

The Tall Ships Races 2020 – Lisbon-Cadiz

Log Day 1

As an experience hand at the TSR having been active from 2008 to 2012, it's great to be able to compete not just during lockdown but even while I'm not able to go sailing for various reasons.

As a novice of sailonline I can already feel the same sense of community and comradery that is evident in the TSR scene in person, with people new and old able to share experience in a friendly manner, whilst still being competitive in nature.

Also it's giving me a chance to dust off the routing skills I've previously learnt.

An added bonus no chance of me falling off the bowsprit of a virtual boat as happened in the 2010 CiC from Aalborg to Kristiansand aboard Morning Star of Revelation.

Log day 2

The night watch took me out a touch with the weather change but I'm getting back on track now with the wind dropping and changing direction so that it is blowing from the finish line. But got a plan with the weather predictions. The end of this race could end like some races I've been in the past with little wind. Like the 2008 race from Liverpool to Maloy, it was quite surreal being about the top of Scotland with no wind drifting among the fleet with the likes of Class A Cuauhtémoc.

It is nice knowing I'm in the middle of the fleet. I can imagine being on watch and seeing the other vessels all around me.

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