

Tasman Double 2019 - Leg 2 Gosford to Lord Howe Island report

If I had such an island, the results of the race would probably be different 😊



Unfortunately, the first leg from Sydney to Hobart did not go as I planned. The doubtful consolation was that some went even worse. "ij" after the unfortunate choice of route fighting bravely to the end took only 7th place. And although in the meantime he had great sailing in ORCV Melbourne to Devonport Race, which I can't say about myself, he didn't appear at the start to the second leg.

It's a shame because if he won the second stage while maintaining all the remaining order he would also win the whole. This is a sport. I have said many times in this forum that it is worth fighting to the end. Nothing more to lose but you can gain a lot. Maybe "ij" had some other reasons, greetings, you are great.

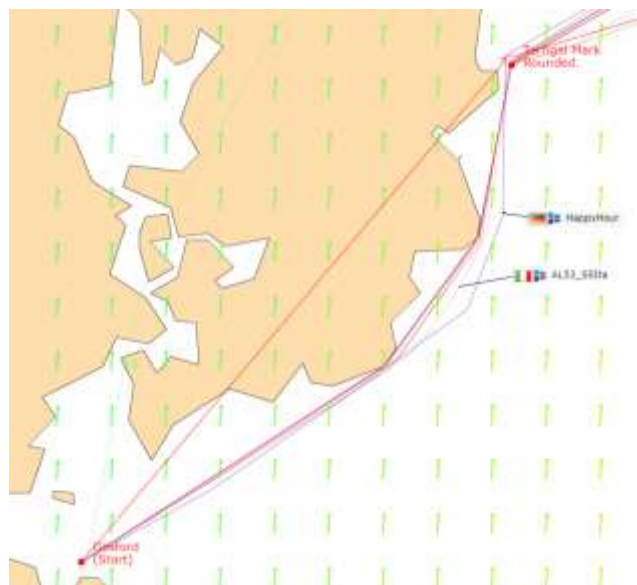
My 4th place after the first leg was not so bad and gave me a chance to win. After the start everything became clear. "outlaw" did not report to the race and "Alexandria" did not start the race. In this situation, the only opponent remained a great "rafa".

The case was not so simple. It wasn't enough to win the race. "rafa" had to be two places behind me. In addition, there were many great competitors who could win this race. In this case, the "rafa" would have to be three places behind me so I could think of victory.

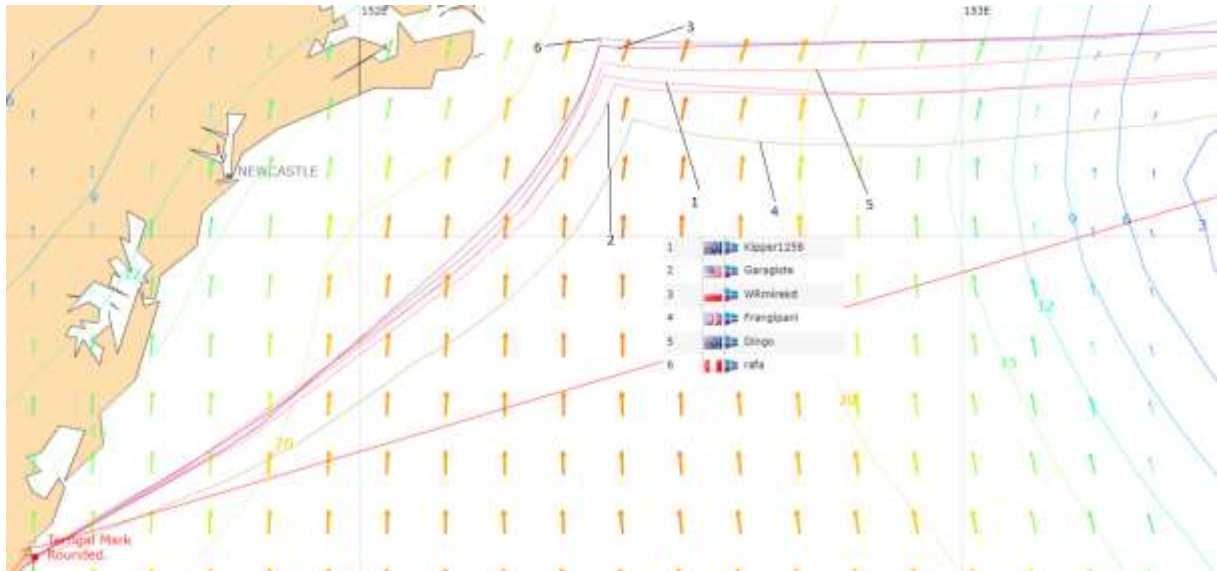
It was very difficult but as it turned out not impossible !!!

The beginning till Terrigel Mark seemed obvious. Precise ride on horns. From the top 10 only "HappyHour" and "AL53_SSIta" sailed more freely. Even "Go4iT" tried very hard this time 😊.

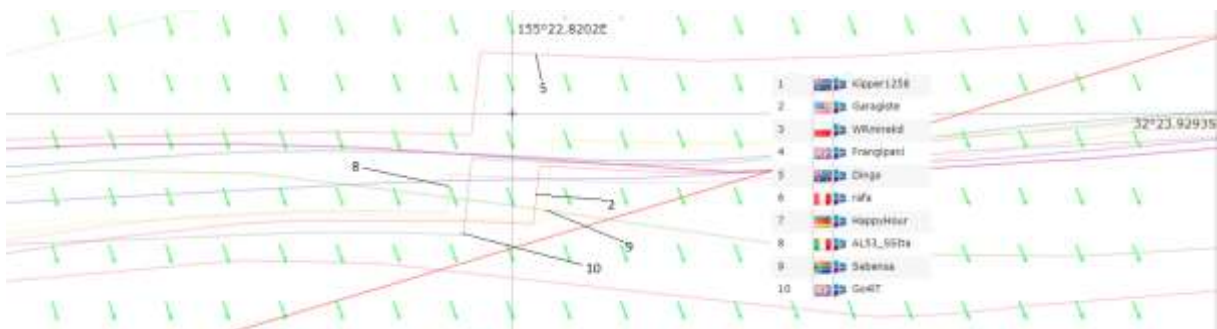
I don't think I will ever know why, despite the exact navigation, just like "Kipper1258", "Garagiste" and others I was on the first mark a bit behind them. Is it like having a delayed start ???



I originally planned the only tack in this race a bit earlier, but it looked like **"Kipper1258"** is in great shape and will probably win the race. So I focused my attention on the **"rafa"**. I went too far north and my situation became very uncertain.

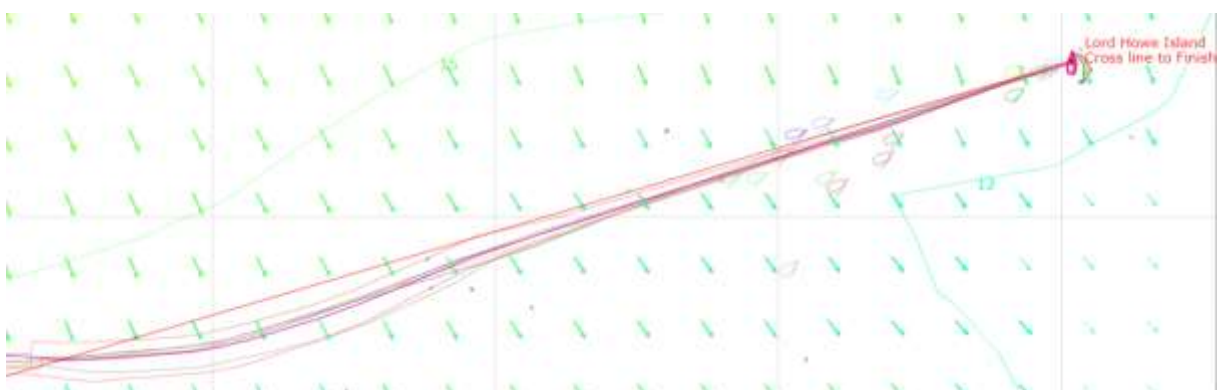


The new weather forecast has caused the router to suggest additional tacks. However, after closer examination, they proved to be unnecessary and even harmful. However, I was wondering who would do them and whether it would improve my position.



Five yachts carried additional tacks. **"Garagiste"** lost a little but not so much that I overtook him, I think **"Dingo"** gave me a place on the podium in this race, thank you.

It remained long, long, which does not mean that the boring finish.



The situation was as follows, "**Kipper1258**", "**Garagiste**", "**WRmirekd**", "**Frangipani**" on my heels and the "**rafa**" in 5th place. This arrangement gave general "**rafa**" victory despite the same number of points. But the "**rafa**" was attacked by "**Dingo**" from windward and "**HappyHour**" from leeward. And the closer to the finish the more dramatic the situation behind me was.

Finally, three yachts finished the race at the same time and the server changed its decision several times on the order. Finally decided: "**Dingo**", "**rafa**", "**HappyHour**". Incredible and yet succeeded. I could now drink a glass of whiskey for the victory and health of "**Dingo**" 😊.

Greetings to everyone,

WRmirekd

