Nordsee zur Ostsee 2021 – report

It's nice to be in a race on a route that you know from real expeditions. I was very curious how I would be able to do this race. It is true that virtual conditions do not have the same limitations as in reality, as **Icke** 🇩🇪 indicated. Not only are the bridges a simplification here, but the conditions and rules are the same for everyone.

Icke 🇩🇪 05/28 04:14:12
Welcome to my real-life sailing area! FYI: At this moment no participant south of 55°20'N has has his mast: All of you passed under the flat part of Great Belt Bridge (https://storebaelt.dk/en/). ;-)

And I have an experimental telescopic mast that folds automatically using remote controler 😊

Icke 🇩🇪 05/28 04:16:35
And additional the passage west of Langeland is also impossible by a bridge and shallow water for a yacht of our size! ;-)

Icke 🇩🇪 05/28 04:19:58
Oh, sorry, I just realized: Congrats to fastpasage39, Tyger and BS1 for choosing "the real way!" :-)

Helgoland - an island that almost ceased to exist thanks to man, fortunately only changed its natural shape. A very interesting story worth reading (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heligoland).
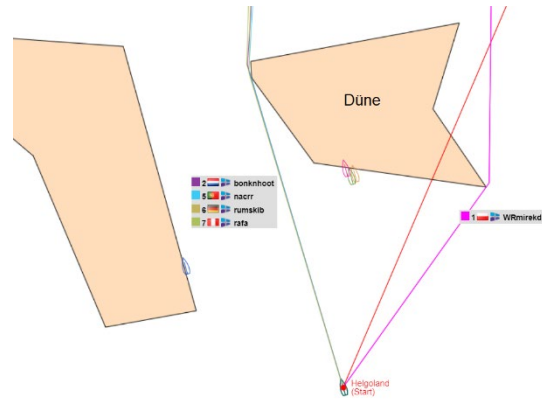

The island also has a Polish accent.

One of the great Polish patriots, General Ignacy Prądzyński, was buried here.
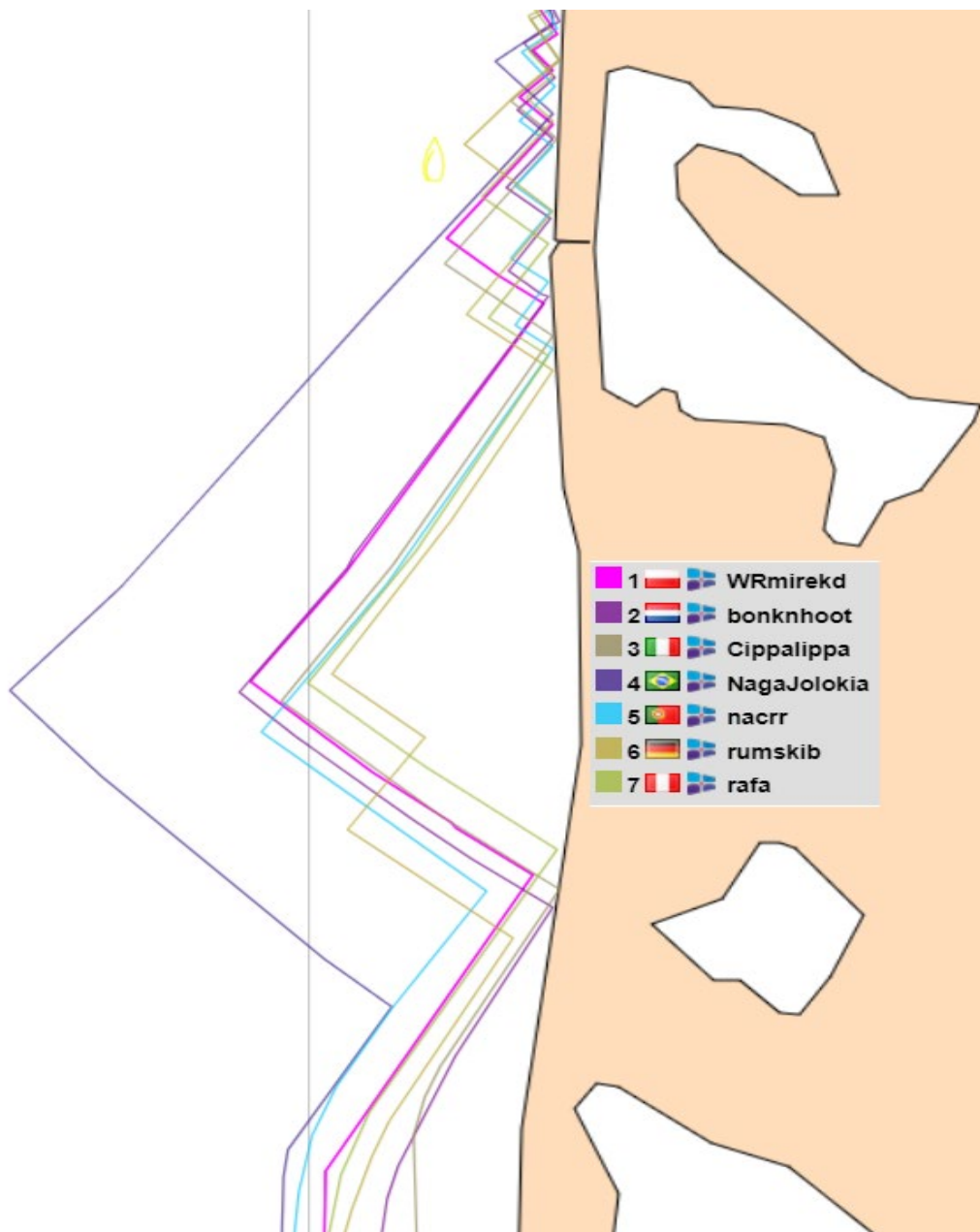

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But it's time to get back to the race. An analysis of the previous weather forecasts indicated that the race would be settled to **Skagen**. The second part of the route from **Skagen** to the finish line did not give practically the possibility of changing the ranking.

The start itself is always a big mystery to me. Literally 5 minutes before the start I decided to finally pass **Düne** on port side. Most stayed on the starboard side. However, this was not what decided about my victory, although I planned to get the lead at the beginning of the race with this maneuver.

Despite all due diligence when planning the start, I cannot achieve the desired effect and **Rafa** is the start master. How does he do it? After the first turns, I was probably 5th behind **Rafa, Bonknhoot, Nacrr, Rumskib**. Strong players themselves

I got to work hard and to my pleasant surprise before **Thyborøn Kanal** I was already in second position just behind **Bonknhoot**.
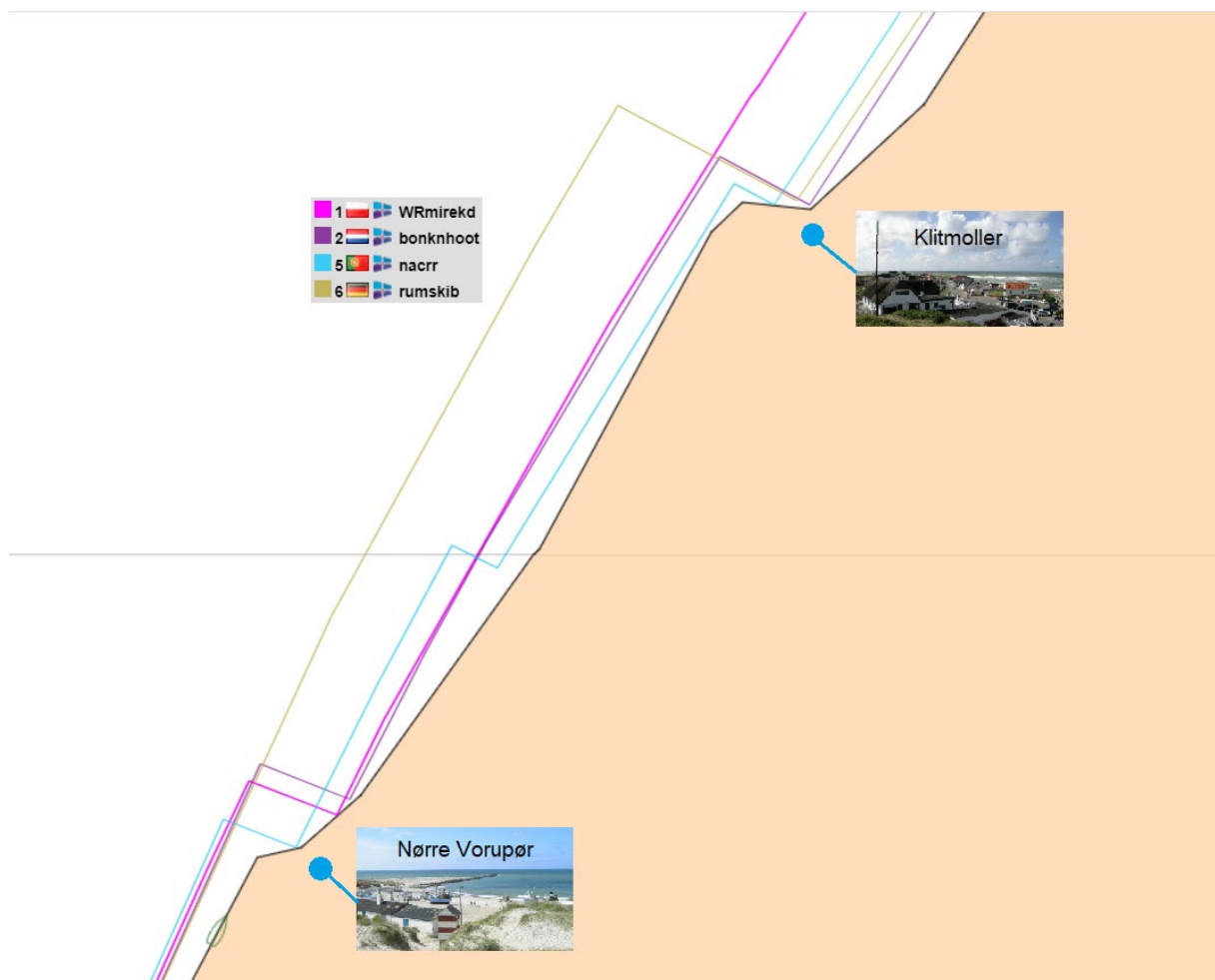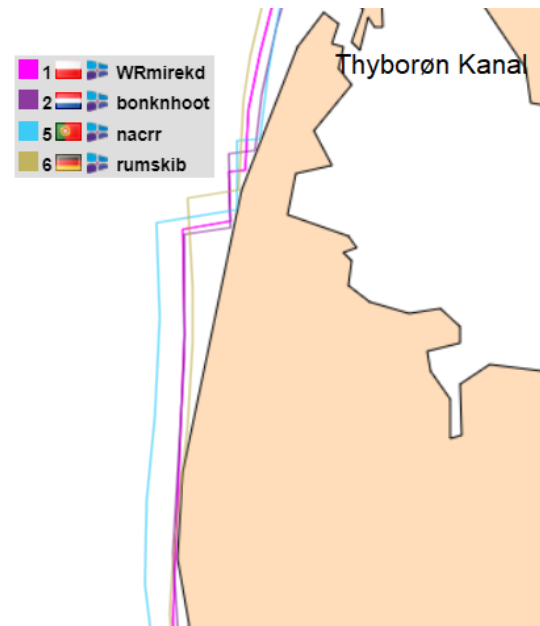
The loss was small, but there were not many opportunities to make up for it.

I came up with a plan and hoped that **Bonknhoot** would not come up with it and by making a mistake he would allow me to take the lead.

Nørre Vorupør and **Klitmoller**. Two strategic places for me. Close to shore the TWD it was better but the TWS was smaller. I had to carefully analyze how these two indicators are changing on the way to Skagen. The router, depending on its settings, showed different variants.

Basically, there were four variants:

1. Stay with heading north in stronger winds and in a less favorable his direction.
2. Turn ashore at **Nørre Vorupør** and continue without turning at **Klitmoller**.
3. Skip the turn at **Nørre Vorupør** and do it only at **Klitmoller**.
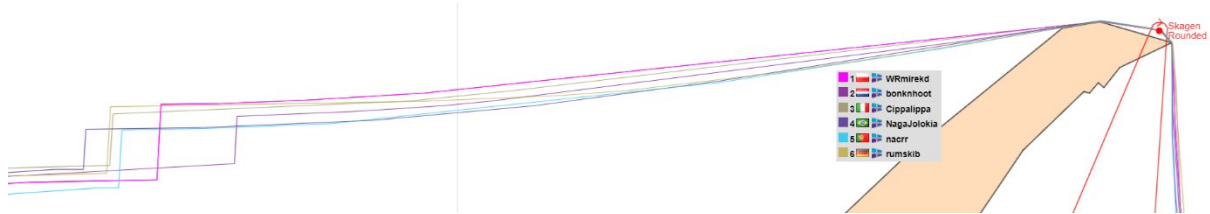4. Make turns to shore in both places..

Thorough simulations have shown that a turn near **Nørre Vorupør** gives a profit and a loss with **Klitmoller**. In the end, I decided on variant number 2 and refined it in detail. It only remained to wait for
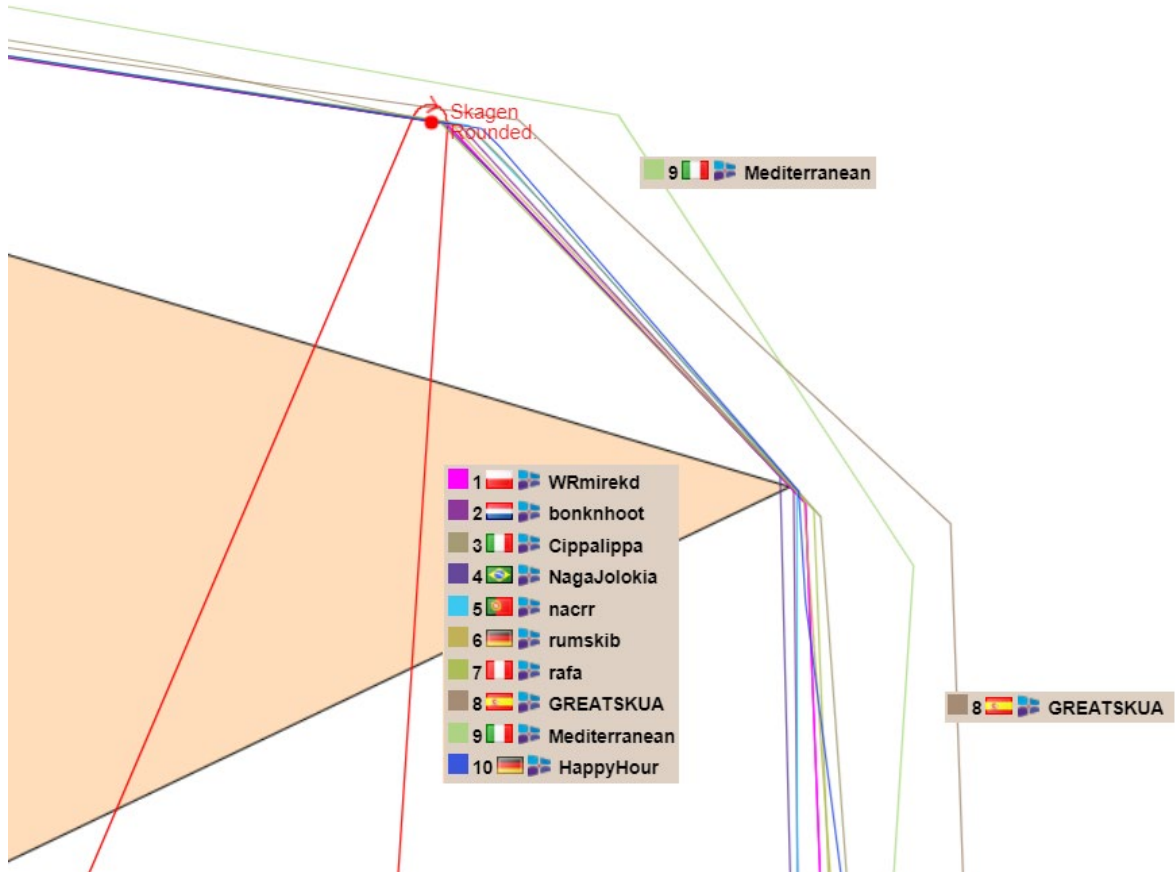
the effects. What will **Bonknhoot** do? Is it enough to overtake him? There was nothing else I could do, and I went to sleep to take care the passage at **Skagen** in the morning.

Great morning 😊 . **Bonknhoot** chose variant number 4 and lost the lead. My simulations and decisions turned out to be correct. **Skagen** was getting closer.
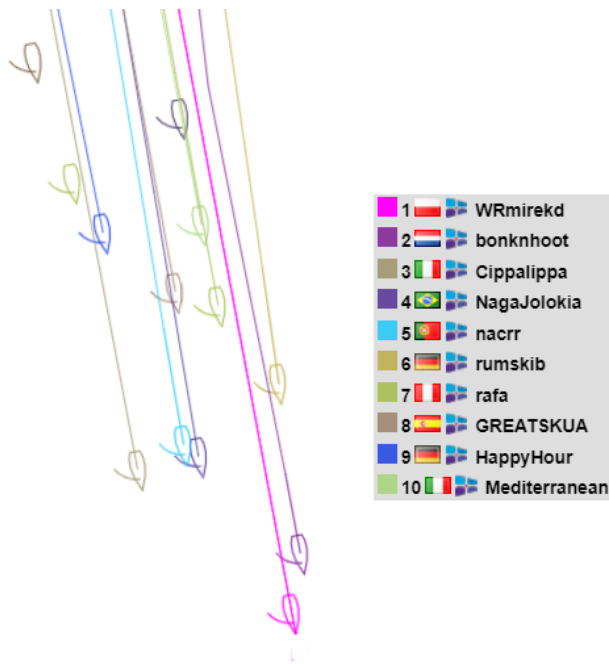
Cippalippa and **NagaJolokia** also sailed very well, taking 3rd and 4th position.
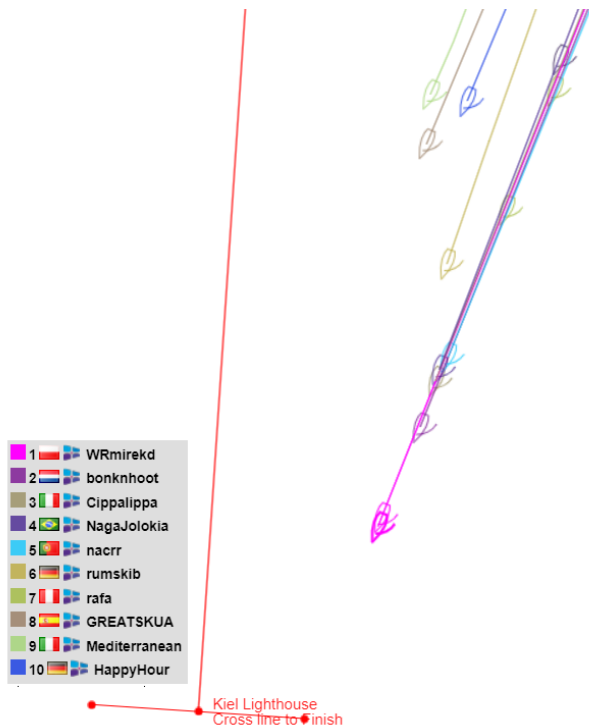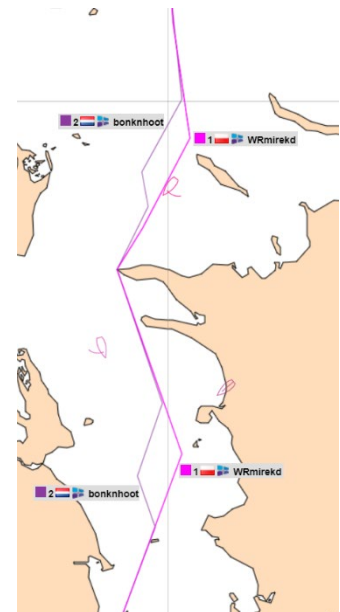

TOP 10 on **Skagen** …

… and right after passing.

1	🚩	WRmirekd
2	🚩	bonknhoot
3	🚩	Cippalippa
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5	🚩	nacrr
6	🚩	rumskib
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9	🚩	HappyHour
10	🚩	Mediterranean

As predicted, after passing **Skagen**, the situation in the TOP 10 did not change until the finish line. **Bonknhoot** tried to attack my position twice more but it always ended up increasing my lead.

In the end, we finished the race in the order established earlier, of course I'm talking about the top ten.

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Kiel Lighthouse
Cross line to finish

Greetings to all,

Mirek / WRmirekd

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