

Tasman Double 2020 Report Hobart – Sydney

Before I start the boring report,

May this year be the one in which all your wishes come true. The one in which your dreams may turn into reality and all your fears may fade away. Happy new year!

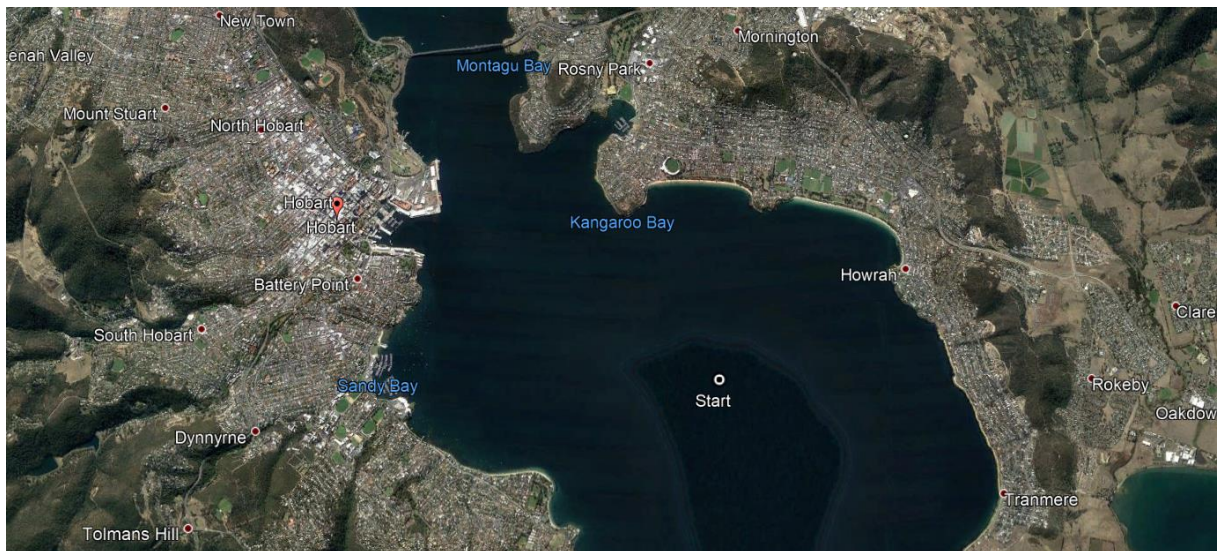


As most of you probably already know, the end of 2020 was not very happy for me. My dad died losing the fight against Covid19. Unfortunately, he managed to infect my entire family. I thought the night of December 24-25 is the last night of my life. Nightmare. Thank goodness it was only one night and I managed to overcome the damn thing. Please don't listen and don't believe the various anti covid fans. It is a very insidious disease and it can overwhelm a person in an unimaginable way. Vaccinate as soon as possible. Listen to doctors and recognized scientists, not to home-grown healers.

Only on Monday, January 11, can I finally bury my Dad. He was who taught me sailing and skiing, and although the student surpassed the master, I owe it all to him.



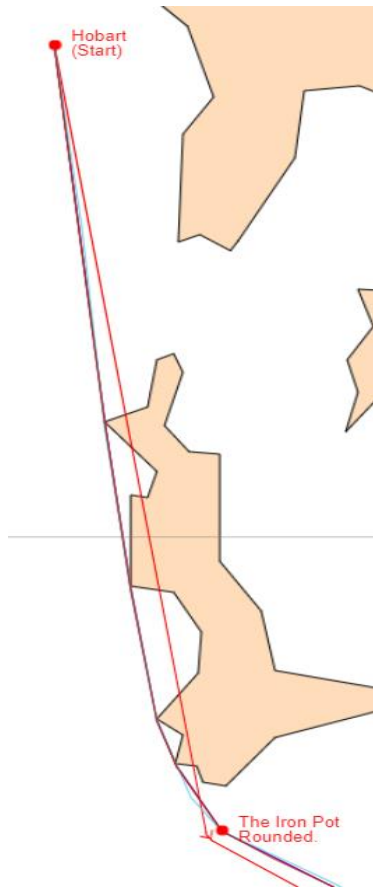
After the New Year's Eve spree in Hobart, it's time to head back to Sydney.



The start is scheduled for 1600 UTC in the middle of the bay. For me, this was a perfect time.

The analysis of the route and weather conditions led me to the conclusion that the most important thing is to start and plan the way to **Tasman Island**. The order on this mark should properly determine the finish order. And it actually happened.

The road from the **Start** to **The Iron Pot** gave no possibility of gaining a significant leading and the server determines the leader according to its known rules only. 😊

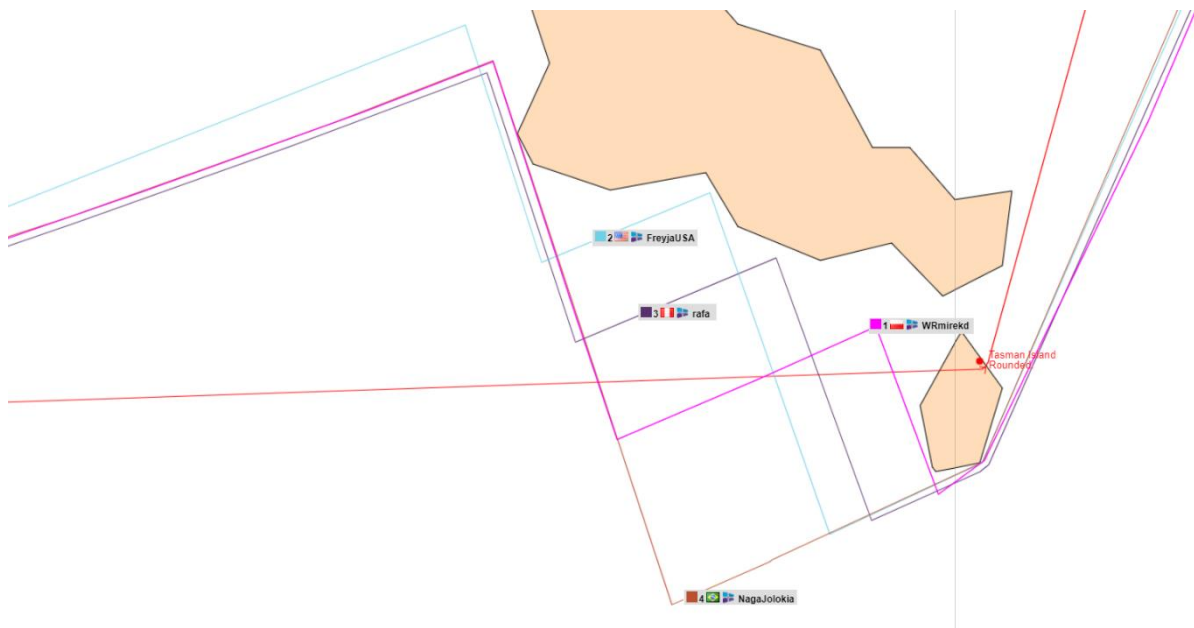


From **The Iron Pot** to **Cape Raoul** a preliminary ranking has been made.

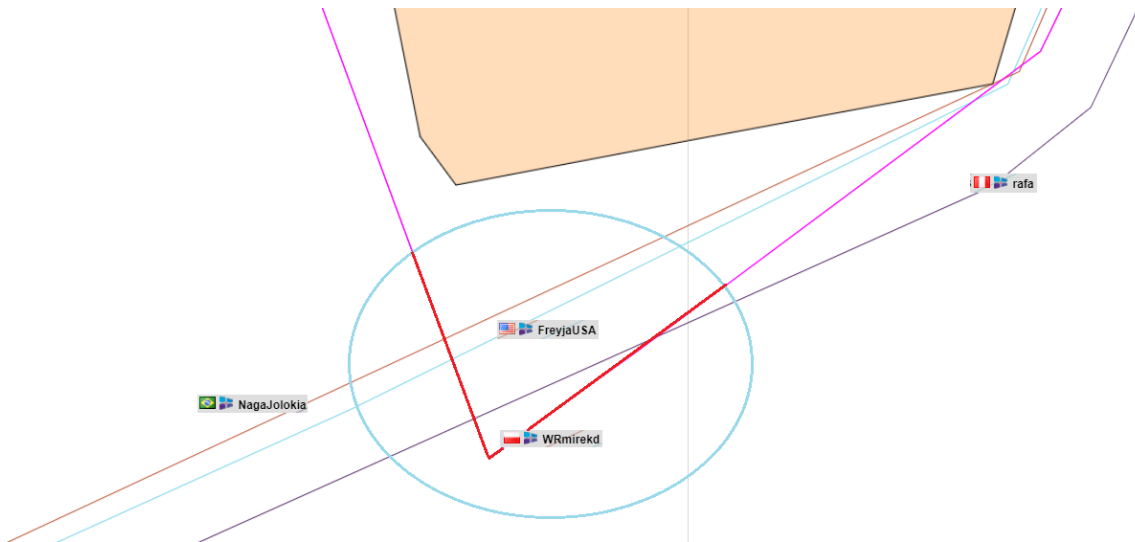


Not without significance for my subconscious was the action of **FrejjaUSA**, who performed an additional manoeuvre before the **Cape Raoul**. I was considering it as well but eventually gave it up as it will no be brought significant benefit. Eventually, at **Cape Raoul**, I managed to take the lead.

A very interesting game took place in before of the **Tasman Island** mark. Here again, a few turns had to be planned. The only question is how much and where?



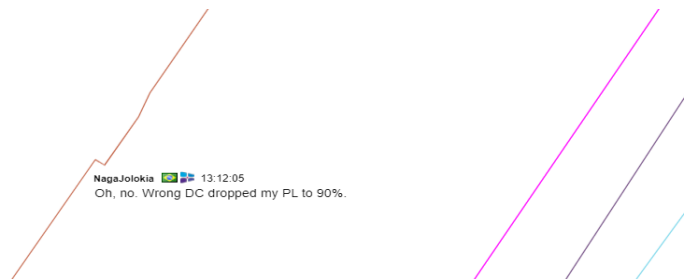
I originally planned the path that **NagaJolokia** took in the picture above. I was in front of him and it had to be left that way. But as we say in Poland, “Sneaky loses twice”. (The double-cross to end all double-crosses). **FrejjaUSA** and **Rafa** did an extra tack. That worried me needlessly. I did a quick conversion and found the extra tack was profitable. There was no time for more detailed analysis, and that was a mistake. As you can see, I made a turn, but without thorough preparation it resulted in an excessive descent to the south and a wrong approach to the island.



See the perfect passage of **NagaJolokia** and my fatal. This red-marked catch cost me the lead and I was reminded of the '**Melbourne to Devonport 2020**' race. Is history to repeat itself?

Only now did I become interested in history. It turned out that in 2018 I lost against **Kipper1258**, but in 2019 I won. Although I didn't win any of the races, I was the first in the overall Tasman Double classification. The first stage in 2020 comes in third place. Excellent **Dingo**, the winner of the first stage did not start and the second **RICOTINA** was far behind. In this situation, the most important thing was not to get overtaken by **Rafa**. The loss to **NagaJolokia** still gave me a "**Tasman Double 2020**" win.

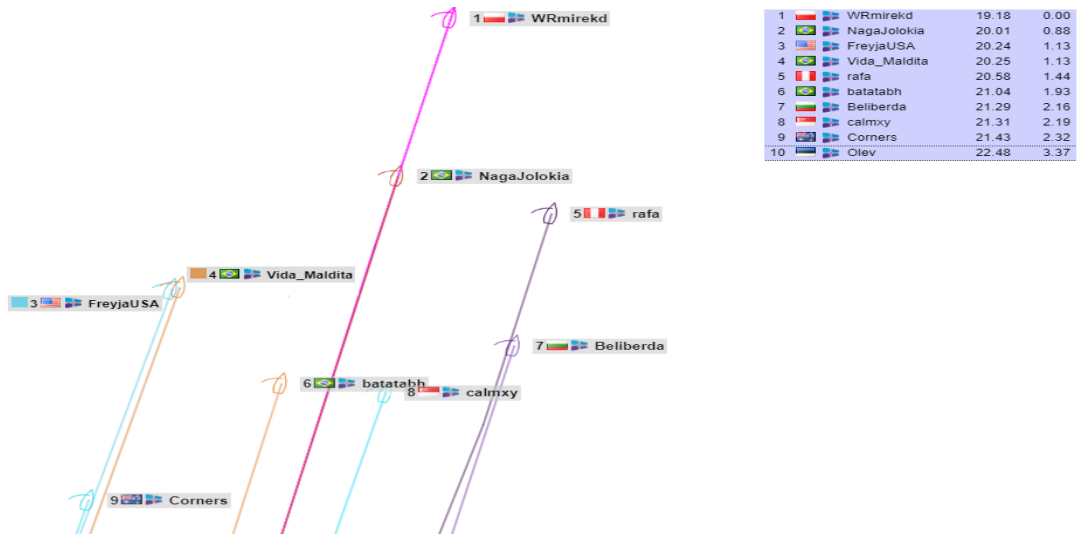
I have almost come to terms with the second place, hoping to win because of a slightly more favourable rate in my opinion. Suddenly the incredible thing happened. I am not the only one who made a mistake.



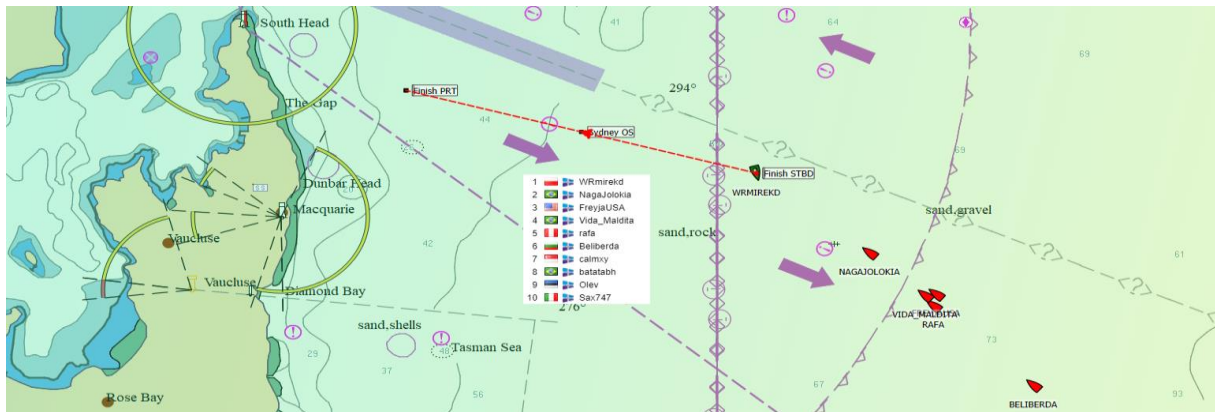
This fatal mistake pushed **NagaJolokia** down to 5th place.



But he is a tough opponent and despite the excellent ride of **FreyjaUSA**, **Rafa** and **Vida_Maldita**, he was second on the penultimate tack.



I was already calm about my victory. The advantage was big enough. Behind my back there was an exciting fight for the third place between **FreyjaUSA** and **Vida_Maldita**.



Ultimately, it was **FreyjaUSA** who jumped on the podium.



Thanks to everyone for a great race.

I warmly greet you,

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