

# Baltic 500

## The perils of a short nap!

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Hi Folks

Just a short lesson for those of you that think there are no more ways to bugger up a well-run race!

My plan for this one was to finish Top Ten and help my overall SOL Club race position, anything better than top ten would drop my overall points from 71 down to 65 or less and possibly put me into the top ten on the ladder standings. Cool! Plan set. 3 days sailing, over the weekend during Lockdown with nowhere to go – A Doodle as they say.

### The Lesson

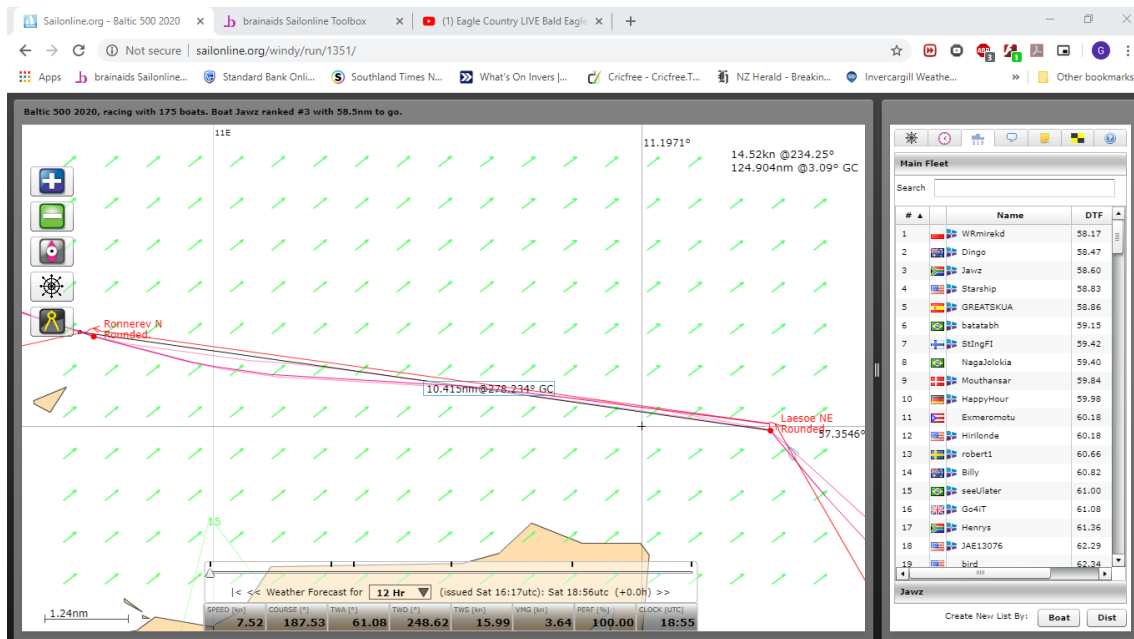
Coming up to Laesoe NE waypoint I found myself in a good 2<sup>nd</sup> spot having clawed myself up to within 0.8nm of Mirek. I had set a long TWA position in to the WP and decided to take a 45 minute nap, wake up with 10 minutes to spare, make sure that the TWA set hadn't drifted and plan for the Tack.

Here's how that went down!

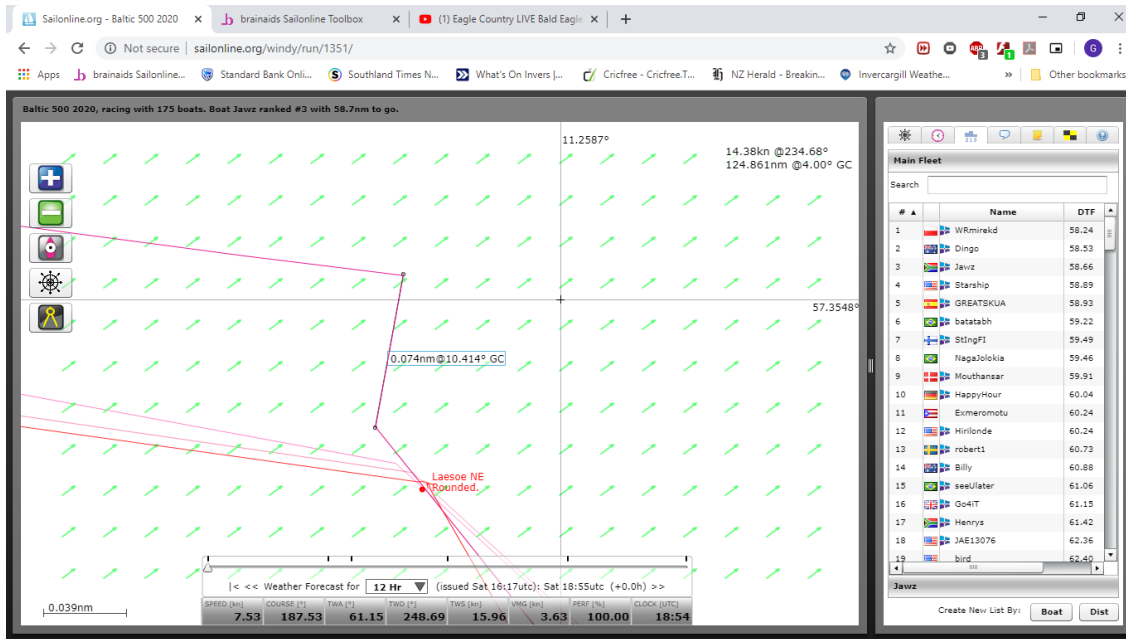
Due to the severe lack of sleep I fell hard asleep and that 45 minute nap was a deep one. The alarm went off and I woke up in a severe funky frame of mind. I measured the angle between the next two waypoints and typed this into the dashboard notepad. Got up, took a pee, came back and waited for the boat to get to the WP. I looked at the notepad and typed in the command and waited. The boat jump wasn't favourable and it jumped 0.22nm past. Bugger! I pressed send and zoomed into the far end to see where the path was lying. But wait, where was my predictor line?

Here is what happened!

I had measured the next angle and note the distance of the drawn line 10.415nm



I had typed the distance in as the next boat angle!\$#@%& Check this out! 10.414 degrees!



A new way to F... things up!



I had lost 0.1nm in the balls up. Lord knows how much ground lost due to a double gybe plus a new and crappy angle to deal with. I had fallen from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in this well planned move!

All's well that ends well though. Some further hard sailing in the second half of the race brought me back onto the podium.

Last words. There are some seriously good sailors now on SOL and there is absolutely no room for errors in this game. WRmirekd and Dingo are cases in point. Try as hard as I could, with all my tricks, I could not catch them up. Even an early tack by Dingo didn't help my cause but I gave John a scare I think. Well done guys, a nice race, Thank You!

Final Last words. How's that overall performance by WRmirekd? Won 9 out of 10 on the leaderboard! Awesome Mirek! I haven't seen such consistently good results since the early days when Brainaid was caning us all!