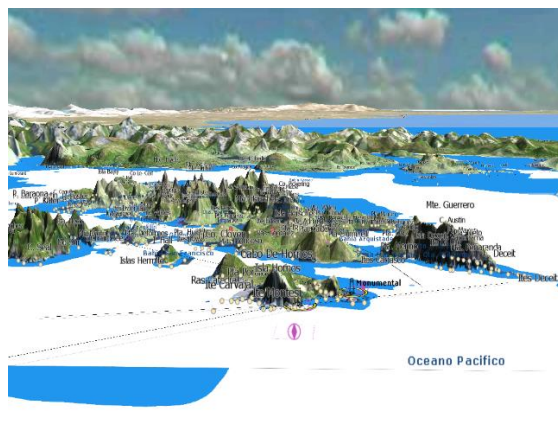
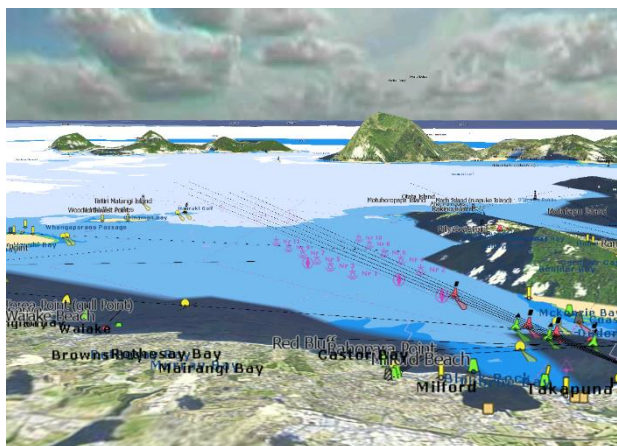


## SWR2014-2015 LEG 5 - AUCKLAND TO ITAJAÍ - RACE REPORT



TeamSailing for this race was elbetico (Spain) and limesinferior (Poland). The short story behind the team boat is that elbetico and limesinferior met in June 2013 when elbetico kindly answered limesinferior's question posted in the chat window of A3 - Leg 9 - Perth to Adelaide regarding sailing in Magnus Olsson Tribute Race for which limesinferior was late to register. It was expected by limesinferior that somebody could allow to sail one of the boats that were registered for the ocean race but still being at the start line. It was a huge surprise when elbetico raised his hand and said: "Keep the bow pointed at this reference boat just in front of you, do not forget to feed the crew, if you have any questions I am at your disposal, I am waiting for you in a bar in Rio de Janeiro, Adios Amigo 😊".

Since that time, the skippers of both yachts have been in touch and decided to sail onboard s/y TeamSailing since Leg 2 of the SWR2014-2015. TeamSailing focus is currently on cultural exchange and knowledge sharing. We do it by sailing in a team.

### **From the start to East Cape:**

The plan was to reach Kaiti Point / Cape Colville by sailing VMC later becoming VMG on downwind starboard course. It was executed correctly and the next move was to gybe with a target point being SW corner of The Great Mercury Island. Ideal VMG TWA after the gybe was at 137.3 but the gybe was a few seconds late and not to cut the corner of the island the yacht had to sail slightly below the VMG at TWA 136.9. Before reaching the Island the fleet started to sail SE and TeamSailing followed. The next waypoint was the East Cape approached by sailing a large arch to the South.

### **Open water to Cape Horn:**

At the beginning we expected the first tack to be in the middle of the night on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March (zulu time). However, after realising that one of the reference yachts was sailing almost at the VMG the RED ALERT onboard was issued and new calculations confirmed that the tack is expected to be very soon. We tacked as well as our reference boats and we continued to sail into the South. The two corridors to the Horn were at 55S and 65S. We chose the second option and gybed on the 21<sup>st</sup> around 1630 and headed to the Horn. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> some decisions had to be made. We decided to stick to the South even with a potential risk of hitting light and variable winds. We closely monitored next weather updates. On the 25<sup>th</sup> we gybed and headed north to come back in an arch to the shift that again we expected would take us to the Horn. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we decided to sail even deeper into the South. Cape Horn was rounded on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March early morning hours.

### **Cape Horn to Falkland Islands:**

After Cape Horn we headed into the direction of Cabo San Diego and pointed into the north tip of the New Island (Islas Malvinas) safely leaving Gibraltar Rock and Carcass Island to the starboard and Sedge Island to the port. On the 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> the route after the Falklands started to go more into the West than previously expected. Some of the boats decided to ignore it and sailed a little bit wider which later became their leverage.

### **Open Water to Itajai:**

We tried to cover and position our yacht to our advantage according to the best of our knowledge and to sail to the point of about 30S 47W where some intense tacking was expected. We decided to minimize the number of tacks not to have any major performance loss and later positioned the boat on the west side of the fleet looking for more pressure at some likely cost of an angle. Before the finish we found ourselves in a polar hop situation and tried to handle it as best as possible. TeamSailing finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Easter Sunday morning of 2015.

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