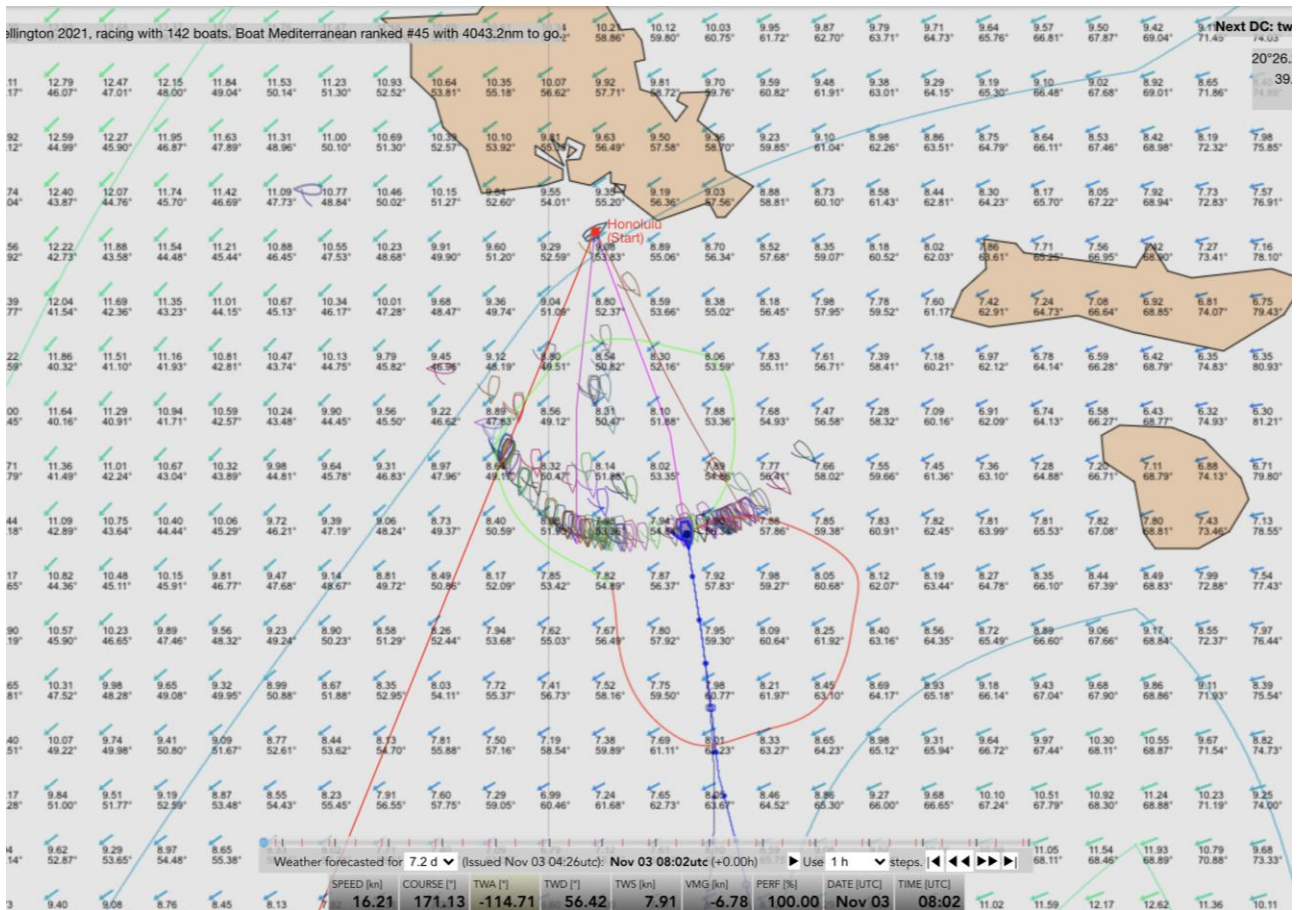


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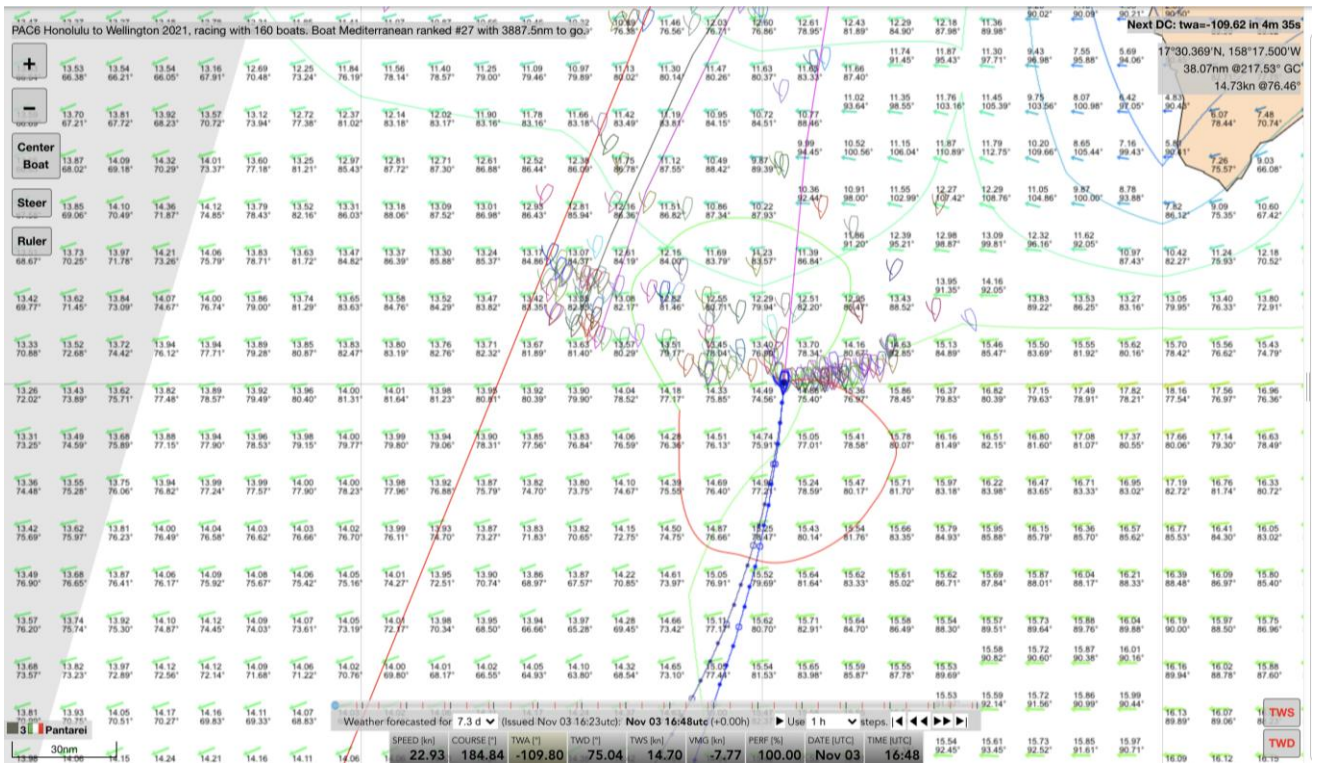
First of all I must say that this race will be unforgettable for being my first victory for the long friendly fighting with Sax and for the BBQ in the final that almost made me lose the first place...but lets try to describe it in all the main phases:



The ARCH

The start was very interesting as the fleet was spread in an arch with skippers trying to reach a higher wind intensity (EAST) and others trying to optimize a shorter route towards Wellington. As usual I tried to find a compromise between the two options but keeping my route more at the east side also looking at the more dangerous opponents as Hasty Slug.

Going forward the fleet split basically in two groups and I decided to keep my route staying in the center of the east group.

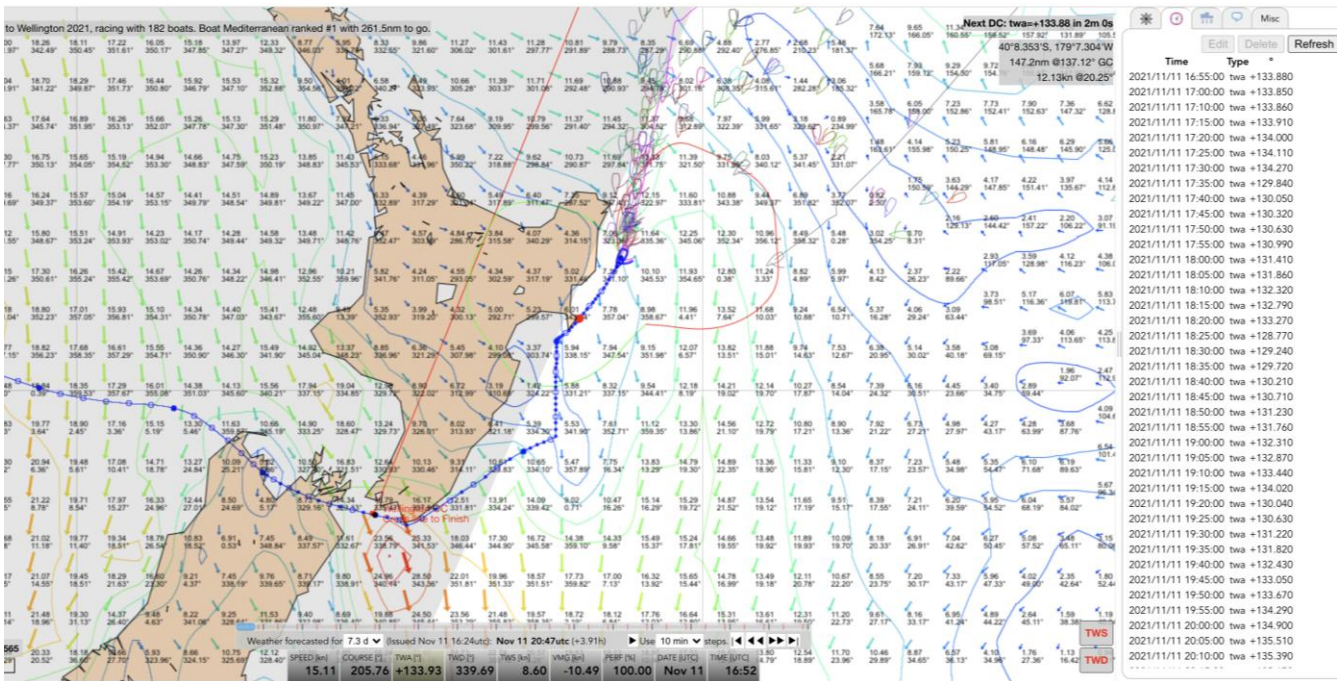


Optimizing the route

In the next hours for some time some boats from the west group were able to gain the lead of the race. The Spanish Guadalete was able to lead in this phase of the race but then me and Sax managed to pass through the first low wind area in the best way and gained the lead. For several hours we had very favorable conditions and gained a consistent advantage.

This advantage though due fading wind and low wind areas was going reducing more and more and letting us looking nervously at the chasing fleet. In this phase me and Sax were alternating our position in the lead of the race, but at the end I was able to gain a small advantage and keep the first position

Approaching the New Zealand then we were scared by Hew565 that for some time seems to be able to have better wind condition and able to pass in the lead. I made some simulation on QTVLM and discover that with actual WX he could be arrive in first position at Wellington. Luckily the next WX changed the conditions and I began to believe I could achieve the first place.



The HEW565 menace

The last part of the race was reserving me a bad surprise. I was so tired and I slept in a wrong moment!! Result was a BBQ that almost that almost caused me to loose the first place. Luckily Sax made a very cautious route around the coast and I was able to keep a minimum advantage until the finish arriving just few seconds before and gaining my first victory here in SOL.

I must express big congratulations to Sax for being such a strong opponent, to Frejya , Hasty Slug, Controvento and all the chasing fleet.

Thanks to the organizers of this great race.