Tyrrhenian Tour 2024
(Report of Rick1_95's race)

(First : I beg your pardon for my English which is not my Mother's Language ...)

So...

...in the morning preceeding the Start, discovering that a French Brand Newcomer in SOL, @ALP317 -with who I regularly discuss- was engaged in the Tyrrhenian Tour 2024...

...being not too attracted to coastal racing...but...Tyrrhenian Tour 2024 being not only a coastal race but a mix between White and Blue Water, I register too...especially to be able to follow the @ALP317's performance...

After a decent upwind descent from Capri (in front of Piccola Marina) to east coast of Lipari : first White Water sequence, at around 03:30 UTC for which I've programed DC s before going to bed...
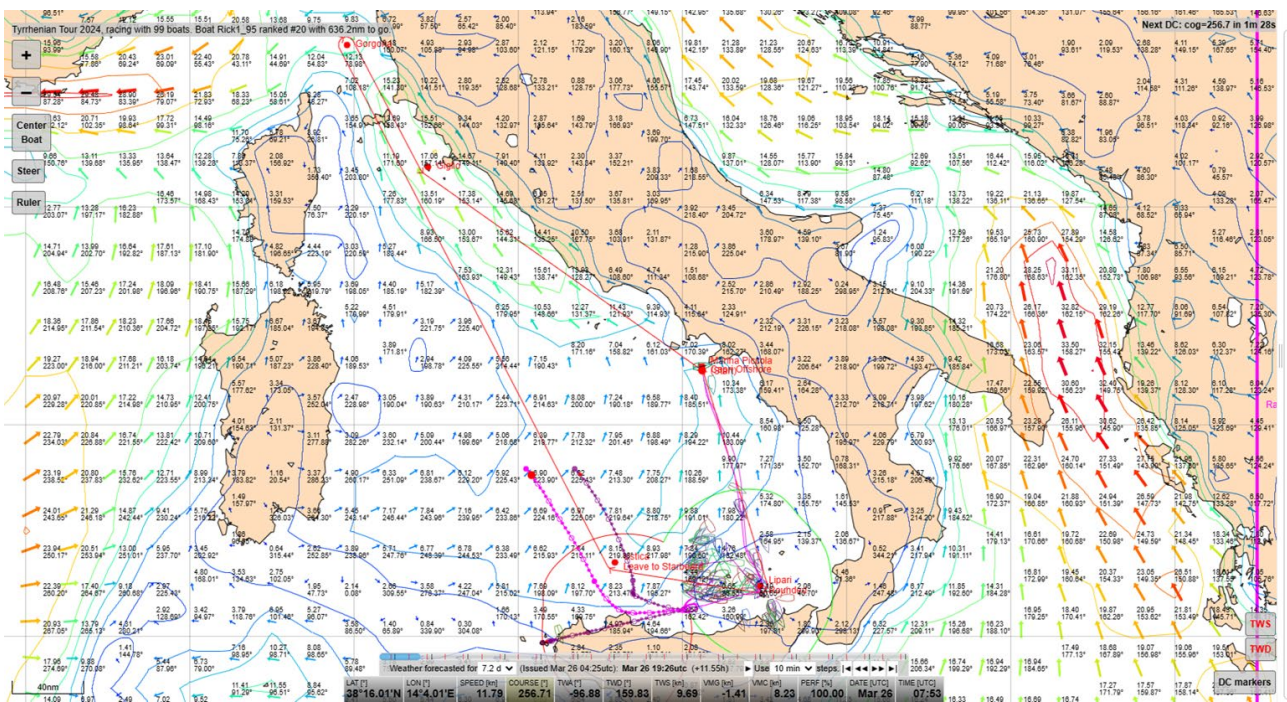
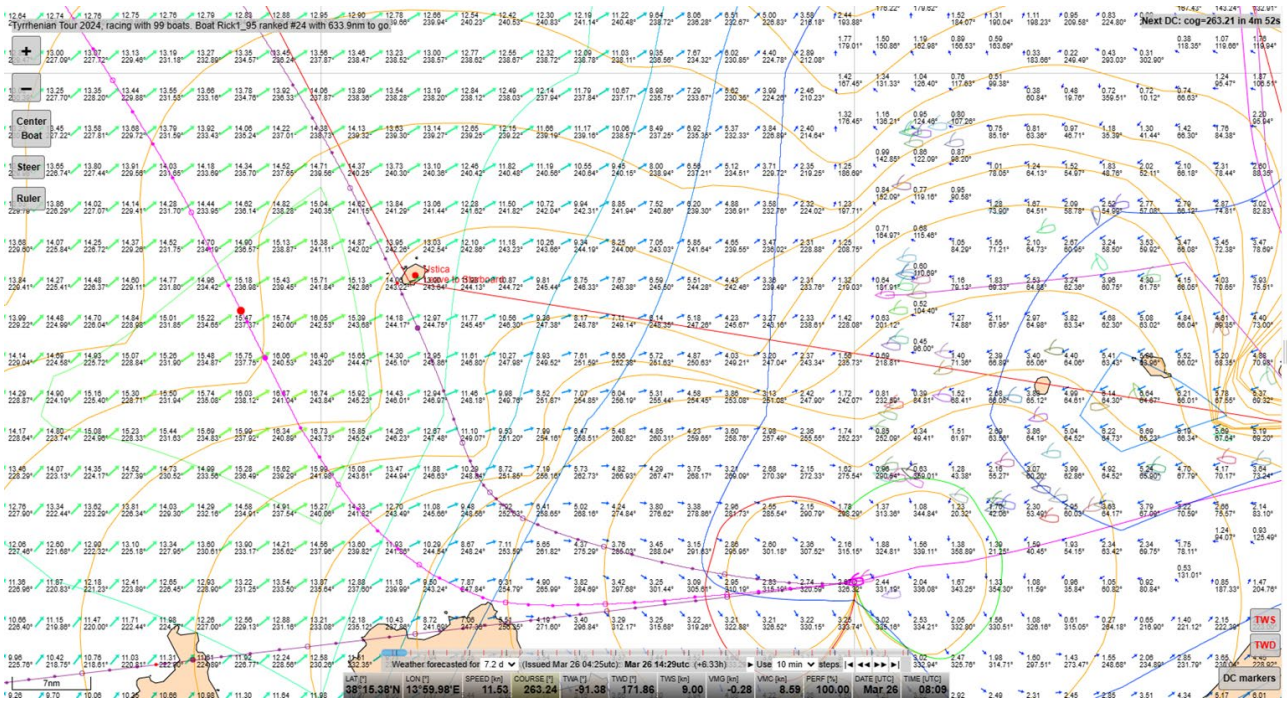I woke up at 06:30 o'clock in France (1 hour after the 04:20 UTC Grib) and discovered that I was leading the Race !!!

...I was mostly leading « my » option...@ALP317 beeing in the @Mirek's Gang...

This Southern Option ; between Lipari and Ustica, came from my fear of the squall that I had spotted around Ustica Isola before going to bed...

Quickly loosing the lead in the race ...but leading the Southern Option : I told myself that I had to assume it by aiming for the tip northwest of Palermo...thus engaging me in a « Sicilian Ladle »...
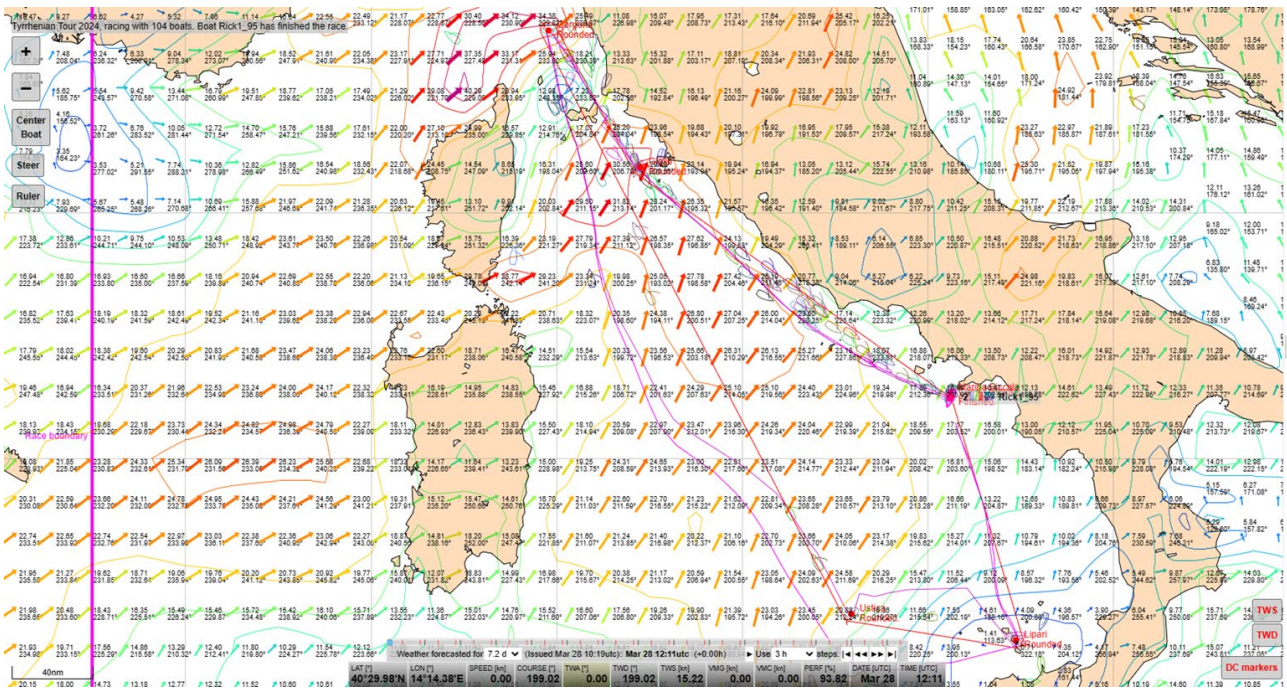

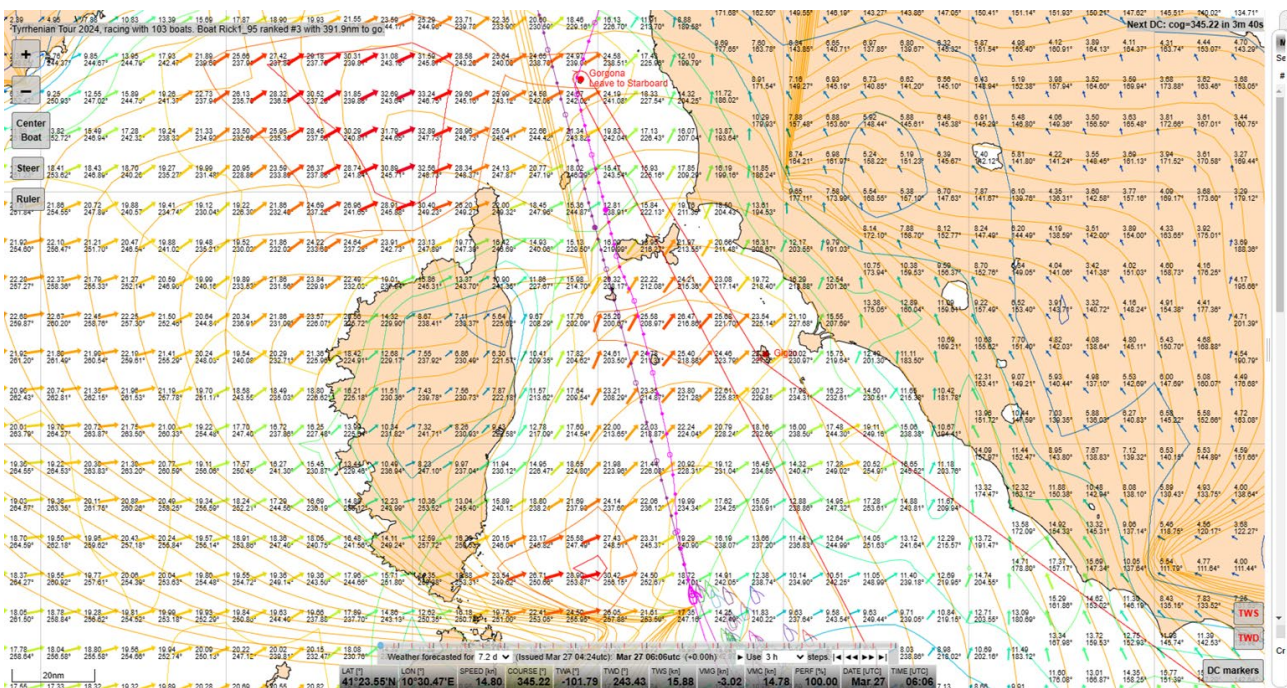choosing to stay away from Ustica to search a "Green Zone" :

...even if Winds have been less smooth than the projected ones for @Mirek's Gang...

Qt Routing was allowing me to hope to be correctly placed in the ascent to Isola di Gorgona

...the different Qt Projections letting me to hope to be #4 @ Gorgona...I was starting to build up the Pressure...

The local timing (in the middle of the day, in France) being favourable for the circumvention of Isola di Gorgona : during this Wednesday morning, I stayed on Deck...

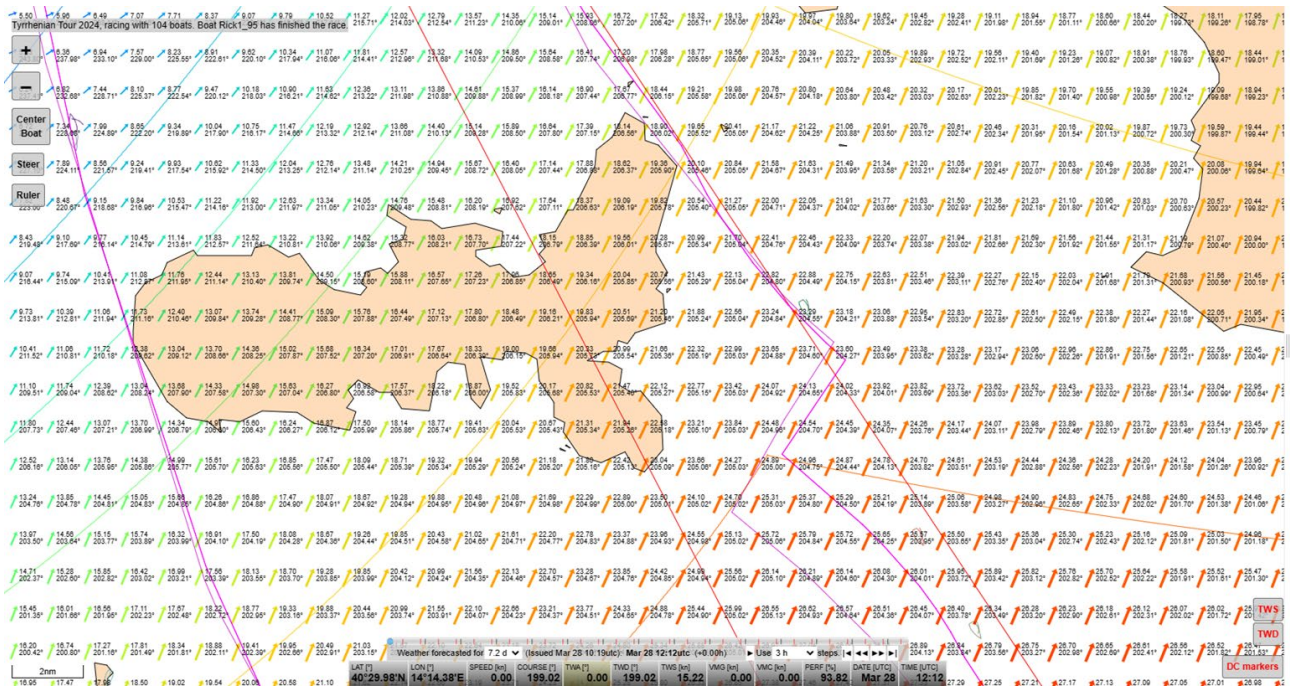unfortunately, before that...just after the 10:20 UTC Wx : SOL Server crashed !!!

whereas during the 2 or 3 previous hours, I seem to remember that I was then #3 or #4,

...neck-on-neck with... @ALP317... ;-)

...becoming quickly #2, before the arrival to the south tip of Gorgona...passing @FreyjaUSA, apparently due to this Crash...

The circumvention of Isola di Gorgona passed relatively well (inspired by @Mirek's one...)

So...despite the presence of many islands, the descent from Gorgona to Capri announced relatively straight if not a chicanery after Isola d'Elba to leave Isola Giglio on portboard...letting me hope to stay #2...

during the Final Descent, being usually +/- 1,5 nm behind @Mirek and +/- 0,9 nm in front of @ALP317... at the end of this chicanery, with geometric effects of the trajectories gaps...I've been for few seconds only 0,2 nm behind @Mirek !!! before finishing 1,4 nm behind him and 0,9 in front of the 2nd Froggy..., @ALP317 ;-)

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