

Auckland to Tauranga 2019 Race

Bimmer asked me to describe the tactics.

The tactics were quite simple and consisted of two points:

1. Start the race !!! (necessarily) (a condition necessary to implement the second point).
2. Be the first to finish.

The first point is simple, although sometimes due to the start hours and deep sleep of the skipper, it can significantly impede the implementation of the second point (useful: a good alarm clock and strong coffee).

The second point is a bit more difficult to implement. Both of them I managed to achieve 100% this time.

Well, how did it happen? (a good alarm clock and strong coffee and go on ;-))

When I decided to take part in this race, I decided to prepare myself very well. (many alarm clocks and coffee :-))

I collected all WX from 20190131_1623 and planned routes in QT. I analyzed changes in forecasted wind directions trying to determine the trend of changes for the future.

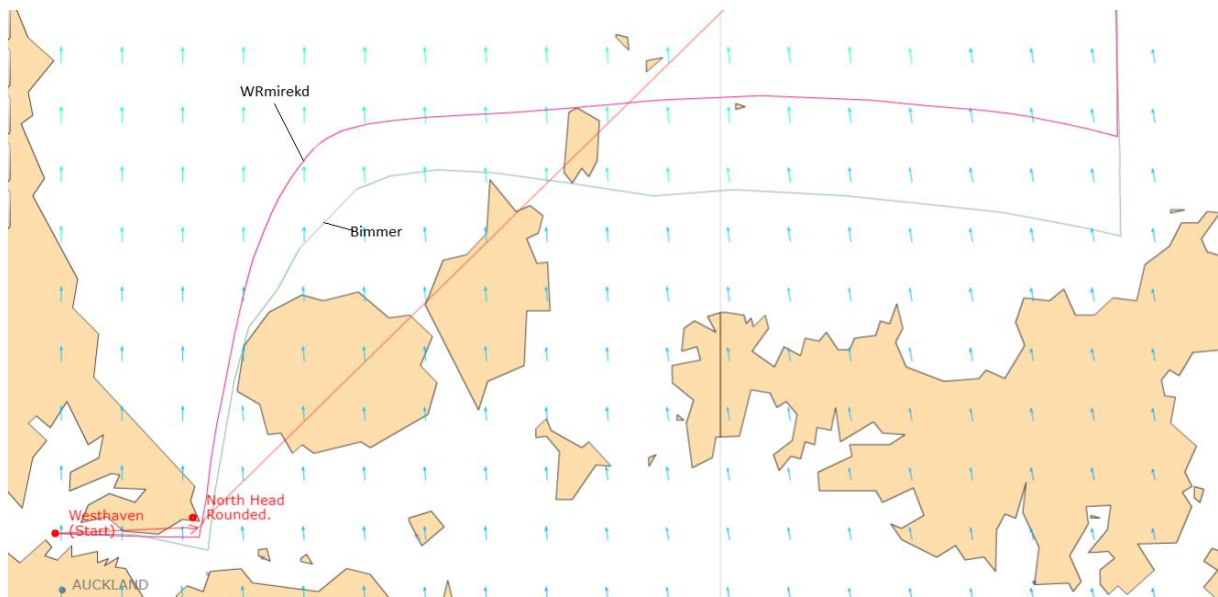
Designated routes proceeded very differently but all assumed a turn from E to N in the vicinity of position $\phi 36^{\circ}43'S$ $\lambda 175^{\circ}08'E$. After the around this item, nothing should happen anymore. The order on Channel Island determines the results of the race.

Last WX 20190201_2223 before the start showed a very interesting situation.

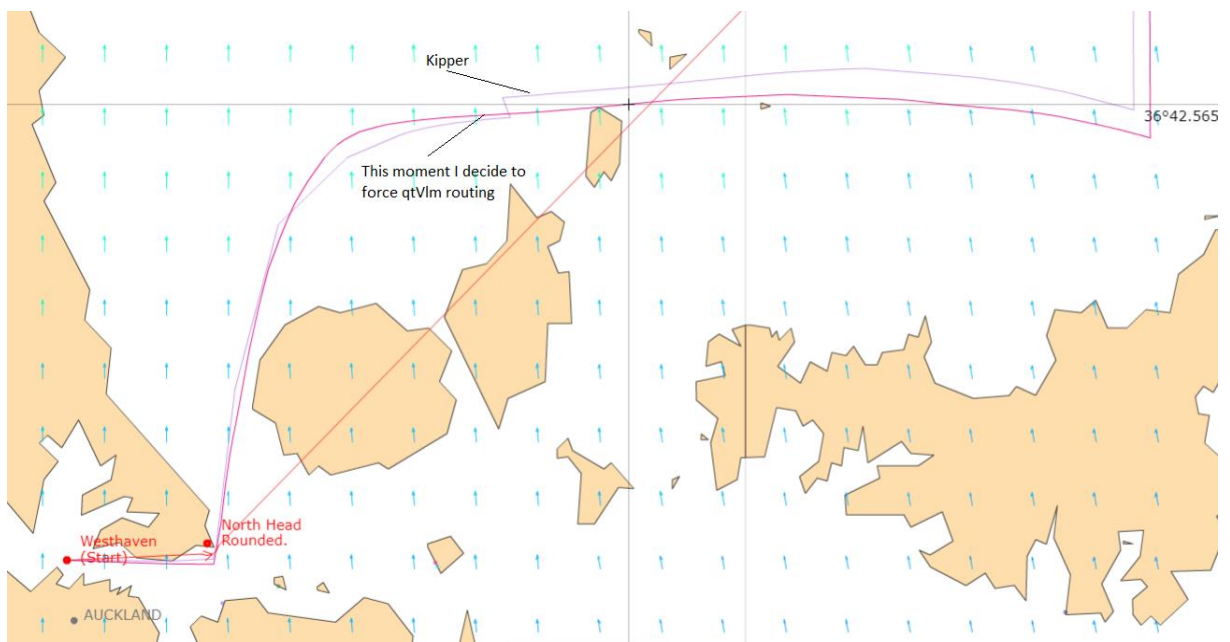
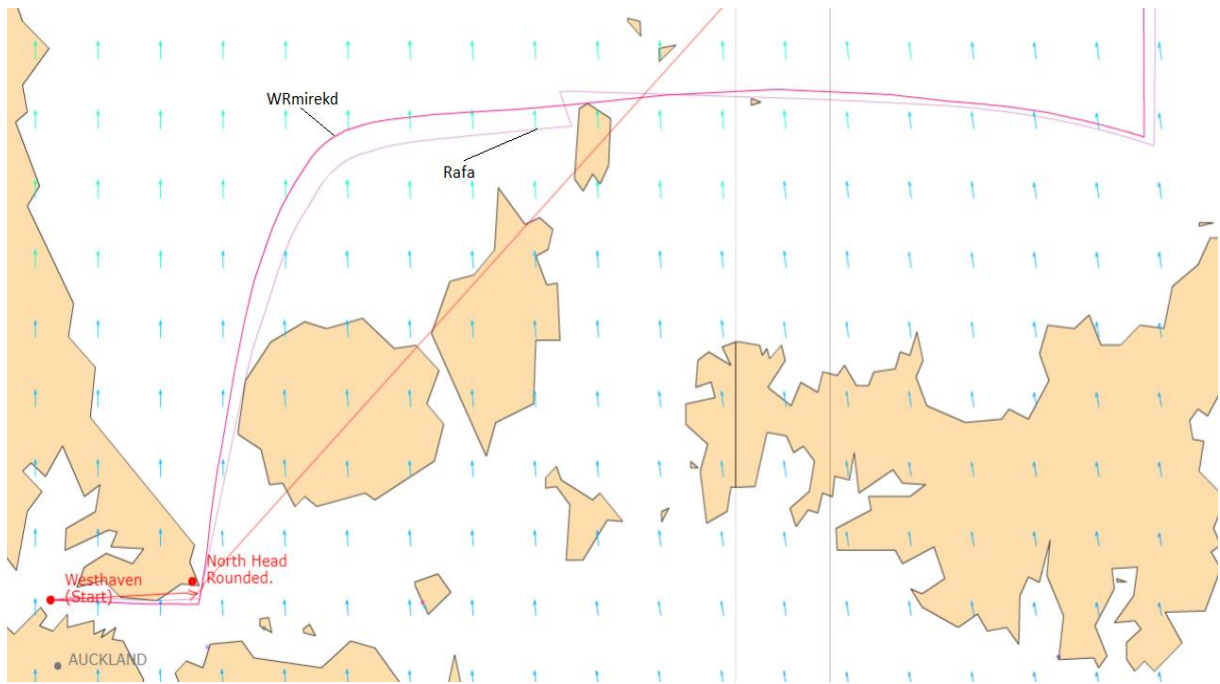
After the start somewhere Nord Head return to N. How not to combine it Rakino Island stands in the way (and not yet dug channel).

Three possibilities appeared here.

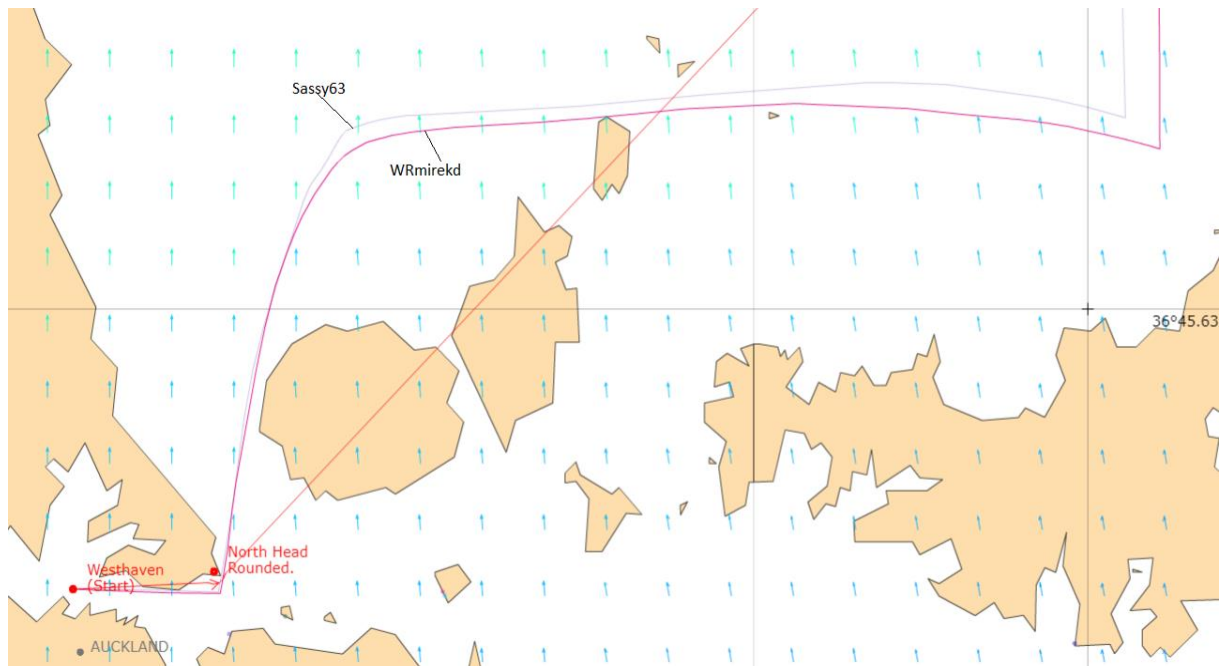
1. Passing Rakino Island from the south losing altitude in the context of a future north turn (Beliberda, Bimmer, Batseba, HappyHour).



2. Passing Rakino Island from the north and losing on extra turns (Rafa, Wolff, Hirilonde). Here is a curiosity that surprised me. Kipper also made a turn but I thought he invented what I did in point 3.



3. Correct the route to pass the north of Rakino Island and lose minimum as possible from qtVml route. Well, Sassy63. But he went too far to the north.



The last (3 point) turned out to be effective. After passing Rakino Island and turning to N, I was almost certain of winning. I managed to make no mistake on Channel Island and that's how it ended.

Best regards sincerely,

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