

The 3rd Leg from Abu Dhabi to Sanya has been very interesting when looking at the different strategies developing in the four stretches - from Musandam to South India, then to Pulau, to Singapore and finally up north to Sanya.

From the beginning (not counting the first part from the start to Musandam) I decided to cover the north part of the fleet while rumskib decided the opposite.

Probably the race rank was decided when rumskib decided to delay the tack opting for a southern route in the Indian Ocean. This allowed him (and his comrades Garagiste and Viking) to lead at Pulau We. Garagiste had a clear lead but he made a small mistake before the mark allowing rumskib to enter first the Malacca Strait. There he mastered the blue goo and entered a wonderful rich-get-richer situation (forced by our polar which boosts speed when TWS increases from 2 to 6 knots) and extended a 30mins lead to more than 3 hours at Singapore.

In the final stretch an option appeared and I decided to take it given my advantage on the rest of the fleet. So I anticipated the tack north, this allowed to cut the distance to rumskib by almost two hour but that was not enough.

Rumskib was able to cover till the line and I was pretty happy with the position gained on Viking in the last stretch!

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