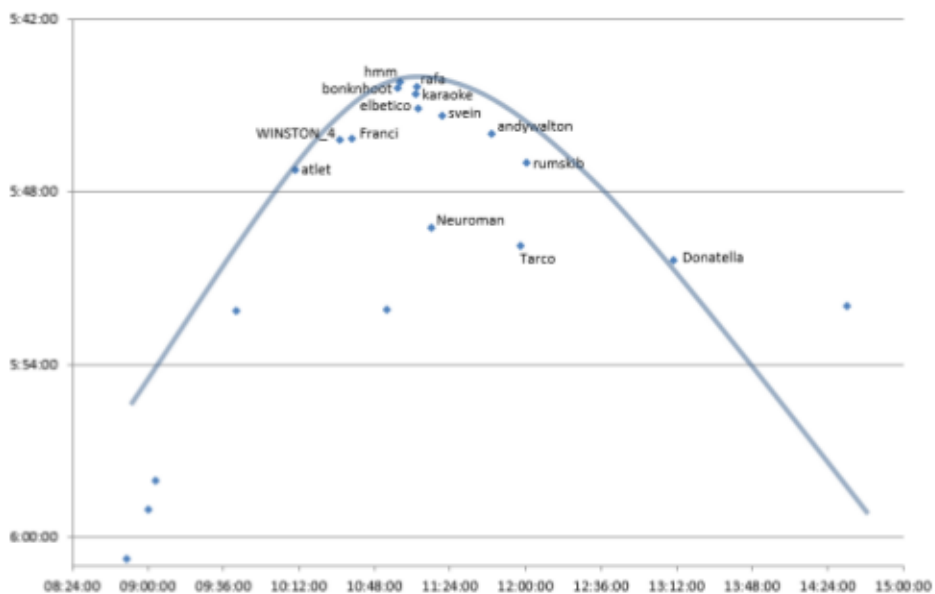
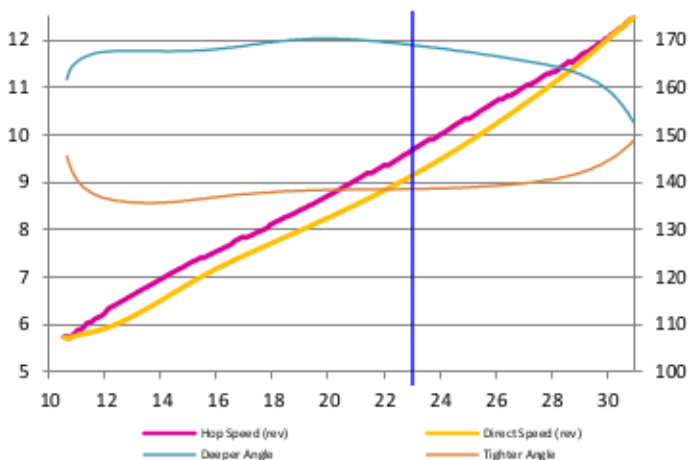


This we know...

time of depart is every-thing when doing a Timed Run, and as you can see adjacent, hmm and bonknhoot nailed it. In bonk's case, this was pure luck, as I had decided I wasn't going to SOL for a while, as a delivery of a Lagoon 52 to Antigua was going to interfere, but that plan suddenly got delayed by a week.



So, late on Tuesday morning I chanced a quick peek at the Belle Ile meteo situation and saw a very nice North Westerly had developed and was still strengthening. I immediately re-registered and pointed bonk at Quiberon Est. For the first few hours, all was plain sailing, but from Goulphar Offshore to Cape Skeul, the rhumb line was not going to be the fastest course.



At the buoy, I hurriedly opted to bear off onto 139 TWA, and when I realised a minute or two later, that I could also have been on 169.2 TWA, some damage had been done. Flustered I gybed, which was just a little too early since to clear Skeul I had to key in 139.6 TWA, whilst by then having worked out 138.6 was optimum. And that, IMO, was what gave the advantage to hmm and allowed karriv to get that 1 second jump on bonk.

Hats off to our two Finns! And commiserations to their compatriots smo and JakeS who made the early running at the start of the week, but didn't come out to play when the Wind Gods (virtual, such is their nature) were kindest.