

Sailing from Lisbon to Lorient is a short dash compared to the long ocean legs that we have already completed. Nevertheless the weather pattern was not so easy to interpret.

Given the capability of these boats to sail fast even in light air, the first part was the most important one, as the final stretch in the Biscay bay was all upwind in 20+ knots where the polar of the boat is quite flat and insensitive to wind. So the goal was to build a comfortable lead before leaving the Spanish coast.

I made a small mistake before Aveiro tacking away from the coast 15min earlier than Kenza. Mistake mainly due to my kids' birthday party which demanded my presence exactly at that time.

This allowed Kenza to get some gain (around .2nm) which increased because of a short overnight bbq (DC miscalculated 2mins later).

The next hours were challenging but helped me go regain the lead by few inches before the last night.

Unfortunately Kenza hit mainland and lost some ground so all I had to do was put myself in a strong and comfortable controlling position.

Nothing changed till the finish line!

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