



## Carib Rum Run 2023 - Report by mb007

Dear Sailonline,

I want to share with you the most crucial moments of the Carib Rum Run 2023. Once again, my lack of experience played a trick on me. If I recall correctly, I was sailing towards Brugal to replenish all the rum I had already consumed. Everything was ready for a quick pit stop, to load up on rum and continue.

I had the delayed course (DC) programmed, and it briefly took the lead (a very tight race). Ahead, I encountered what I refer to as a 'positive accordion' – meaning the wind was picking up on my new course, giving me an advantage over the boats behind me. (The 'negative accordion' is the opposite scenario.) I was at the helm, keeping an eye on the DC, and everything seemed fine until, for some reason (I'm not entirely sure why; I don't believe it was due to too much rum), my boat failed to enter the port, and I passed it by. It was an absolute disaster - I lost the port, missed the opportunity of the positive accordion, and, most importantly, the rum! One does not mess around with rum, so I had to return to the port to seek it out. I lost a few positions, but my warehouses were now brimming with rum. I lit my pipe and indulged in a bottle of rum while watching the boats ahead enter the positive accordion before me. I could only press on with my trusty companion, rum, and attempt to minimize the damage.

As the positive accordion phase ended and my rum supply dwindled, I began to slowly recover, meter by meter. However, WRmirekd (the leader and winner) made no mistakes. In the next port, I passed it manually (without using DC), losing another 10 seconds, and this time, it had nothing to do with the rum; it was once again due to my lack of experience.

I then noticed a time difference of 10 to 15 seconds between my PC (MacBook) and Sailonline. I've searched for information but couldn't find anything to help correct it. Is this significant? Should it be addressed? If anyone reading this post can provide assistance, I would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,  
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