I had a "Cutie" holding my tiller!

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A few years ago I retired early, at age 61, due to health challenges and the stress that was not helping this. 3 years ago I was offered a contract position teaching fellow "Africans" the fundamentals of electricity and how to repair small electrical appliances at The Clothing Bank at the Johannesburg branch. This year the program is particularly busy for me and I do not have much spare time for Soling.

But! The "Round The World the Wrong Way" race was too much of an attraction, so I had to make a plan. I decided that with this first leg, and maybe the others, I would "cruise" but I still needed to do reasonably well because my goal is to finish in the top 20 overall. So. My project became that of using qtVlm, aka "qt", aka "Cutie", at the helm.

Every new day-time weather, (3 changes daily) I planned a route, exported it to SOL and carried on with my life. At night I used the 6:30 weather to plan a route right through until the morning weather change and I slept through. Only once did I have to check up on the midnight weather and that was so that I didn't crash into Sicily and upset the mafia! And then at the end I shoved the Cutie aside to wave at my fans as I crossed the line. The boat, after all, is mine!

I have to give a "shout-out " to lj our Soler friend that is working on the new dashboard. Without the development version my race would have been more challenging. The dc predictor line in the "Dev" version is a godsend! As is the extended predictor, which I used on the 12 hour setting. The attached two screenshots show how I used the predictor line over a 12 hour period to ensure that the boat stayed off the rocks.

In total I spent less than 15 hours at the pc on this 17 day trip!!!! And I finished 27th!