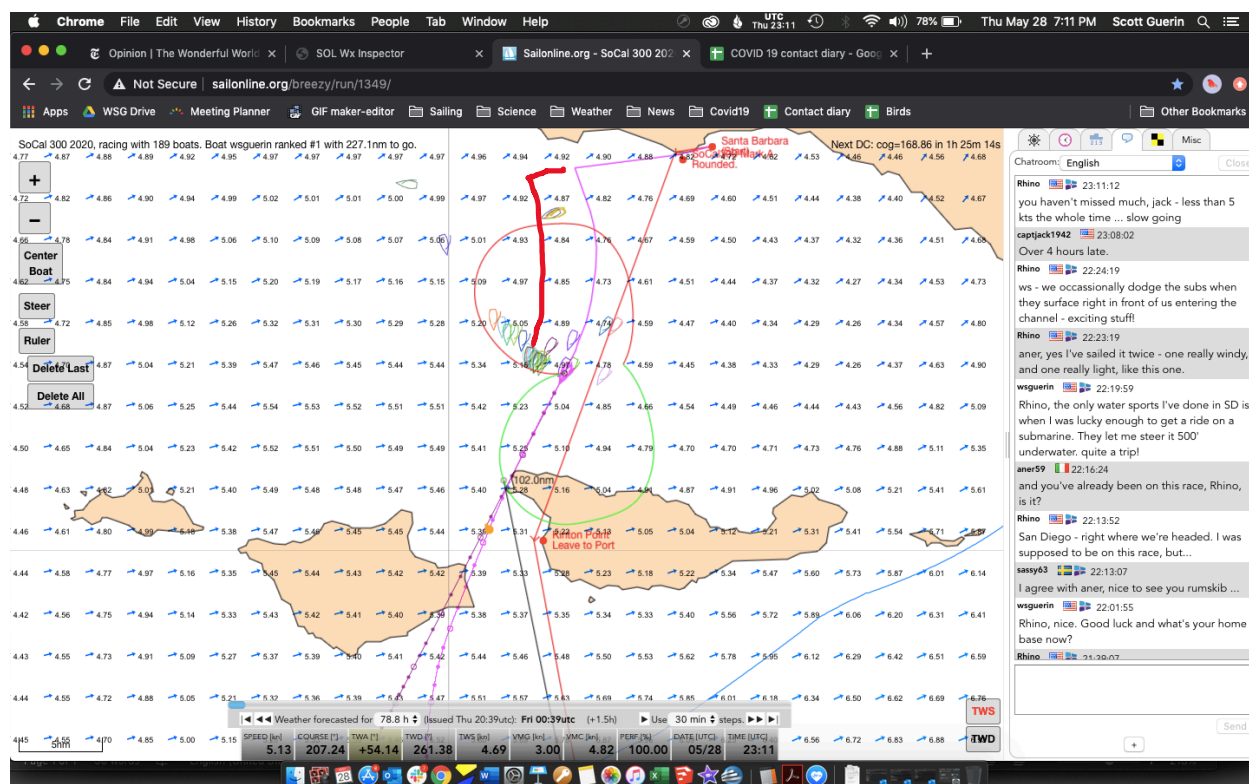


SoCAL 300 wsguerin report

Day 1 May 28

Took the right side at about -43 TWA along the coast knowing the wind to my port was going to swing providing a starboard tack lift but when to go? I bore off a little to -46 TWA after the first tip of land to heat it up a little. The WX came in and showed me I should tack immediately at a +54 TWA. I went from 90th to 2nd in 2 hours. Looks like the lift will carry me around the second mark nicely.

So interesting. Was in #1 about 8nm from the turn but the racers who sailed 2nm further West, instead of trigger-tillering it over like I did, had a couple tenths of a knot more wind and sailed a flatter lifting curve (aka shorter course) than I did and overtook me by 1 nm at the turn.



Day 2 May 29 (0107UTC Saturday)

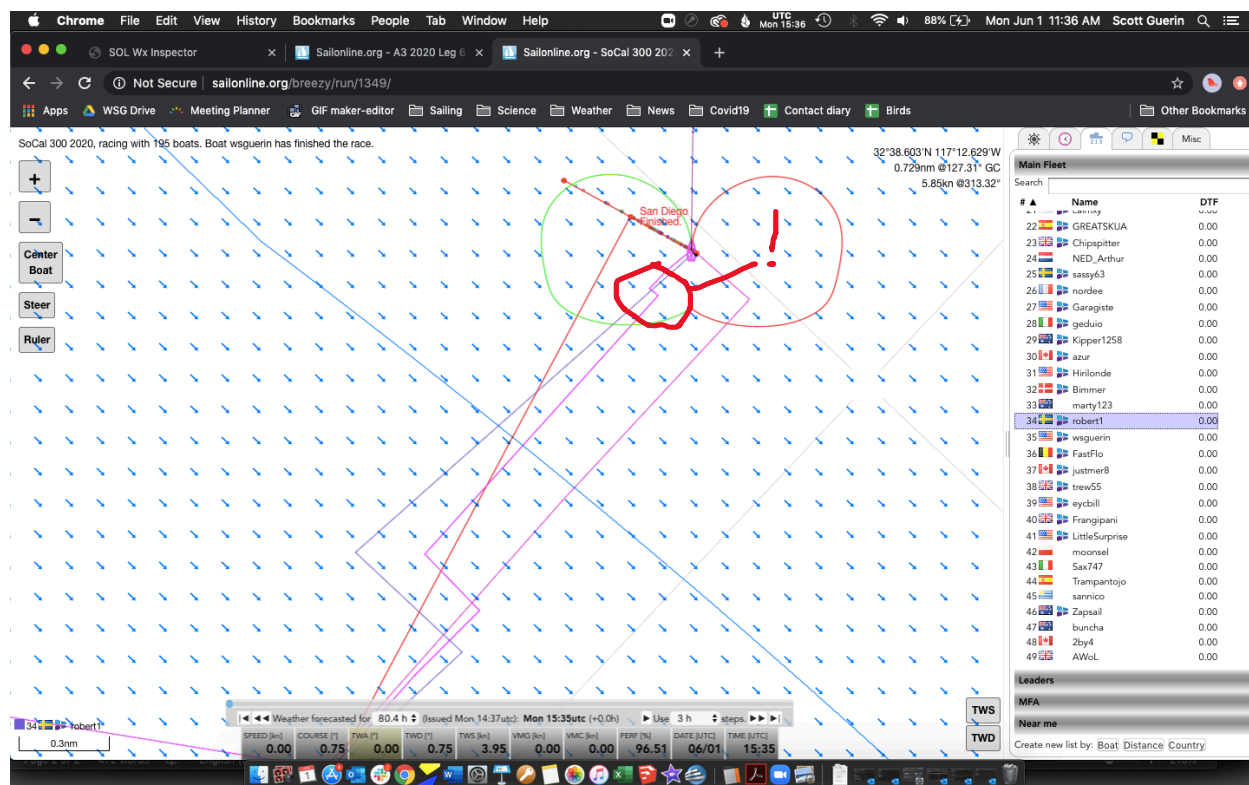
I had a pretty good reach to the NOAA Buoy but TWA course took me a bit wide and long if fast. Woke up at 5AM ET (1000UTC) nervous about missed WX but course corrected a bit and rounded about 35th. Not that places matter too much at this stage.

I followed the leaders left but went a bit further and now am in the back of the front pack in 25th. Heading toward bedtime here so I need to think through a couple DC and a 2-3am wakeup if I'm to finish top 30, much less top 50.

Woke up to 39th and unless someone falls asleep at the wheel, that's about where I'll end up. Best finish to date though. I went too far north overnight but with the wind at 6kts and swinging right but slacking, my TWA of -109 and falling is close to optimal according to WX Inspector which says is -100.

Rounded SD 1 in 36th. Smo fell asleep and I passed him. Robert1 was in 34th sailing at ~ -47 TWA, I was at -41 but to windward, so I fell off to match speed. He tacked and crossed just in front, I had not planned to tack till near the line (sail the long favored tack first adage) but the wind was .05kt more wind left so I covered him then tacked at -41 TWA again and looked to hit the pin end ahead of him but very close. He sailed a bit further so his angle was better but we were just 7 mins from finishing.

Unfortunately, I'd failed to delete the emergency DC to tack to the line and my boat auto tacked .2nm from the line (that happens IRL all the time in dingys!) he passed me and that was that, 35th but my best finish to date.



Overall, kind of a drag race but the Chat was entertaining!