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It's always a pleasure to comment on long and exhausting races like this one that has just ended. It always applies the same rule, wins who:

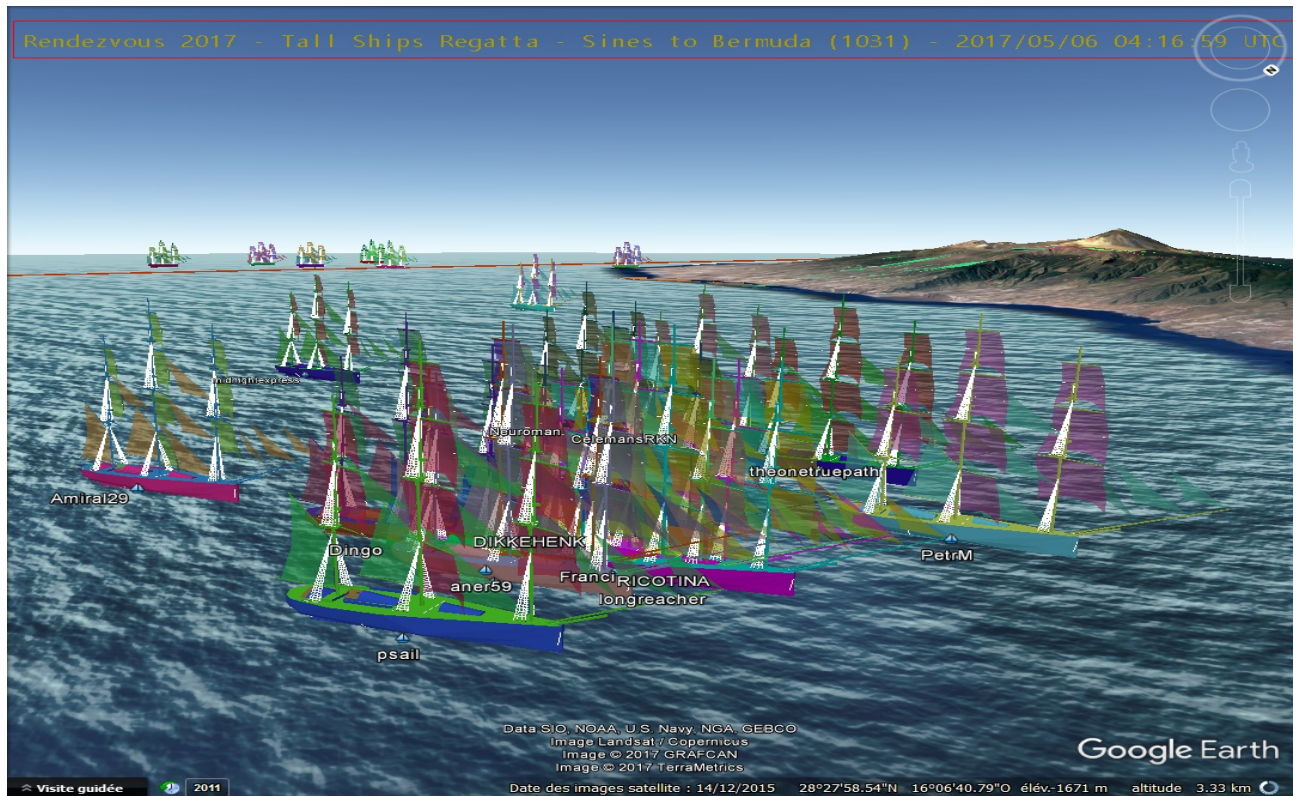
- besides being good and technologically advanced,
- can not make mistakes,
- do not miss any wx and no key maneuver in moments of gybes and turn,
- rarely happens that a "weird" course will be successful unless you cross very volatile or otherwise doldrums.

In a few words on a 25-day race, you should at least dedicate 200 hours to the game. For me this is really impossible and I also have to not stay awake at night .. NEVER, so getting 2nd for me is a big win.

THE RACE.

The first part has been quite fought and with a few significant notes until Gran Canaria's arrival, apart from Rumsikib's various deplorations that hardly make mistakes. At that point, the first group was divided into two trunks: several BIGs chose the SUD road that is traditionally made in races and that in the past years was the best course to follow (these not only do not sleep but study: The winds, currents, statistics, professional racing, etc.) in a nutshell of true sailing professionals as if there was nothing else in the world ☺. lucky them!

The NORD group was well-versed with the various Petrm, Aner, Ricotina, Longreacher, Psail, Dingo, Dikkehenk, etc .. It was Aner who was clearly in the lead at Franci. This couple had accumulated a hard-to-gain advantage if they played with assiduity and if they did not succeed in coming to me. For family commitments I was distracted by the couple of hours that they destroyed and frustrated all the accumulated advantage and Petrm could go at the head of the group. Aner slept great already at that time ☺. On the Italian night, going to Santa Cruz de Tenerife, a miracle made it possible to recover the damage that had happened as shown by the beautiful photo of Jf44.

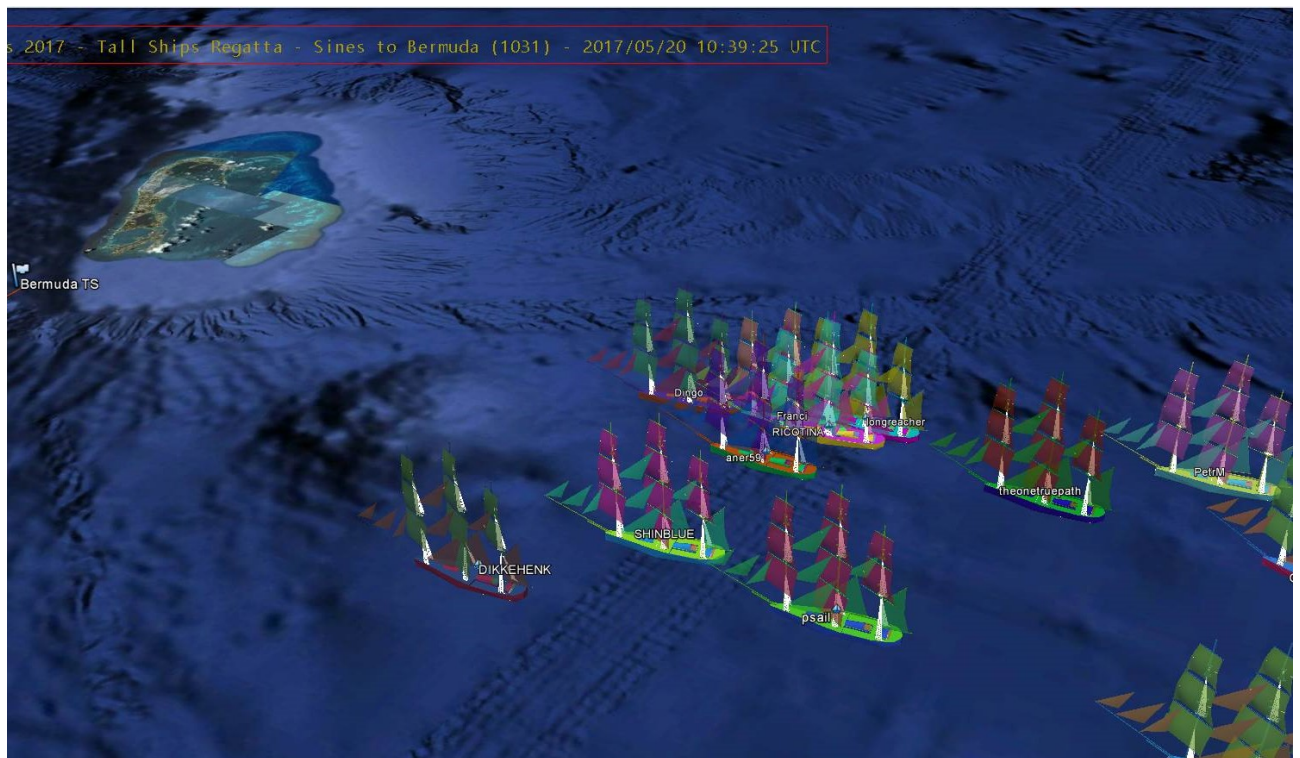


After passing Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Petrm, who is a true master and interpreter of the polarities of these boats, interpreted the race pointing to the North, hoping and believing that it would reach over 42 ° Latitude. At this point he came out with a great mastery (new top secret router ☺) the legendary Dikkehenk, who has since become the absolute regatta master. He was able to control the regatta both from the attacks that were brought to the North (Dingo, Aner, Ricotina, Longreacher and Franci) and from the Southern ones (Billy, Psail and Petrm) who had tried a rush hoping for a good wind opening in that zone.

Personally from that point my boat went with 2 wx a day and with the use of the cellphone, where I counted 5 serious mistakes with 0 or two 0 and 82% performance !!! Maybe in total will be two hours ??? I can not count it ...

In the final rush of the last 3/4 days, the great Dikkehenk had to abandon the helm of his boat and Dingo as a hawk thrust into the first position, exploiting the best compression for those who had gone to NW. Therefore, without wanting to undermine the beautiful performance of Dingo - who is always one of the best solers for this kind of ocean race - for his skill and above all for his persistence, the great regatta winner, in my opinion, remains Dikkehenk and I would also say Aner if he did not fall asleep too often ☺. In the final sprint, mention should also be made of Ricotina who has given his 3rd place in favor of Longreacher since, being very late in Italy, he preferred to leave the boat on the PIN without going into control of Longreacher moving at a higher speed. I understand this decision well, is not America's Cup or pay us for that?

An applause always goes to Rumskib who has consistently managed to reach 13th, exploiting the debacle of the other BIGs to the South (Alexandria, Kipper, Nor_further, Rafa & C).



But the question arises spontaneously:

"But you have nothing better to do in life ?!" ☺ ☺ ☺

la Franci

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