

Race Report - RTWR 2016 - Leg 1 - Southampton to Uruguay - WINSTON_4

Sometimes there is a lot to report about a race that lasted few hours and very little about another one that lasted 3 weeks.

It is almost the case of this first leg of the RTW in reverse direction that SOLers tackled at the beginning of July: no big optionsalmost never passing lanes.....rule that rich get richer in force for the big part of the race.

Kenza won the race on day one or two, when was the most efficient boat to get to the better breeze, and from there it was almost a drag race.

Big fatigue to continuously jibe down the coast of Portugal, and after that around the area of the Canary Islands, but I was fortunate that it took place that enough offshore to allow sleeping ;))

Winds for the front pack have been blowing always acceptably, although perhaps a bit too much on the face. Only one serious shift, but not in the deep darkness of a blue hole.

To be honest: a bit boringthe only challenge was to maintain the rank position for such a longtime and distance. Around mid-course at every update the ETA was slipping forward by as much as a full day ;)))))

Really hope that leg two with the horn and the furious 40s and 50s on the face will be more challenging and intriguing.

One special word for STIngFI, who managed to sneak in second place after the initial steps, and resisted for some 20 days to my fierce malevolent intentions and attempt to overtake58 second in the end !!
...Super Stefan !!!!

Ciao ALL!!WIN