

Carib Rum Run 2019 – Report

It was supposed to be a quiet race. That was a year ago but not this time!!! This year it was horror!!!

It seemed that after the Sail Around Turkey 2019 race nothing would surprise us anymore but it turned out that nothing could be certain.



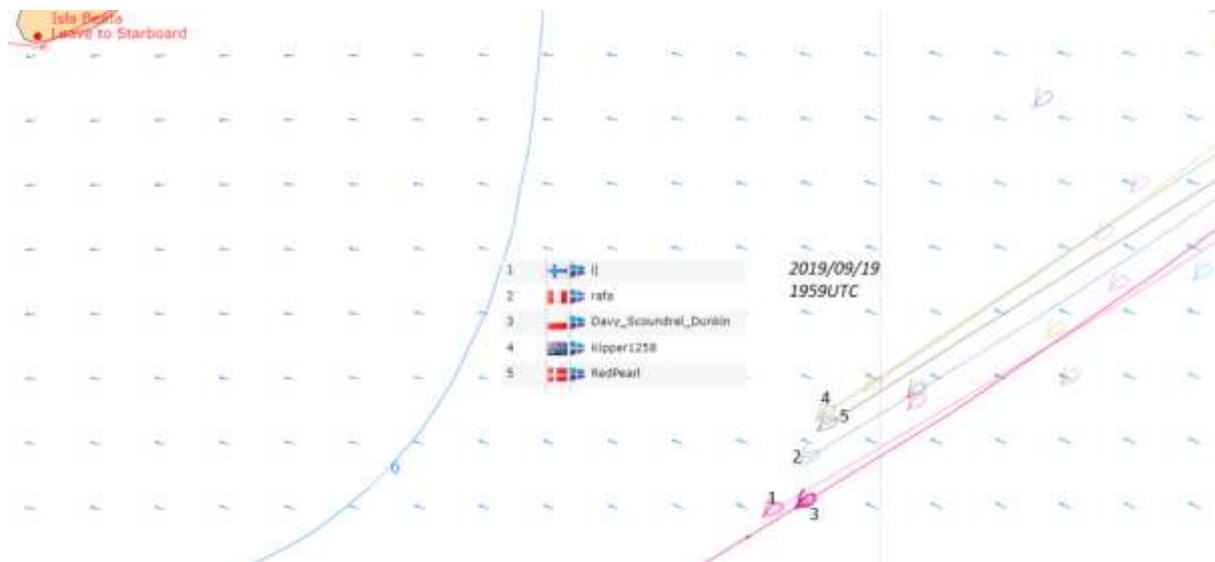
For the reminder, Top 10 in Carib Rum Run 2018

Carib Rum Run 2018, racing with 138 boats.

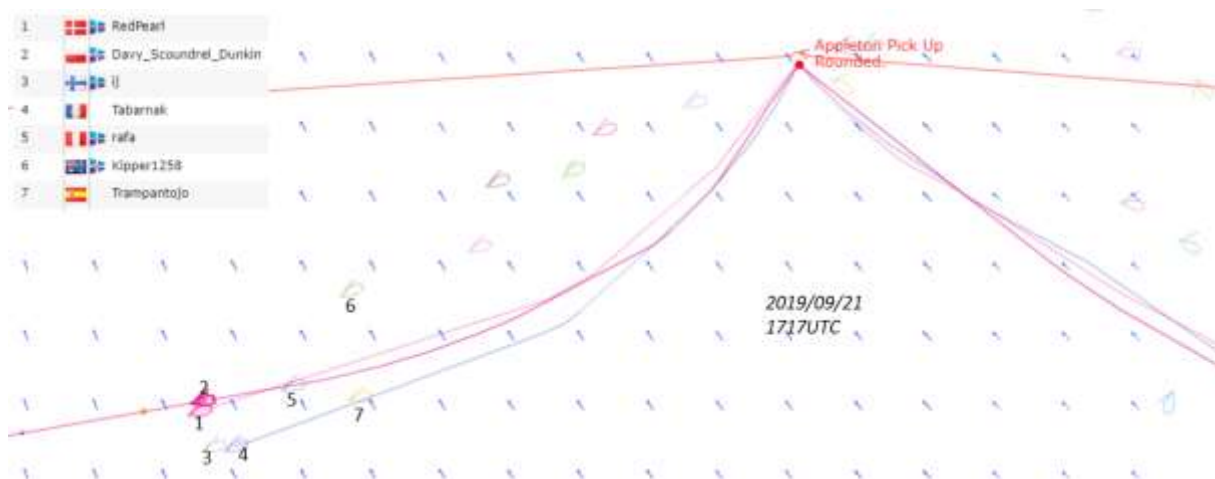
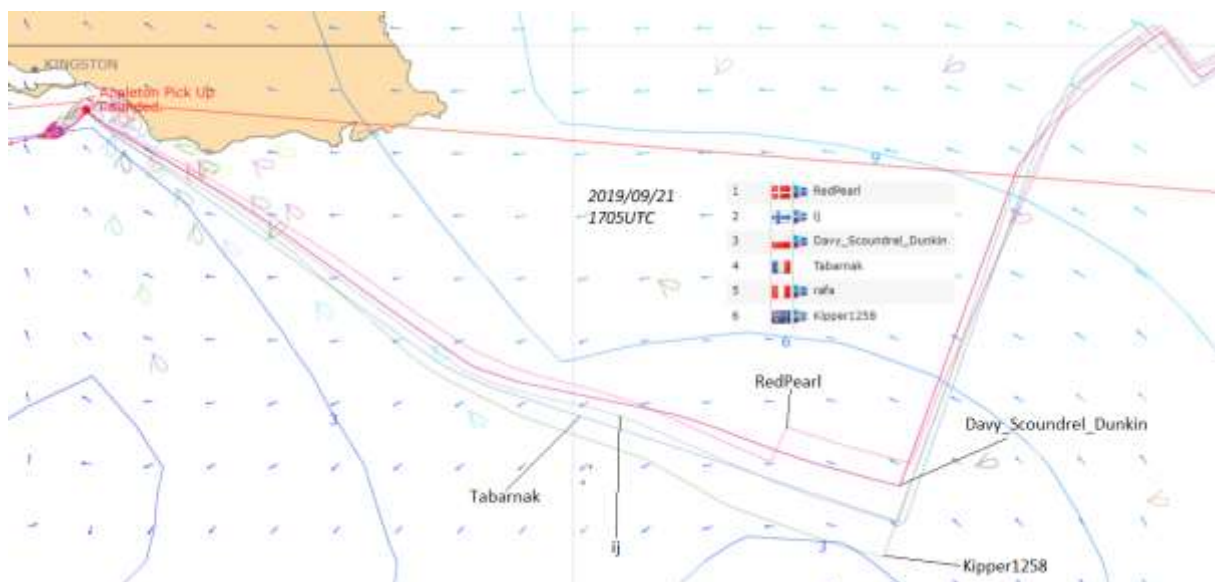
Rank	Boat Name	LOG	Finish Time (UTC)
1	ij	2162.5	2018-09-21 04:22:40
2	aner59	2161.2	2018-09-21 04:30:25
3	RedPearl	2163.3	2018-09-21 04:32:08
4	rafa	2163.1	2018-09-21 04:35:01
5	LonJonBimmer	2159.2	2018-09-21 04:37:01
6	Davy_Scoundrel_Dunkin	2167.8	2018-09-21 04:44:08
7	Sloop_Dog	2155.7	2018-09-21 04:45:36
8	SaltheartedRipper	2168.3	2018-09-21 04:46:44
9	HappyHour	2169.7	2018-09-21 04:50:25
10	dunbur	2166.5	2018-09-21 05:11:26

I was wondering if "ij" will win again this year and whether I will be able to improve my score. Maybe climb the podium?

Until the Isla Beata mark, the situation was quite stable. I was a bit angry with myself that I didn't pay enough attention to preparing for the race. "ij" obviously took the lead and actually I stopped dreaming about winning. I was hoping that somehow I could overtake the "rafa" but as it turned out he was the best this time.



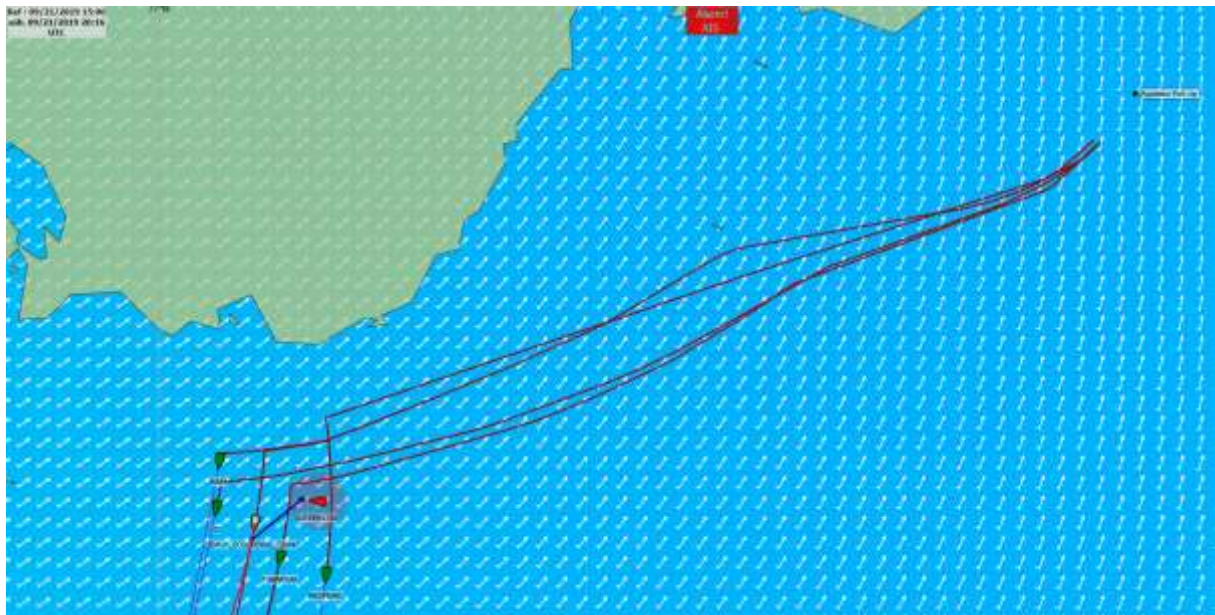
Strange things began to happen on the approach to Appleton and immediately after it when routing could be more accurately determined. See the changes in the ranking. RedPearl, Tabarnak !!!?



The situation was very promising qtVlm showed the way along the south-east coast of Jamaica, crossing near South Negril Point and further north along the route between Cuba and Isla de La Juventud (Isla de Pinos), just as the "Azur" sailed later. "rafa" stayed behind and "ij" sailed more to the south. It is true that a new claimant for victory ("RedPearl") has appeared, but hope has entered my heart.

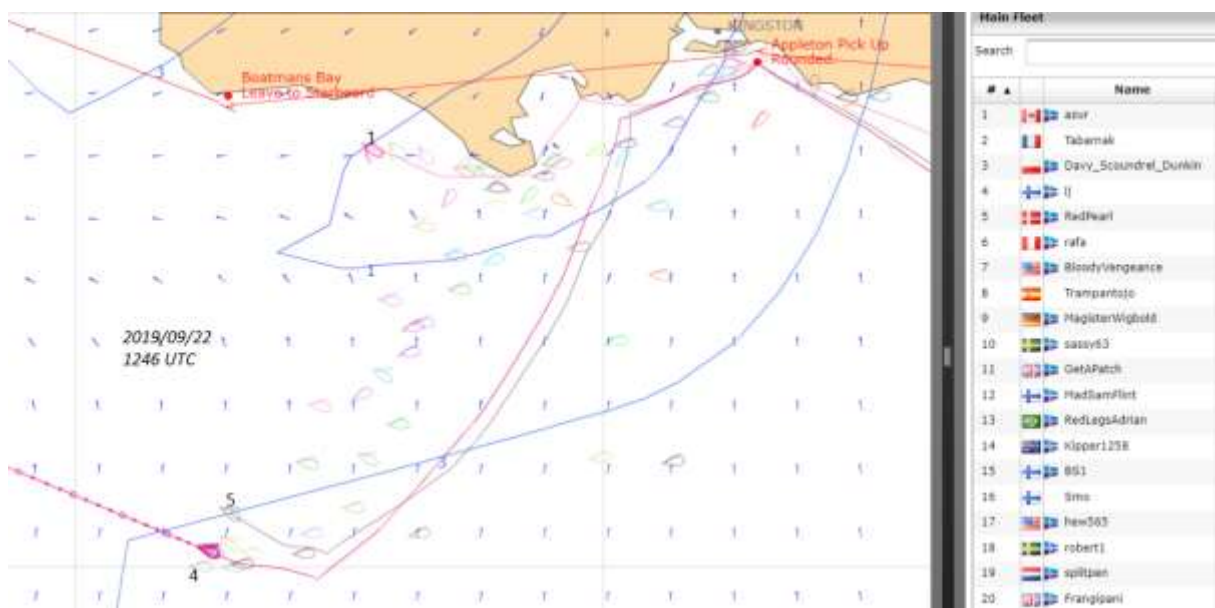
Joy did not last long because qtVlm went crazy showing the way once north and once south, and this was just the beginning of madness.

Ultimately, the choice fell south. This path seemed closer while maintaining the trend of changes in WX. All the leaders agreed to the course south.

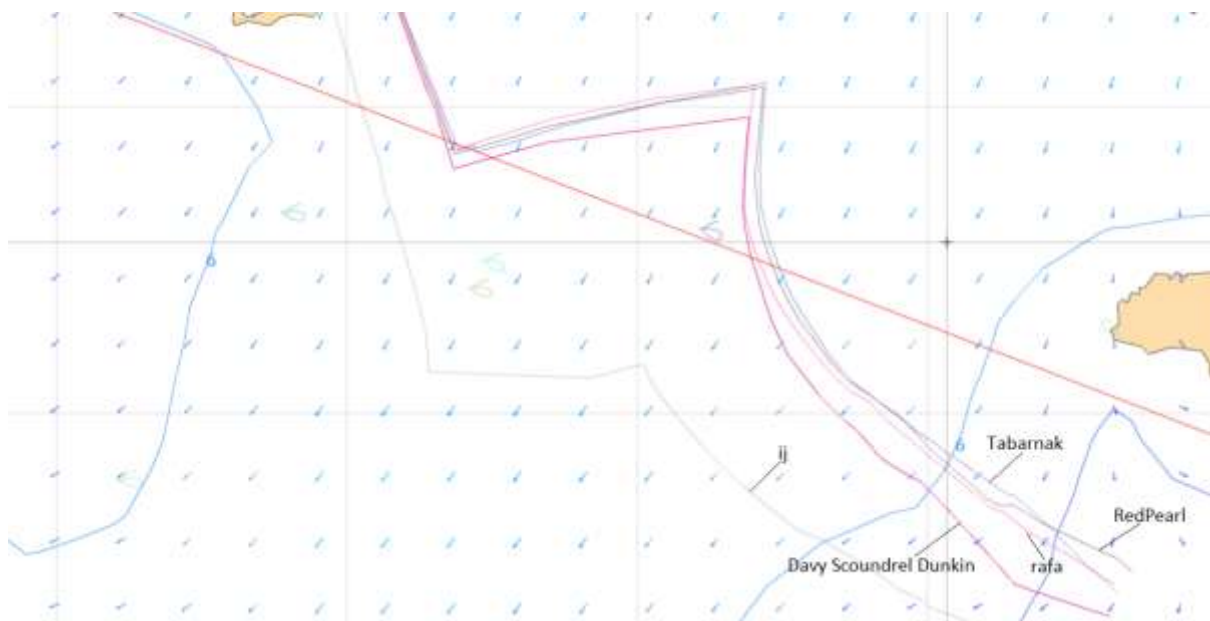


On the one hand "ij" and "rafa" on the other "RedPearl" and "Tabarnak". "Kipper" insures the rear. Great security. ☺

Another change, turn west and the horror begins.

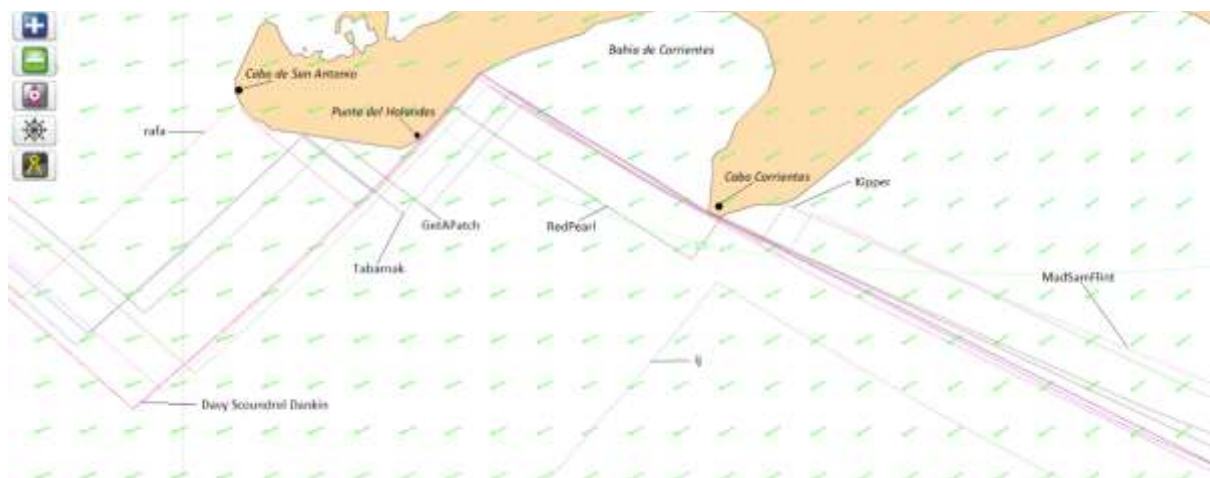


The next WX changes are a real massacre. Nobody knew where to sail anymore? Pure lottery. qtVlm showed a return to the northern route sometimes behind Isla de La Juventud. I decided to ignore qtVlm's indications and continue my journey to NW in the hope that another WX will show me this path again. However, after the third WX change, I decided to take the course to Isla de La Juventud. A bit too late and I practically fell out of the fight for the podium hoping for max 4 position. "rafa" took the lead. "ij" was in an even worse situation. The current leader has waited even longer for a favourable WX change, practically depriving him of chances for a good position. I have to admit that his stubbornness and my faith in his intuition meant that I was struggling between consistently following the "ij" and VMC course and changing course to the one suggested by the router.

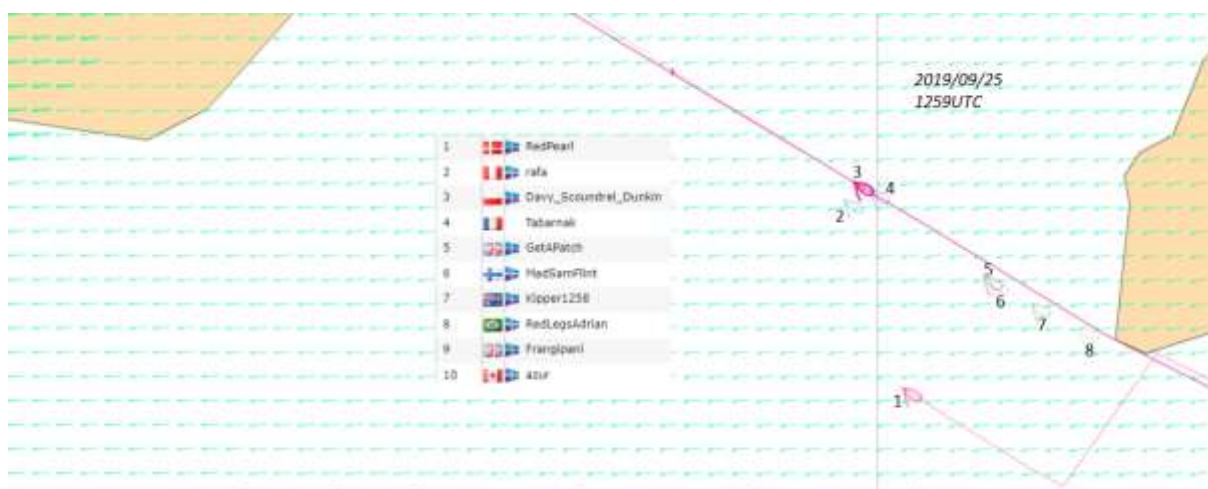


Angry at himself for delaying the decision and lack of consistent action according to previously assumed plans. I decided to navigate to the finish precisely and with the greatest diligence in the hope that I would keep at least the 4th position and maybe I reduce the distance to the leaders.

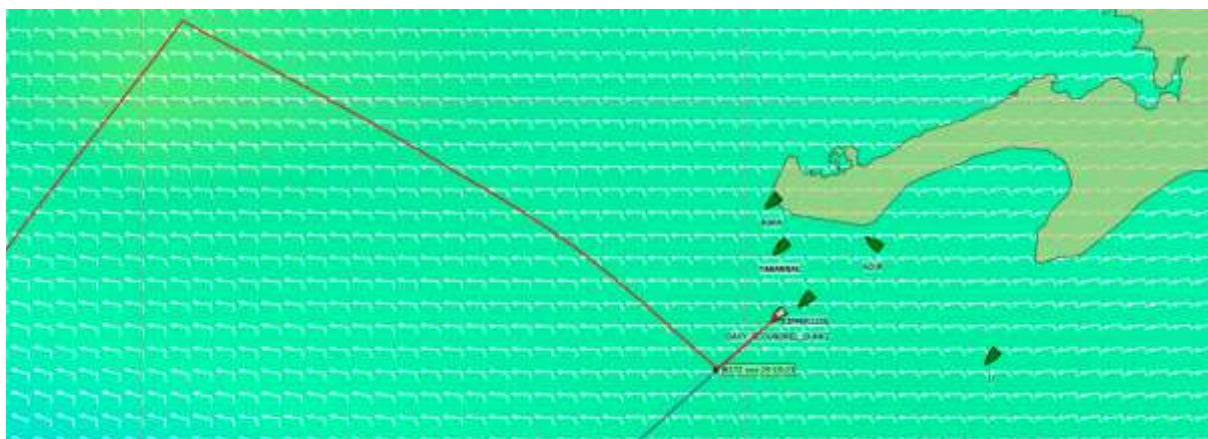
The last chance to get a better position was a good transition between *Cabo Corrientes*, *Bahia de Corrientes*, *Punta del Holandes* and *Cabo de San Antonio* on the island of Cuba.



I assumed the minimum number of returns so as not to lose efficiency and at the same time choose the optimal places for returns and? I think it worked.

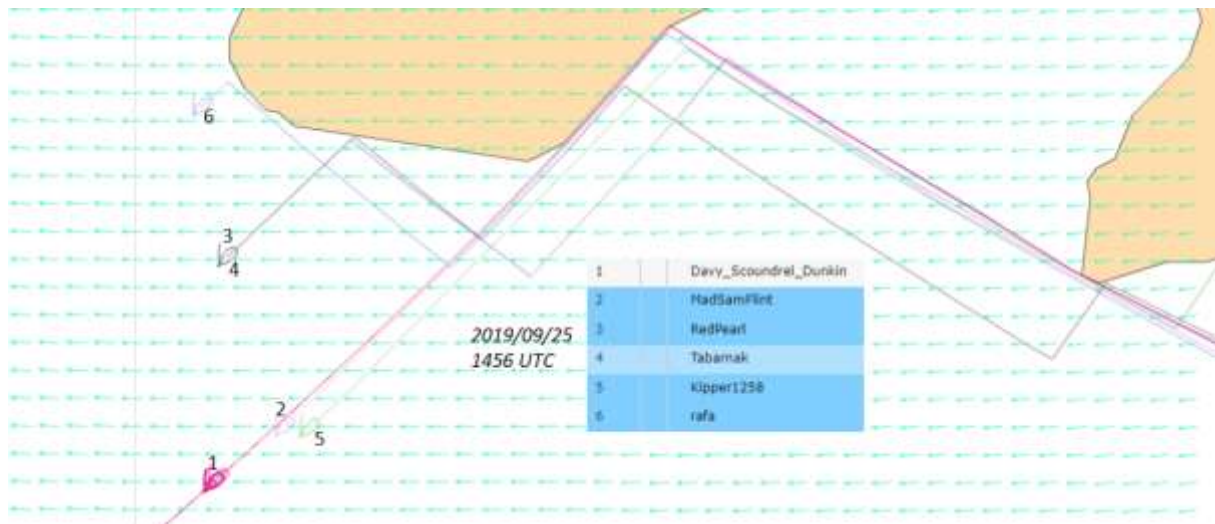


"Tabarnak" is already behind me, what will happen with "RedPearl"?

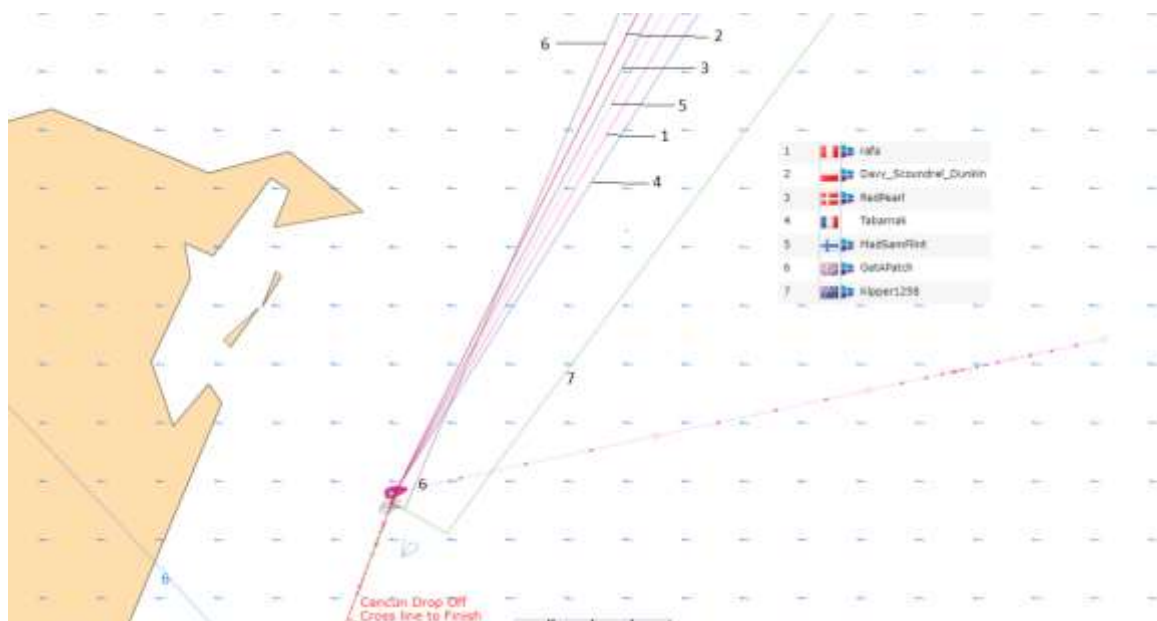


"Tabarnak" and "RedPearl" are in the same position. So "RedPearl" will probably be behind me too. Two additional returns cost him the loss of his second or maybe also third position. I was wondering if the "rafa" sailing under *Cabo de San Antonio* and making two additional turns, also made a mistake?

In half an hour after the last but one planned by me turn in this race, everything will be clear.



"rafa" didn't make a mistake or not big enough to beat him in this race. Maybe if I decided on the northern route six hours earlier than I did ... But if my grandmother had a moustache, she would be a grandfather. Ultimately the "rafa" won, but I miraculously managed to win the second place.



Congratulations "rafa", congratulations to all finishers. This race hurt my nerves very much, but once again showed that it is worth fighting to the end.

Warm greetings,

Davy Scoundrel Dunkin / WRmirekd

And now I can drink this damn rum.