

## Tasman Double 2020 – Leg 2

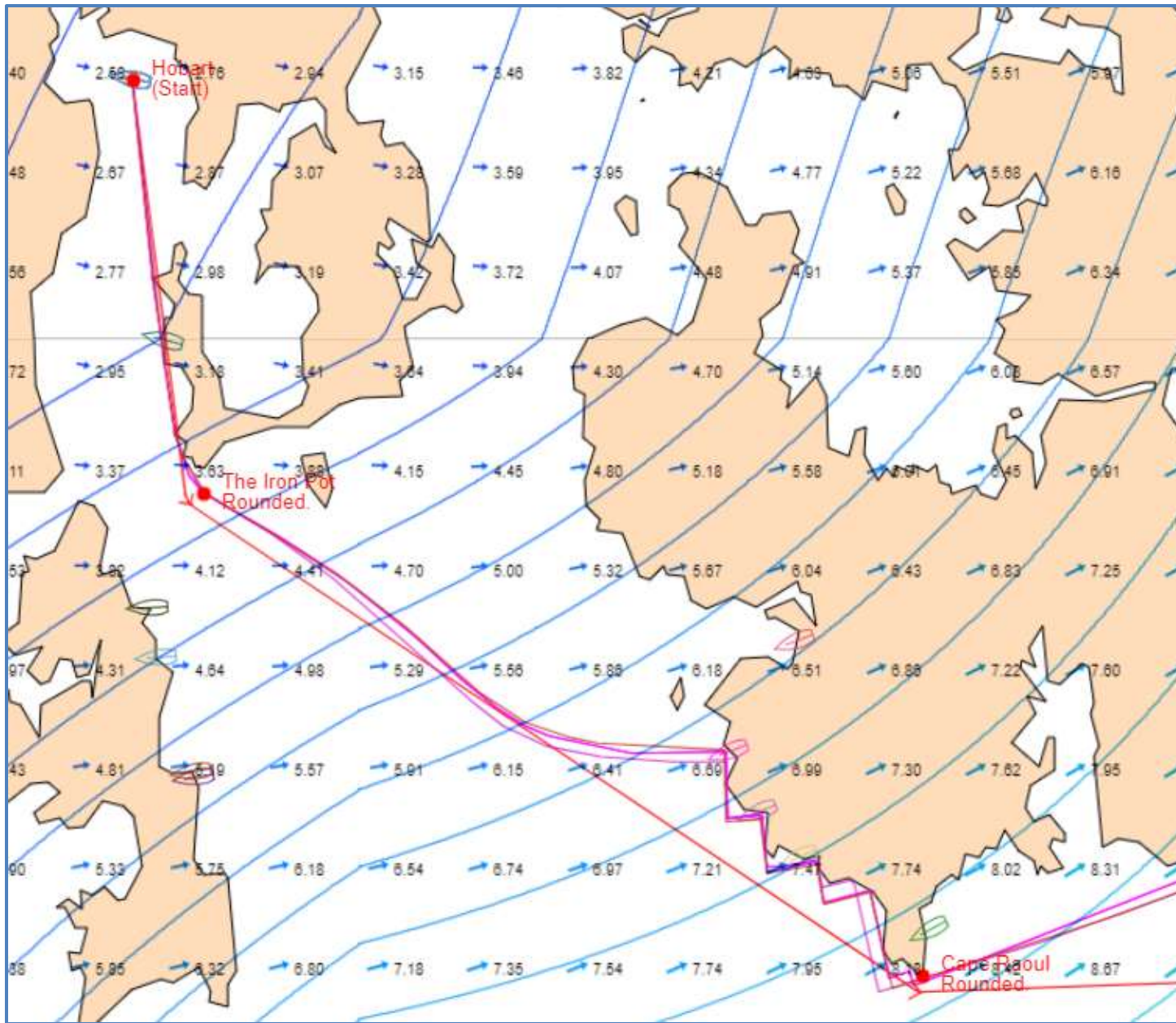
Boat: FreyjaUSA

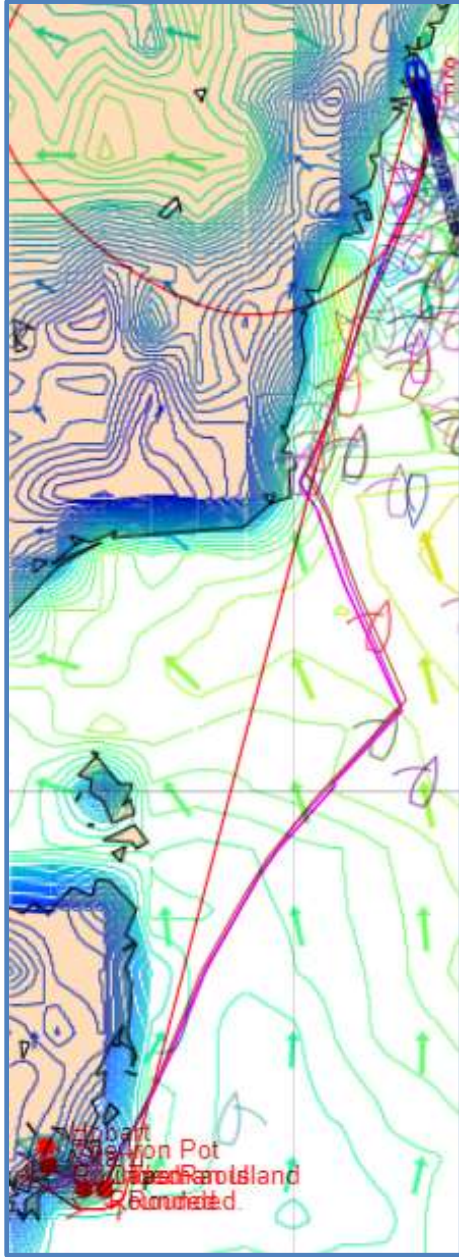
Skipper: Doug Nelson

I certainly was not planning to be writing a podium report from Hobart to Sydney. My memory may be clouded with 3 races and IRL stuff all happening at the same time, not to mention being sleep deprived, like most of you I am sure. 😊






Freyja had a disappointing Leg 1 of the Tasman Double – 2020, especially the last few hours up the Derwent. I certainly wanted to have a stronger showing in Leg 2, fortunately the timing for this race was just about perfect. We started at 0900 local time, and the bulk of the hands-on focus was finished by 1730 on the first day. The race started with a light wind down the Derwent, and while there was some tactical planning to complete, the winds were steady and building as we approached Tasman Bay. The key to this race was to start strong, and get around Tasman Island as close to the top position as possible. Once you were in Tasman Bay, there were few opportunities to overtake anyone that was more than a few minutes ahead.

As you can see from the screenshots below (taken after that race was over), the top three finishers all followed the same route and were very close from start to finish. The top 5 finishers constantly jockeyed back and forth for the lead throughout the race. It was constant battle with maintaining boat speed and angle to set yourself up for the final few miles of the race. Of the top 3 finishers, WRmirekd went furthest east (with more wind) up Tasman Bay, then Nagalolokia, and Freyja. Vida\_Maldita was right on top of Freyja right up to the last gybe to the finish line. VM gybed about a minute earlier than Freyja, and looked as though she had enough to take 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rafa played both sides of the course on this race, initially going (a little) closer to the rhumb line, then came outside gaining boat speed and position, crossed all of us to the east with more pressure, but in the end, it was not enough to cover the additional distance, but it sure was close.





Finally, as we finished up it was a pretty straight shot in to the finish. This was another very close race for Freyja, squeaking out 3<sup>rd</sup> place by only 2 seconds. Congratulations to WRmirekd and NagaJolokia, as well as Vida\_Maldit and Rafa, on an excellent race.

Rank	Boat Name	Boat Type	DTG	DBL	Finish Time (UTC)
1	 WRmirekd	Super Maxi 100	0	0	2021-01-06 13:30:12
2	 NagaJolokia	Super Maxi 100	0	0	2021-01-06 13:33:11
3	 FreyjaUSA	Super Maxi 100	0	0	2021-01-06 13:34:42
4	 Vida_Maldita	Super Maxi 100	0	0	2021-01-06 13:34:44
5	 rafa	Super Maxi 100	0	0	2021-01-06 13:35:01

Stay safe,

Doug/Freyja