

Lerwick to Bergen

For the first half of the race the choice was pretty obvious, that is, go slightly north in order to sail less distance, but then, the downwind part towards the finish was a real threat. The flat polar for the boat going downwind left many possible options. Very difficult to decide. I consulted the router. Normally I analyze the router output and try to find the logic of it. This time I recognize I couldn't find the logic, but I found nothing strongly against, and since it was very late for me, I made my DC following closely the router, and went to sleep.

Fortunately in the middle of the night I woke up. It was still 3 hours to the finish, and I was still in position 1. The DC had obviously worked very well, but I was afraid the DC would maybe not take me across the finish line, so I decided to cancel the rest of the DC and set a direct course to the finish. Even if I could lose position 1, I would assure a good place. But it did work.

Congrats to peskasail and Neuroman and to top finishers and many thanks to SOL team for their continuous work in providing excellent races.

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