

## Abu Dhabi to Dondra 2020 – report



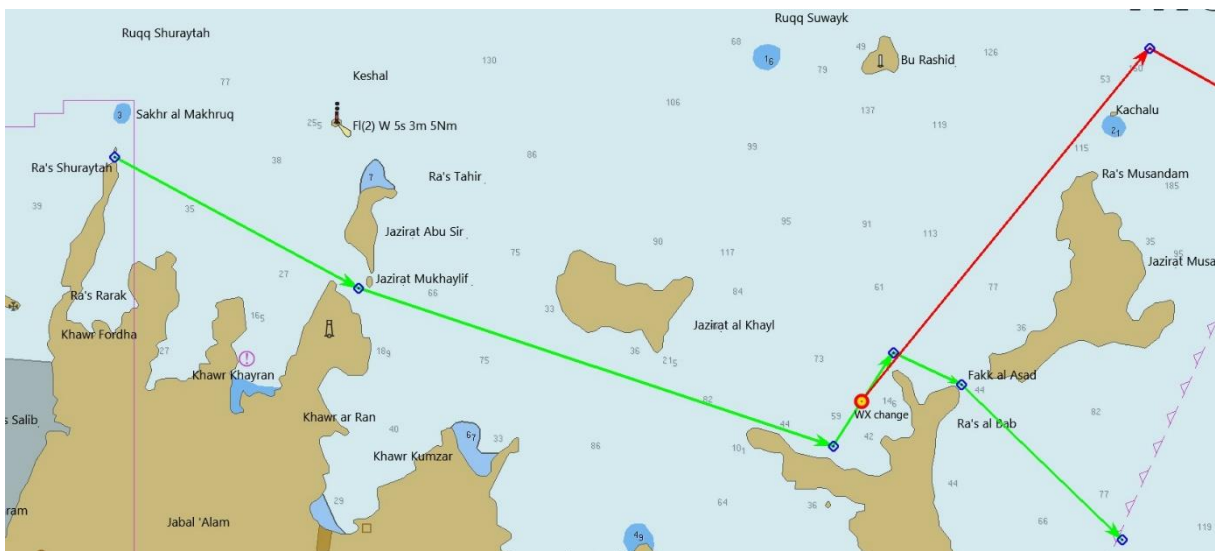
As **Bonknhoot** has rightly pointed out, long ocean races are not my favourites. There is a lot of unpredictability associated with WX changes. Often, however, you need a lot of luck. The accuracy of the weather forecast decreases with increasing time for which we forecast the weather. This exactly coincides with the ability to plan a long route. This is nothing new and we all know it. Perhaps for this reason, however, they are attractive and certainly different.

Unfortunately, I did not gather the right materials during the race, so my report, probably to everyone's delight, will be short.

The first stage to the **Hormuz Strait** was simple and quite easy to plan precisely.

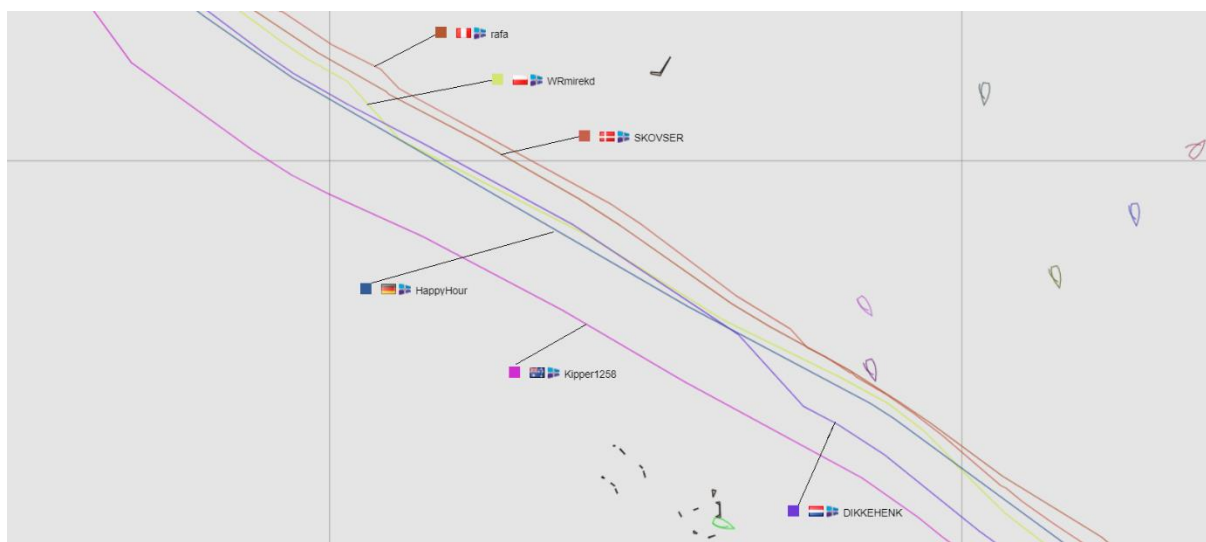


Immediately after passing **Ra's Shuraytah**, to my not humble joy, I found myself in the lead.



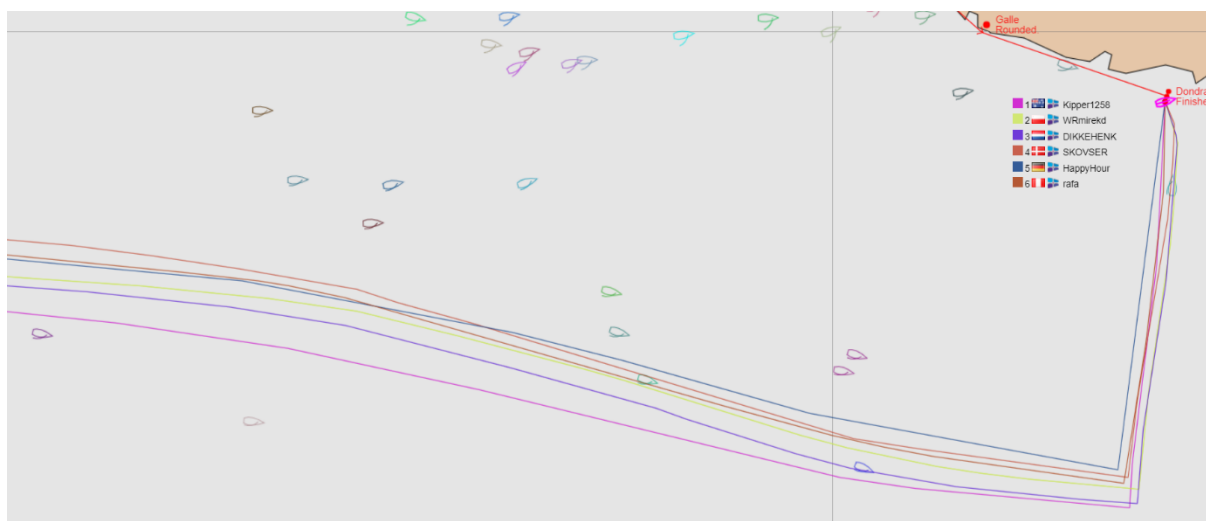
I was aware that this is just the beginning and a long way to home. Problems began soon. I planned to cross the **Hormuz Strait** according to the green route above. However, just before entering between **Ra's al Bab** and **Fakk al Asad**, a new WX arrived. Router showed a new route marked in red. There was very little time to make a decision. Ultimately, I chose the old way.

Terrible things happened in the **Gulf of Oman**. The router changed its decisions quite drastically. When the situation finally stabilized, it did not look good. I temporarily lost my desire to continue the fight. **SKOVSER** was a definite leader and all attacks on his position brought no results. **Rafa** was ahead of me, if I remember, also **HappyHour**, **Bonknhoot**.



I looked at **Kipper1258**. He went very south and I thought he would lose a lot. On the other hand, I remember his amazing ideas and interesting tactics from other races. I don't think it will be worse yet. The road to the finish was still long.

I slowly moved to the front of the race. Only **SKOVSER** navigated perfectly. Finally, he made a mistake which temporarily allowed me to take the lead. Busy looking after **SKOVSER**, I noticed **Kipper1258** too late.



Eventually, I lost to **Kipper1258** by only 1:45 minutes. **Kipper**, respect. **DIKKEHENK** was outstanding, who managed to overtake **SKOVSER** yet. Maybe if I bounced further south to **Kipper 1258** as **DIKKEHENK** did ...



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A bit of humour to finish off.



*Noah only later found out that Steve faked his skipper licence.*

Greetings to all, Mirek