

## **EQUATORIAL SAILONLINE ROUND THE WORLD RACE 2021 – LEG 2**

Since at the start of the race looked like a northern route was the best one, I started to sail NW as soon as we left behind Cabo Verde Islands. The first gybes to get profit of the small shifts of the trade winds already showed a group of boats that were ahead, among them was mine.

Routing software indicated we had to maintain the NW course until we reached the north side of the Caribbean, where the key gybe was approaching. Finally NW of Puerto Rico we gybed SE and went inside the Caribbean Sea.

The gybing point was very important, and again WRmirekd, Garagiste and I seemed to have chosen the best moment, so we were in the podium places after the next gybe, already close to Venezuela, deep inside the Caribbean.

From there things were easier, and I kept the boat in the strongest winds as we gybed S and W was key again. The shift was better at the south but the winds were weaker there, so we had to do some more gybes to get a final straight line to the finish, where I managed to finish second.

It was a fast crossing of the Atlantic and the Caribbean, in a very nice race thanks to SOL.

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