

Sprint Jezera 2021 – Report by Zorba777

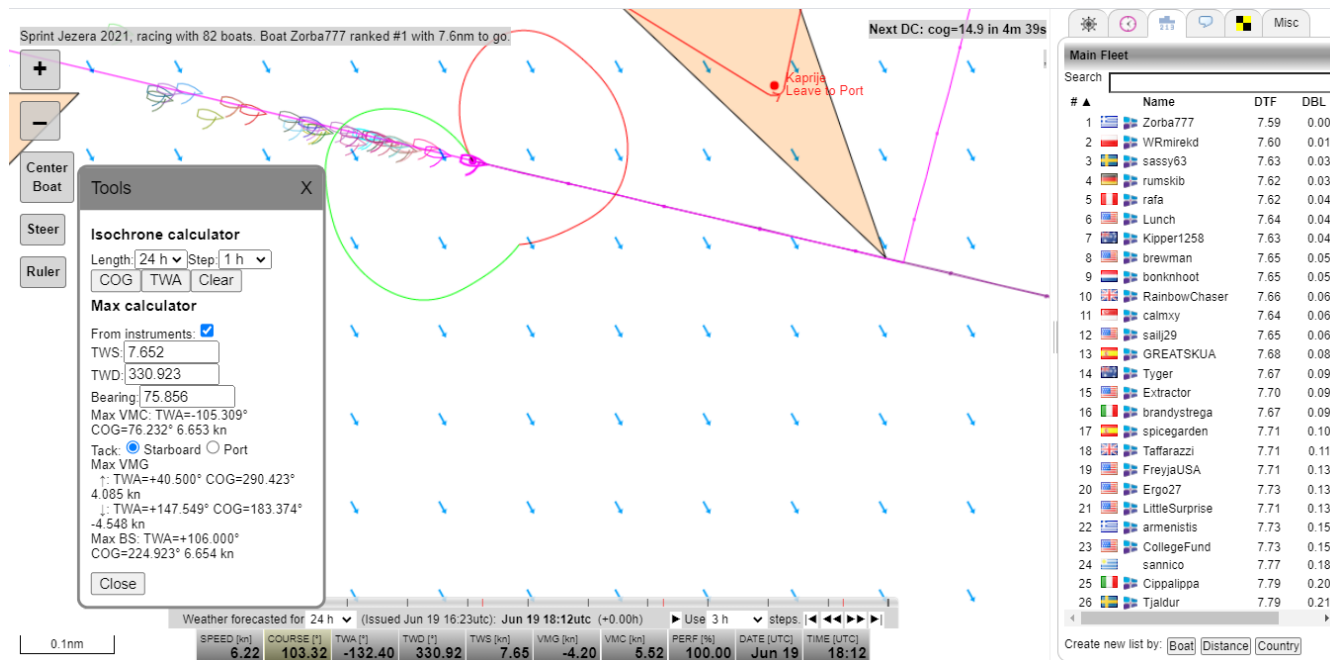
It had been a while since my last sprint race, so I started with low expectations. A quick 20NM course in between the islands along the Dalmatian coast isn't a bad way to spend a Saturday evening. And the winds looked good.

Rounding close to the islands or buoys is always key in short sprint races and this one proved no exception. I have only made a few screenshots, so my report is short.

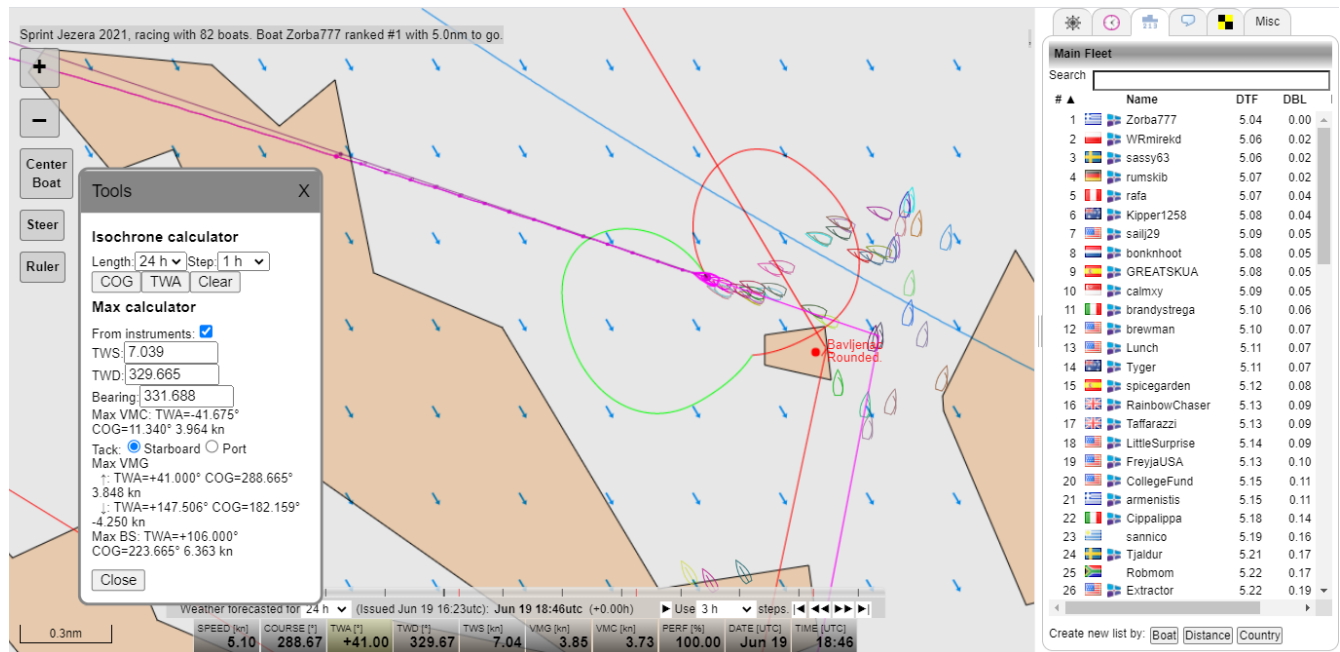
1 – For some reason I had a very good start, rounded the first island and saw a small lead grow into 0.02 or 0.03NM by the time we reached Cavlin.

I have to be honest, I don't know where that advantage came from as I had just gone straight point to point like most boats. It was as if I had a slightly faster boat. Lost some of my advantage in the Cavlin rounding, but kept a small lead.

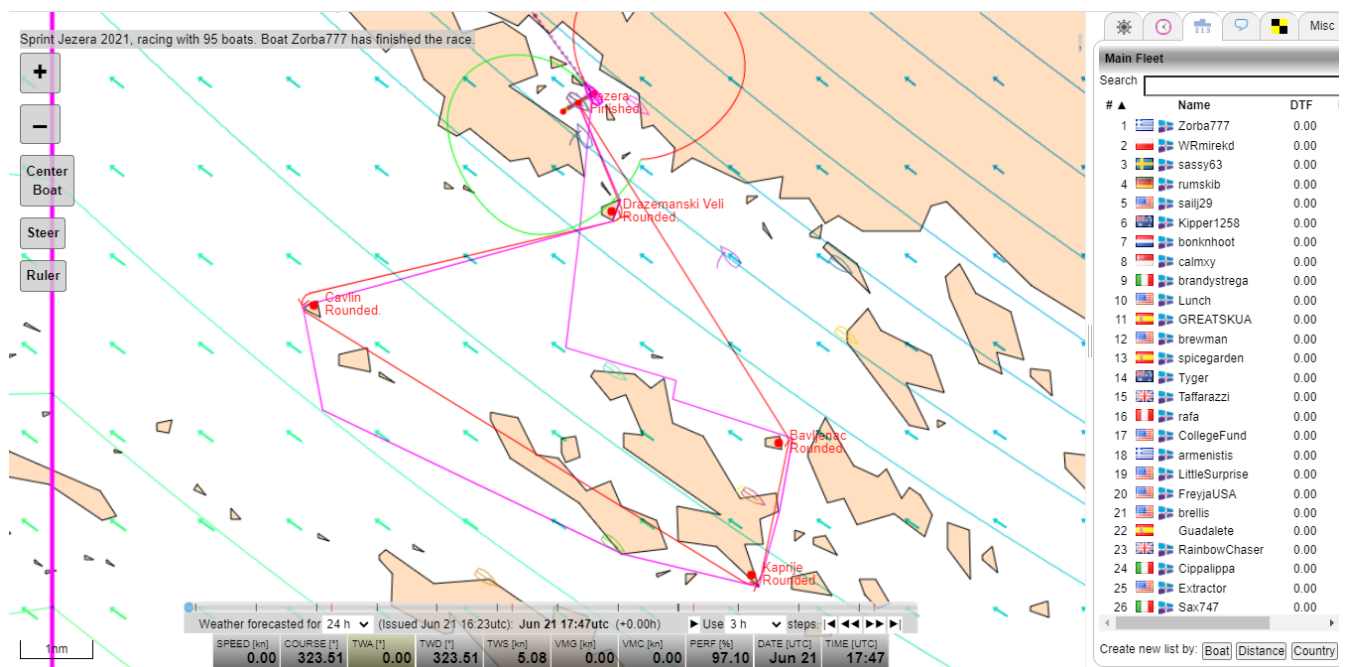
After Cavlin I went a bit further towards more pressure than most boats, which also gave me a bit better angle going to Kaprije. This screen shows the situation just before that important turn:



2 – Kept the lead and after Kaprije it was mostly sailing on max VMG at twa 41. There wasn't really much chance to make up any ground in those conditions, so all I had to do was make no mistakes. After rounding Bavljenac I still had the same 0.02 NM lead:



3 – The last remaining challenge was setting up the final tack towards the finish line. That has been made a lot easier since we have the DC aware predictor line, so all went well. This is final screen showing the sailed route:



WRMirekd beat sassy63 by just 1 second in their battle for 2nd place. Rumskib 4th, sailj29 5th.

Congrats to all finishers.
Thanks for a fun race and see you next time.

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