

# The Tall Ships Races 2020 – Race 2 – Cadiz to Sagres

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Starting the 2nd leg of the tall ships race. Another race with this extremely complicated boat (polar) into very fast changing winds.

This is one of the few starts I've made with almost zero wind and a huge shift in the first 15 mins. It meant boats going all over the place. As for me, I just tried to keep moving as fast as possible northwest until a more stable breeze settled and I could start the long beating towards Punta Umbria. the home of our dear friend "elbetico". Tacking at Punta Umbria was where I probably did my first mistake. I think I should have done a zig-zag close to shore. Nevertheless, the differences were very small and the race was open.

After the tack, we needed to negotiate a big wind shift. We started close reached, then negotiated the deep polar hop and sailed downwind to Ilha Deserta. This was during the night and when I waked up, I saw I went too much north and Dikkehenk on port gained a huge lead over most boats. I gybed clearly being Dikkehenk (very far and unreachable) and Dingo. But there was still a lot to happen on this race. Another big wind shift, another polar hop negotiation and tacking at Alvor!

After the last tack at Alvor, Dikkehenk was keeping his huge lead, Dingo was still ahead of me and rafa very, very close. The 3rd place would be decided on the approach to the line and, by keeping a little longer close to shore, my approach path proved to beat rafa

Nice race and congratulations to Dikkehenk and Dingo and a special word to rafa that gave me a very hard time.

See you on the 3rd leg.

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