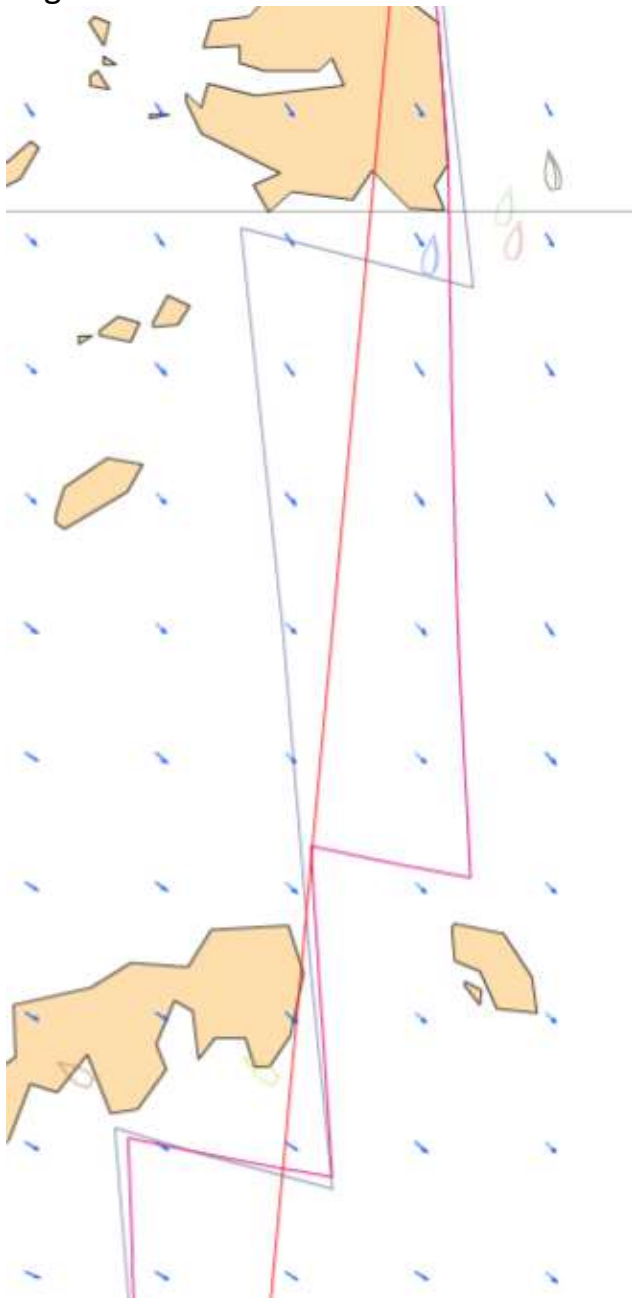


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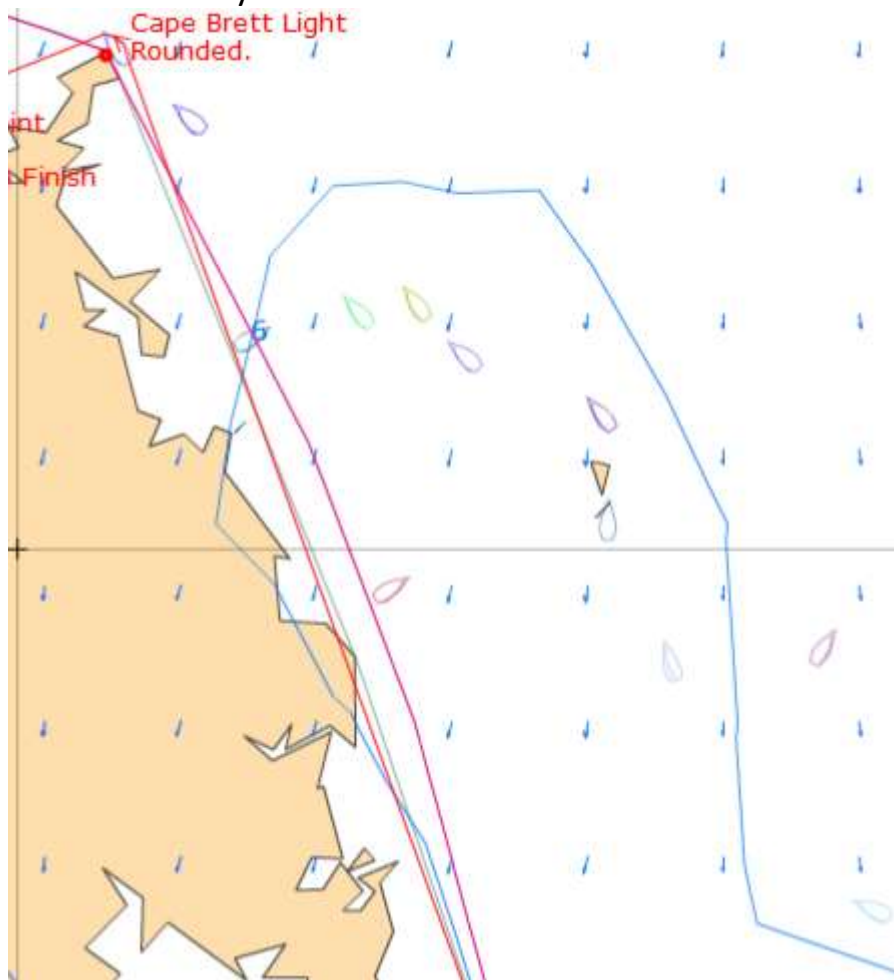
I haven't done one of these for a while, but here goes.

I think I won this race through other's mistakes, no brilliance on my part. There were three areas that mattered.

The first is shown below. We see a comparison of **ij** and myself. I tacked across to lay the island at the top where as **ij** sailed up and tacked under the island and went a bit wide. My route was the guidance from qtVlm which I followed. This gave me a small advantage over **ij** and **rafa** and I were very close at this stage.



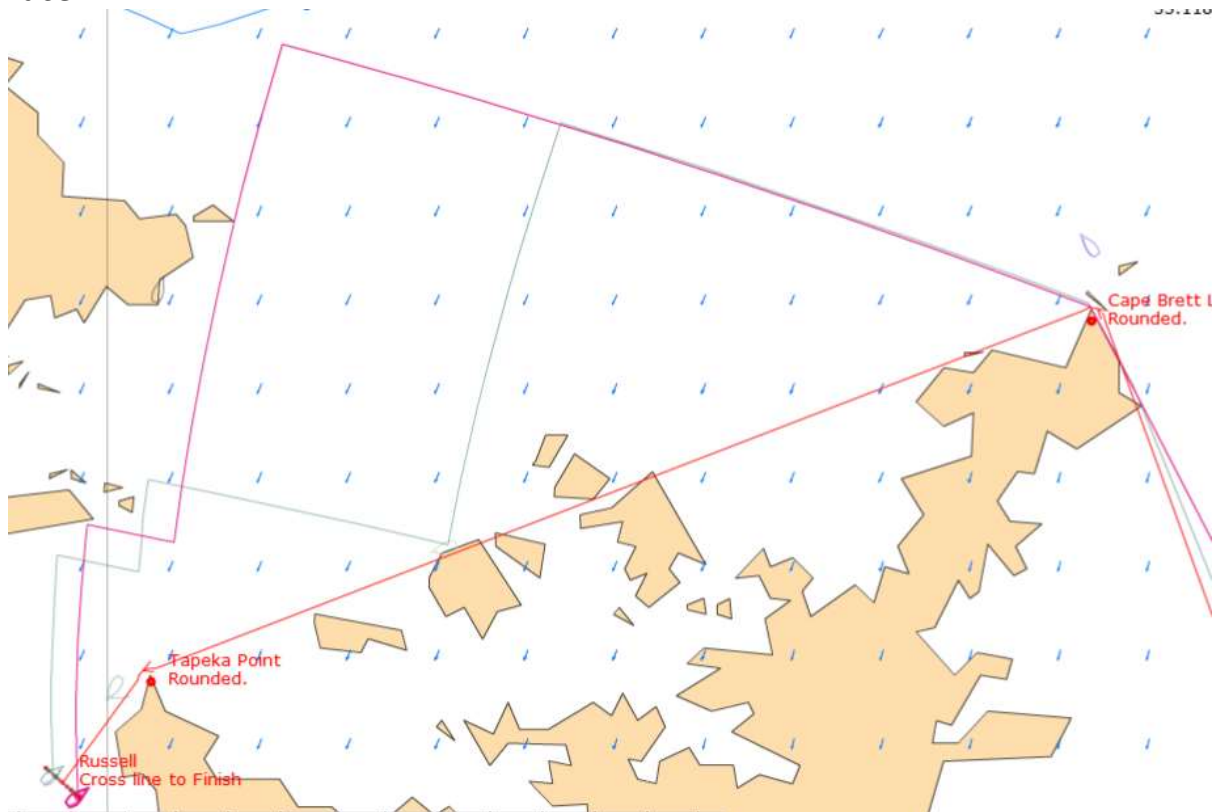
The second area was going out wider on the way to Cape Brett Light. Here we see **rafa** and my tracks.



The wind was stronger to the east, and qtVlm also suggest that. **Ij** also went that way which was the right thing to do. **Rafa** followed the rhomb line which probably gave me 10-15 seconds over **rafa**.

The third area was the finish. I was very intrigued to see what paths people were going to take, because there were a few islands in the way that had to be negotiated. **Rafa**, **psail** and **ij** were all hot on my heels as we rounded Cape Brett. I think I was only 15-30 seconds ahead at this time. Once again, qtVlm had suggested I go west first, and then south, negotiating the islands in the way. This made sense. The winds were stronger all the way to the finish. It appears **ij** saw it the same way and followed. **Psail** decided to head south first and weave through the island. **Rafa** (shown below) followed for a while, and then decided to gybe early. I must admit I was wondering what rafa was doing and had something been seen that I had missed. Should I cover? But I stuck to my original game plan and sailed my own race. Covering could have given **ij** the

race.



It was on this last leg that the final podiums were decided. While picking which end of the line would not have impacted the podium result, there was a good 30 seconds difference between finishing on the northern end and finishing on the southern end.

So in closing, congratulations to **ij** and **rafa**, well done in an interesting race. Congratulations to the remaining top 10 and thanks to all the SOLers and the hard working admins who make this all possible for our enjoyment.

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