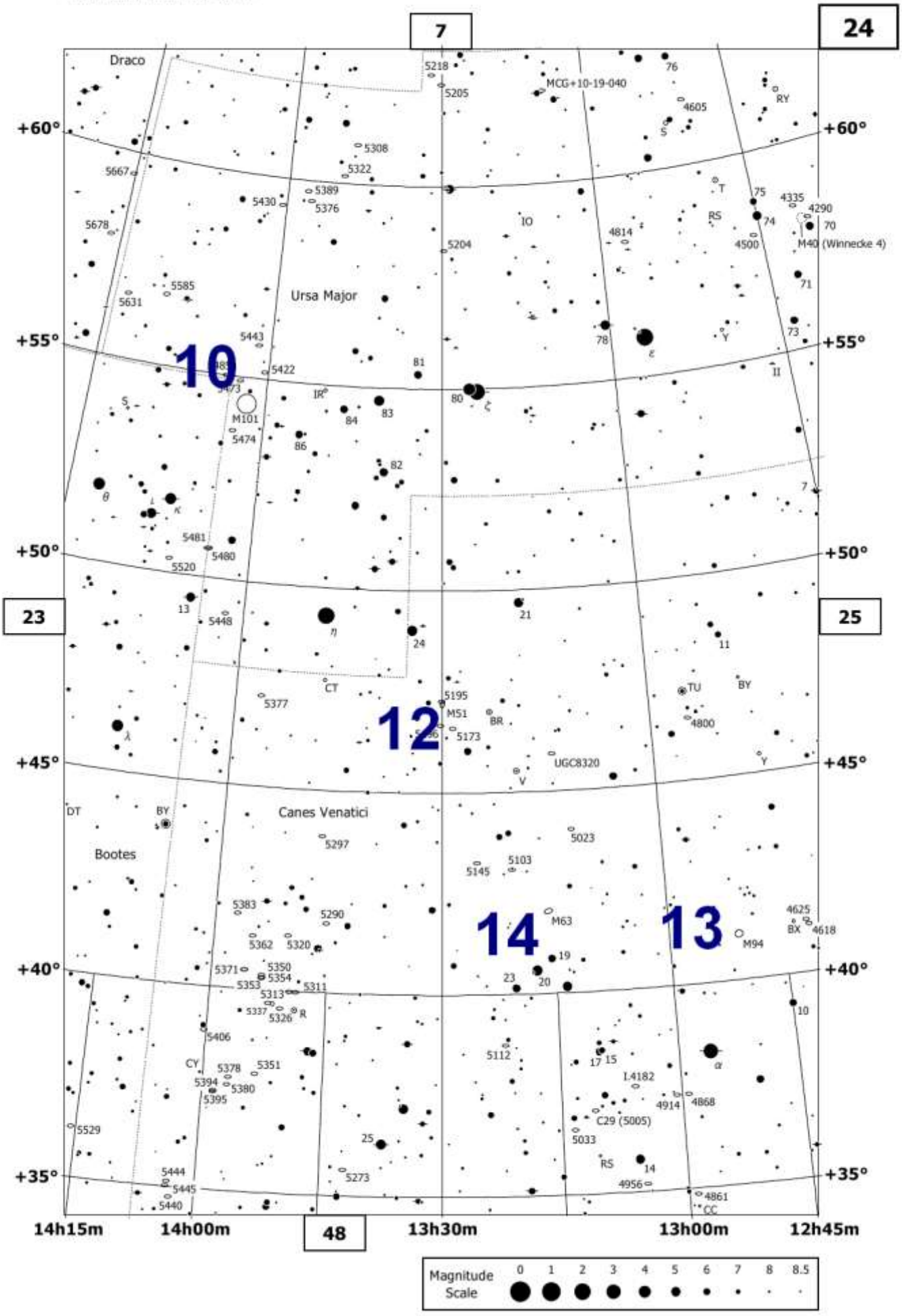

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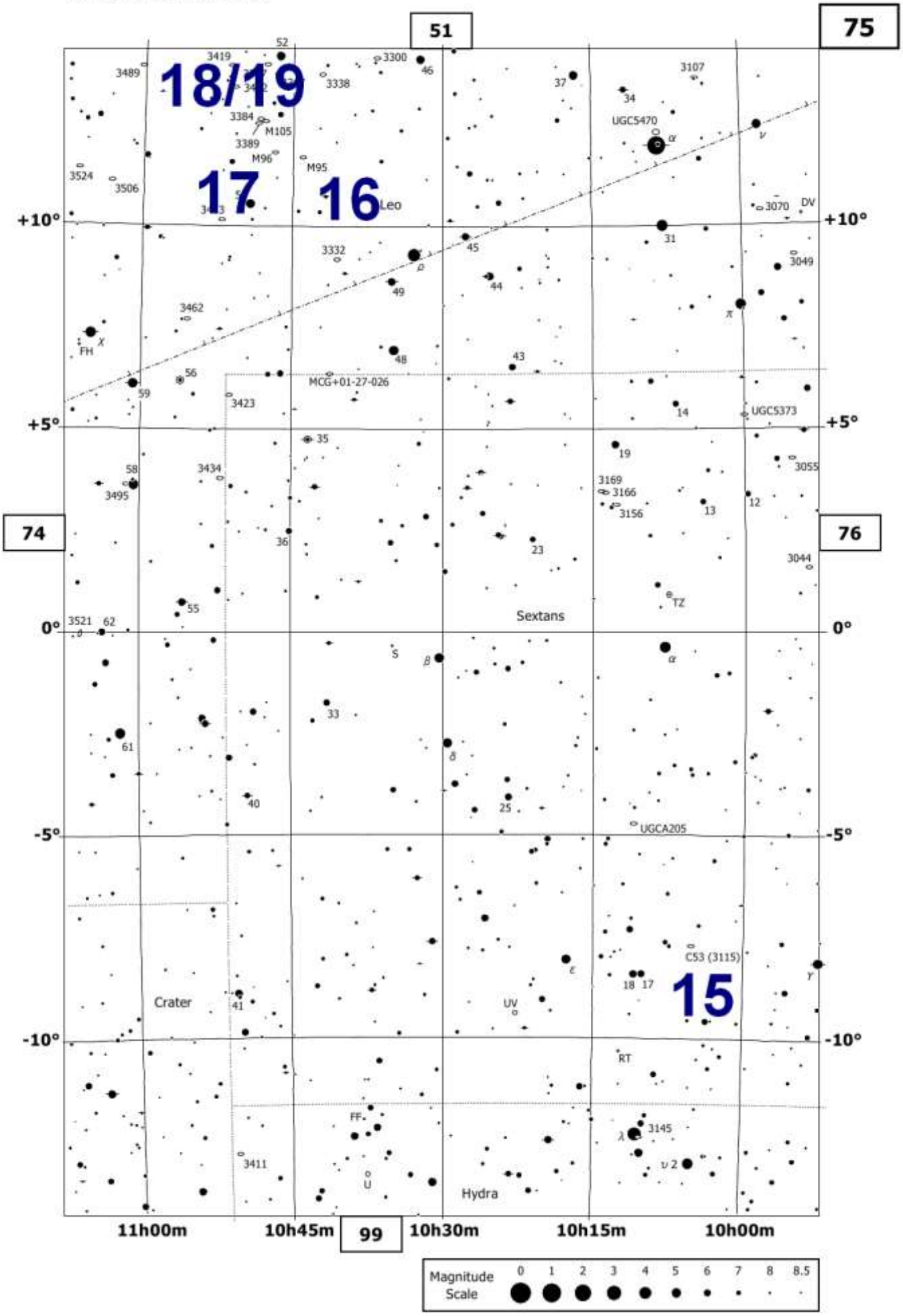

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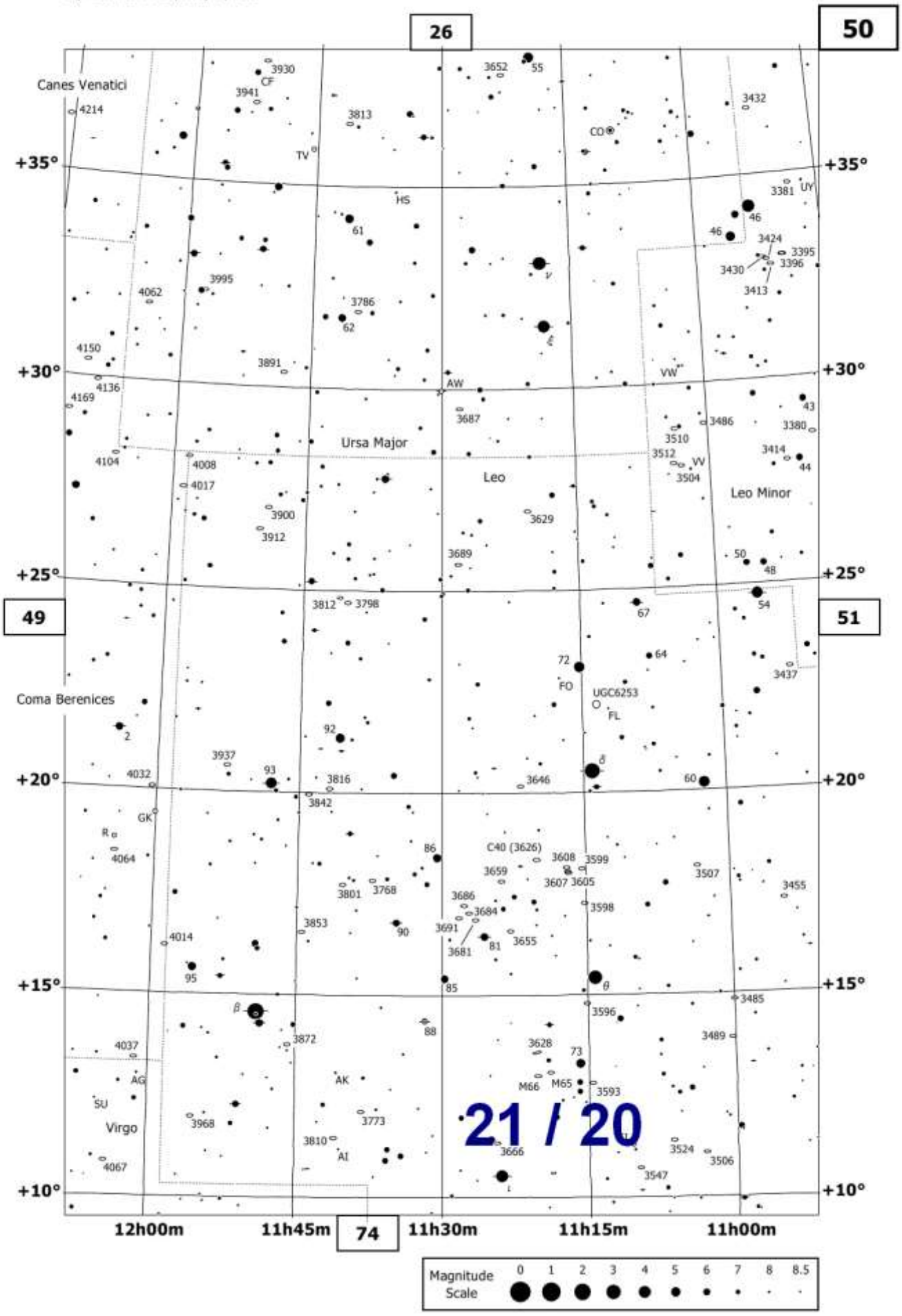

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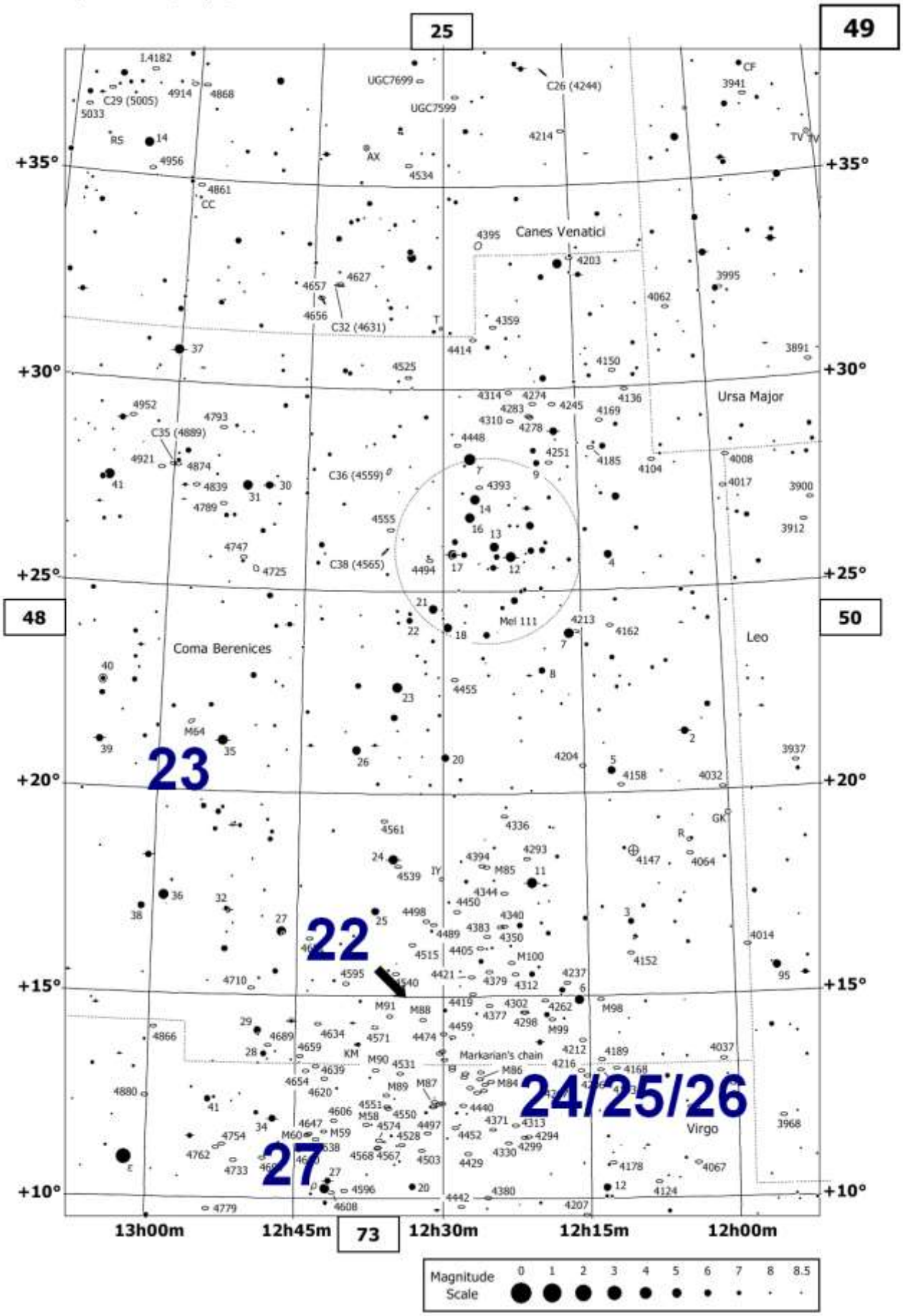

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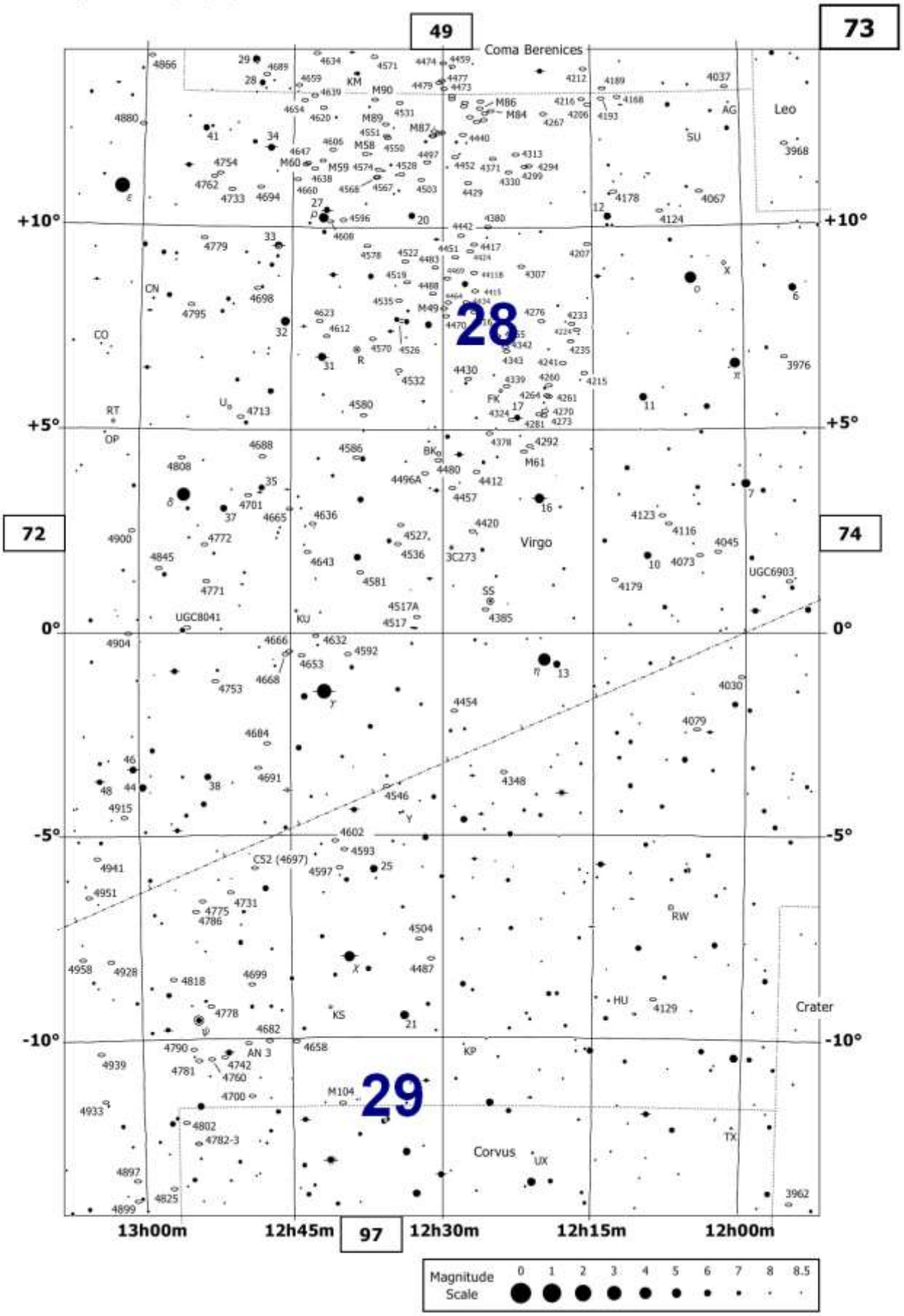

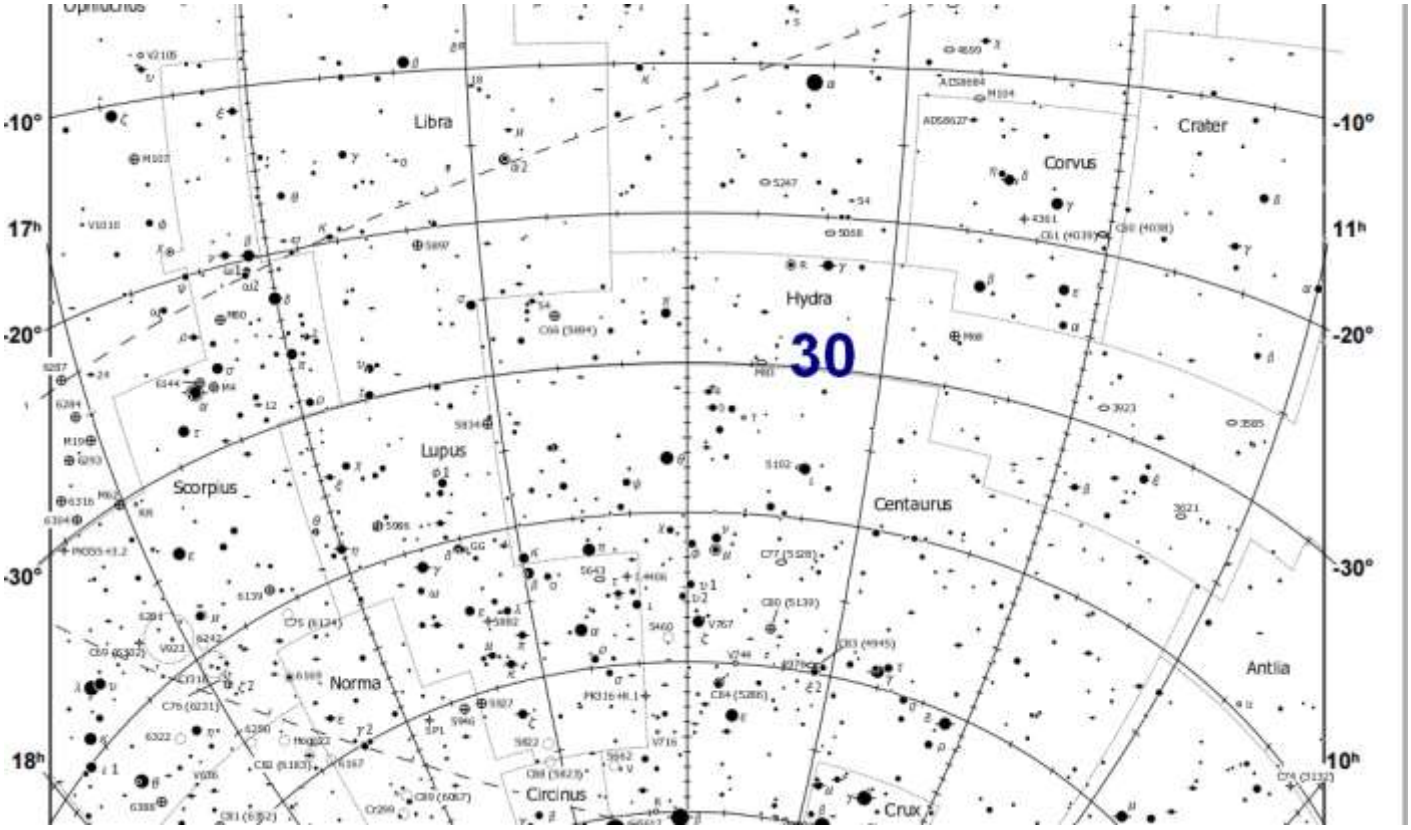
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Libra
Corvus
Crater
Hydra
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Lupus
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Antlia
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-10°
-20°
-30°
17h
11h
18h
10h