This race was a twofold one. First, a regular sprint race in the Southern Ocean (given the boat we were sailing), and a private race between ita, Dingo and rafa for the SYC-OCCH. Given the ranking I needed to finish ahead of my competitors and hopefully put some distance with us. I succeeded partly in my objectives mainly because of a bbq on the Kergeulen which costed my some minutes which proved to be essential for the finish. Only one main tactical decision was taken and Karriv played it wonderfully. He gained more than one hour and that led him to success. I could not take that option because Dingo went north and I had to cover. Last gybe for us european was a nightmare at 3am, I did it on DC and I was lucky to hit the final line as I missed the alarm clock: D:D Not distance in the SYC-OCCH between me and Dingo is 2 points. This makes the last Ocean Race even more interesting!!!

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