

## Gibraltar REVERSE Timed Race

For this Timed Race I was fortunately off from work for a couple of days. After checking out the wind conditions at [windguru.cz](http://windguru.cz) I started when the race was opened 01.00 UTC, local time in Sweden 03.00.

For the first leg it was just to set course for Gibraltar Offshore, no calculations needed.

After Gibraltar Offshore to Ceuta it was nearly downwind at TWA 90-95, and I had to remember to set the alarm clock to not fall asleep. During this leg I was using kroppyer's excellent performance calculator to sort out whether sassy should gybe three times or just one at the next leg.

<http://sol.kroppyer.nl/performance/>

The F18 is a fast cat but when gybing in strong winds performance loss is huge.

When rounding I had sorted out that after a gybe it would take 20 minutes to recover to 100% performance. Two extra gybes should cost me too much in performance loss and I decided that one gybe will do the trick. Therefore I had to pinch some NMs the last bit to Tarifa.

After Tarifa it was a straight course to Tangier and sassy sailed along with A2 and comocean.

This was a fun race and I learned that pinching sometimes pays off!

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