

Lisbon to Cape Town 2020; Leg 1 of 4.

An unusual race where, from the Azores, the fleet took a momentous decision when approaching the southern hemisphere either to hug the west coast of Africa or to take the far longer but more traditional route down the western side of the South Atlantic around the high and pick up the southern winds to scream home into Cape Town.

For a long time the African coast huggers had the lead of several hundred miles over the westerners but eventually, despite a very unstable set of depressions in the Southern Atlantic, the westerners have won over.

Special mention should be made of Mullionman who split from the western leader pack with an early gybe south and thus established a lead of some 40 miles over second place and he deserves to win this leg.

Leg 2 to Auckland starts on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, once we have crossed the pond from Canada to St Malo in our IMOCA60s.

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