

Javakeda has promised to write a few words on the prevailing weather patterns for this race so I won't cover that again, except perhaps to say that the reduced area of the SOL wx grib made it a little difficult to see the bigger picture of the big Bermudan high. The south westerlies associated with that system were what we needed to come home on.

The trick was in many ways finding the right balance between getting through the zone of very light winds to the north west of the Bermudan high in the minimum amount of time, and exiting that light wind zone at the right place to give the fastest reaching angle home. That balance was not an easy one to get right, and quite a few positions changed amongst the lead boats as we emerged from the blue.

How much trickier it must be for the IRL boats who are also dealing with the Gulf Stream eddies and flows, not to mention the squall lines which our gribbs don't pick up.

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