Going RTW with a "slow" boat was very difficult as it was not possible to hook on fast weather systems but instead having to cross several of them. The difficulty was demonstrated by the fact that we had a lot of different boats in the top spots during the series.

As usual the last legs were more tactical with the top boats (me included) trying to cover in order to keep or improve the overall positioning. Unfortunately outlaw (who was in a very strong leading position) did not start the last leg so there where 4 boats battling for the final victory.

The last leg was also very interesting. A Low Pressure outside the coasts of Spain/France soon showed two possible path to the finish, the traditional north approach and a tricky passage N or even S (as solaris did) of the LP.

I sailed most of the race covering the moves of Dingo and rumskib but close to Newfoundland it came clear to me that I had to try a different route to put them behind me. I managed to do that but this not was enough since rafa did it much better by anticipating the attack and also rumskib was able to finish just one spot behind me.

Congratulations to them for the final positions and for the tough battles.

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