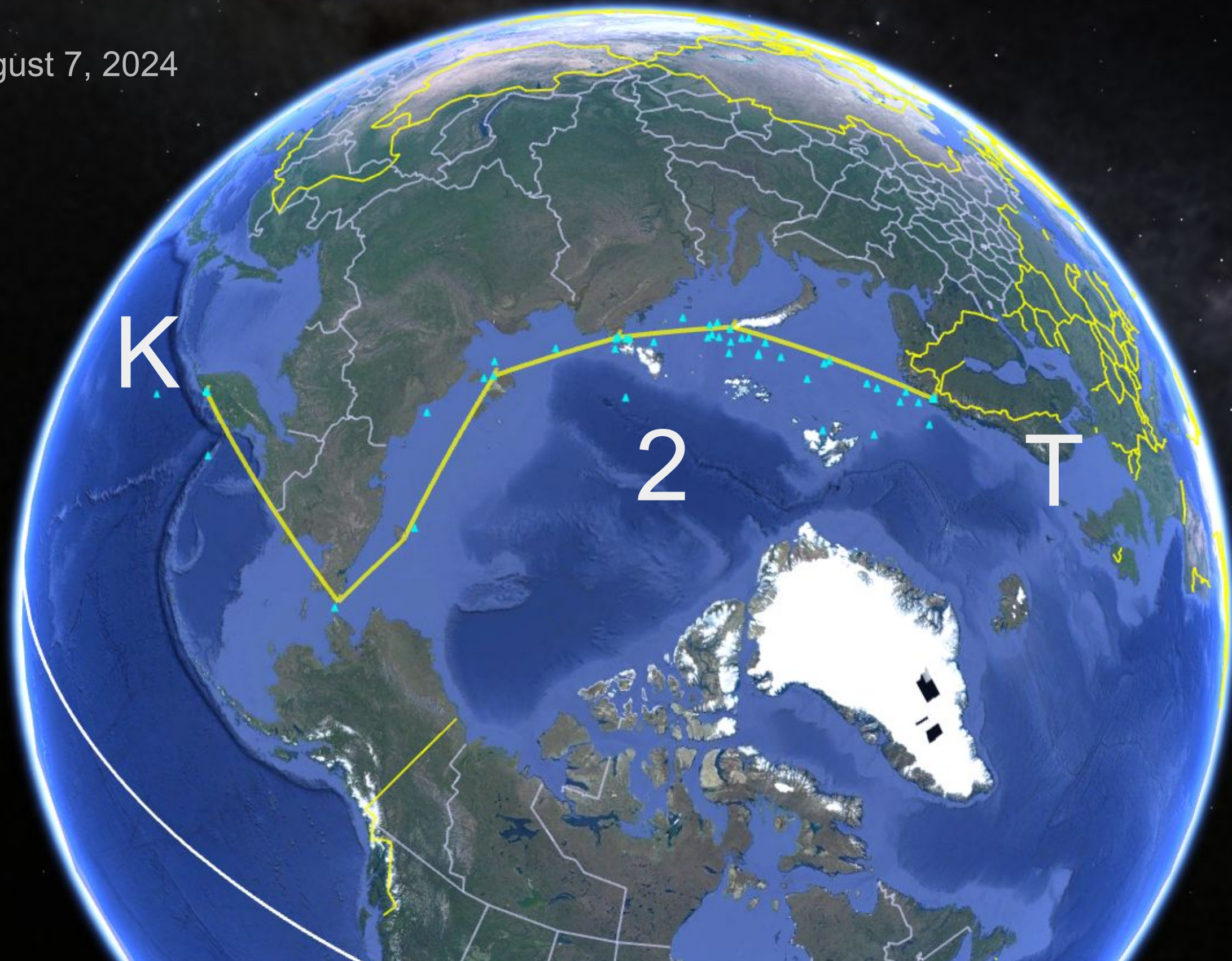


July 18 - August 7, 2024





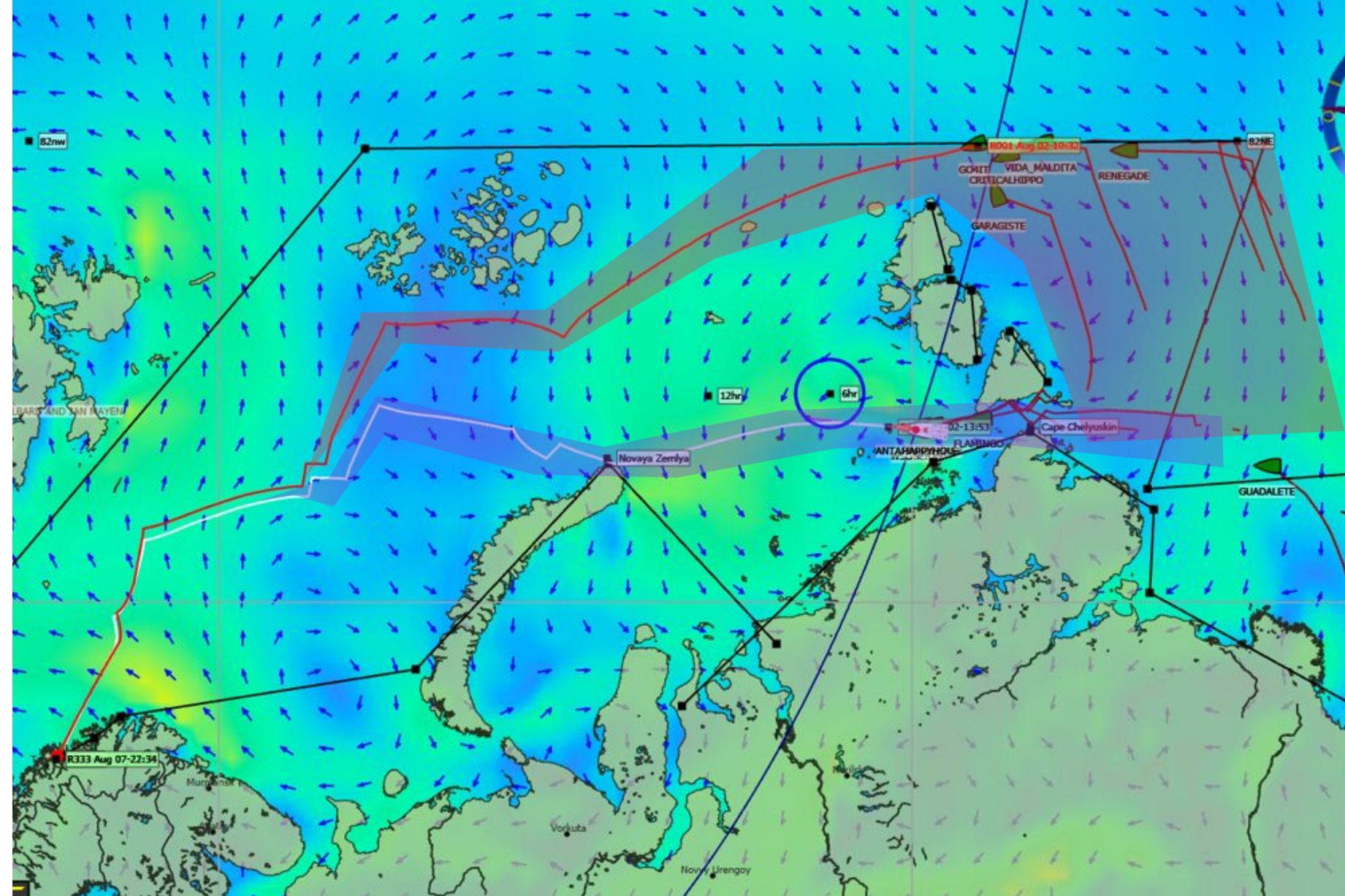
# Siberian Sleigh Ride

WS came close in the Auckland to SF race placing 4th, but I seemed to find the right gear from the very start of this tricky race.

K2T was characterized by hair-raising WX changes and half-way through, a big decision to go north to the boundary or trudge on south.

WS and the eventual podium stayed low but we sweated out several days of serious doubts.

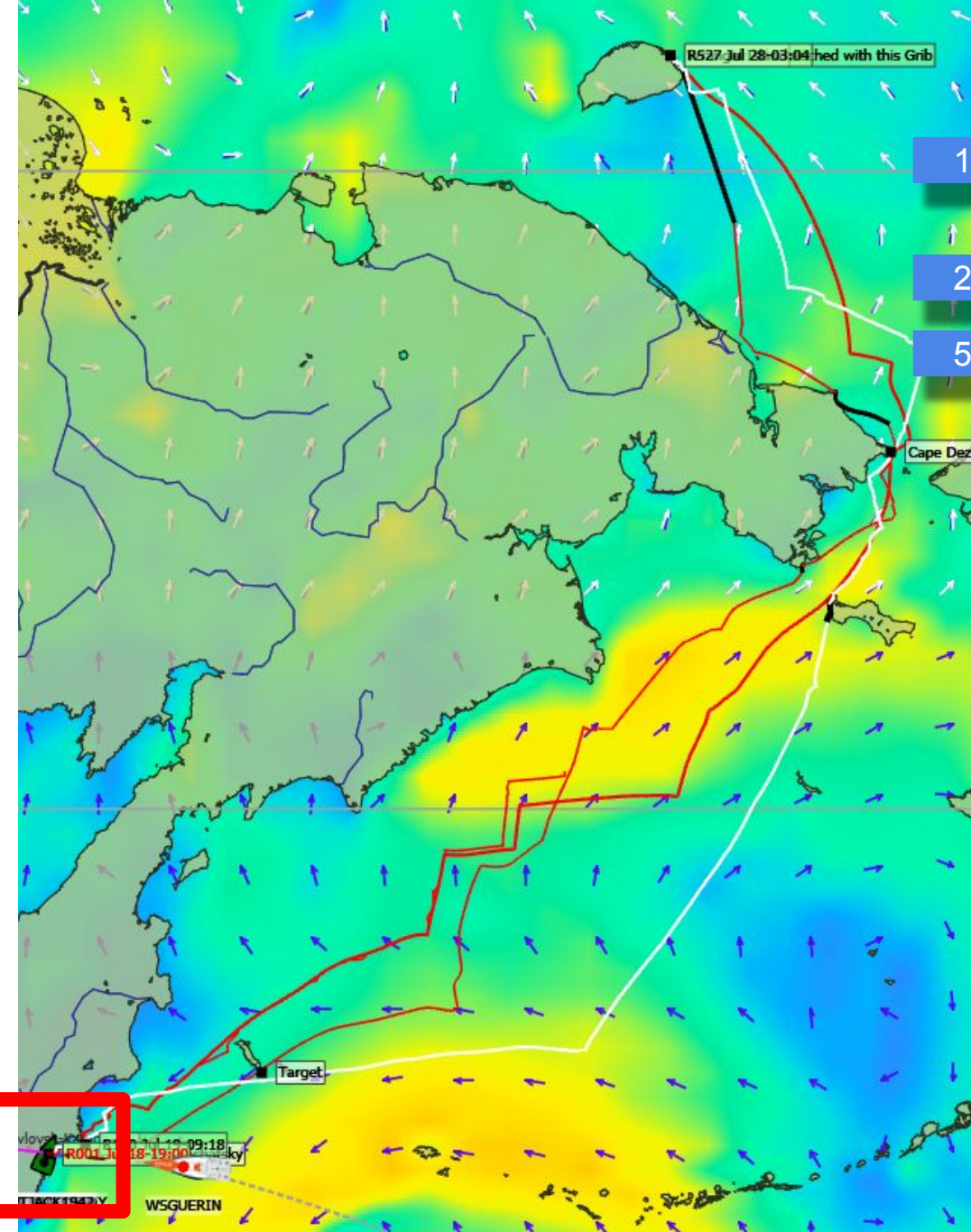
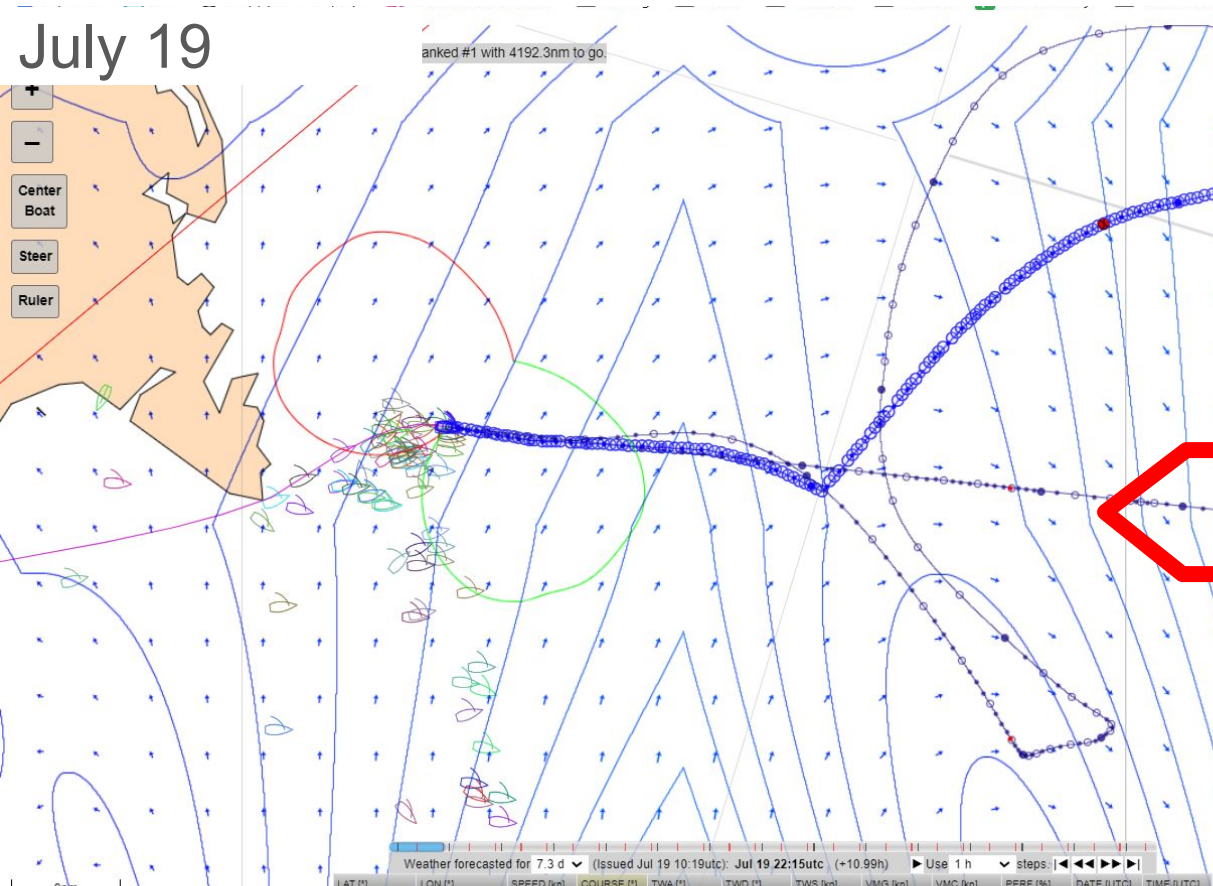
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# Opening Leg and Spoiler Alert

Getting to Wrangell Island in one piece was the first task and in the days leading up to the start there was a lot of routing variability.



July 19

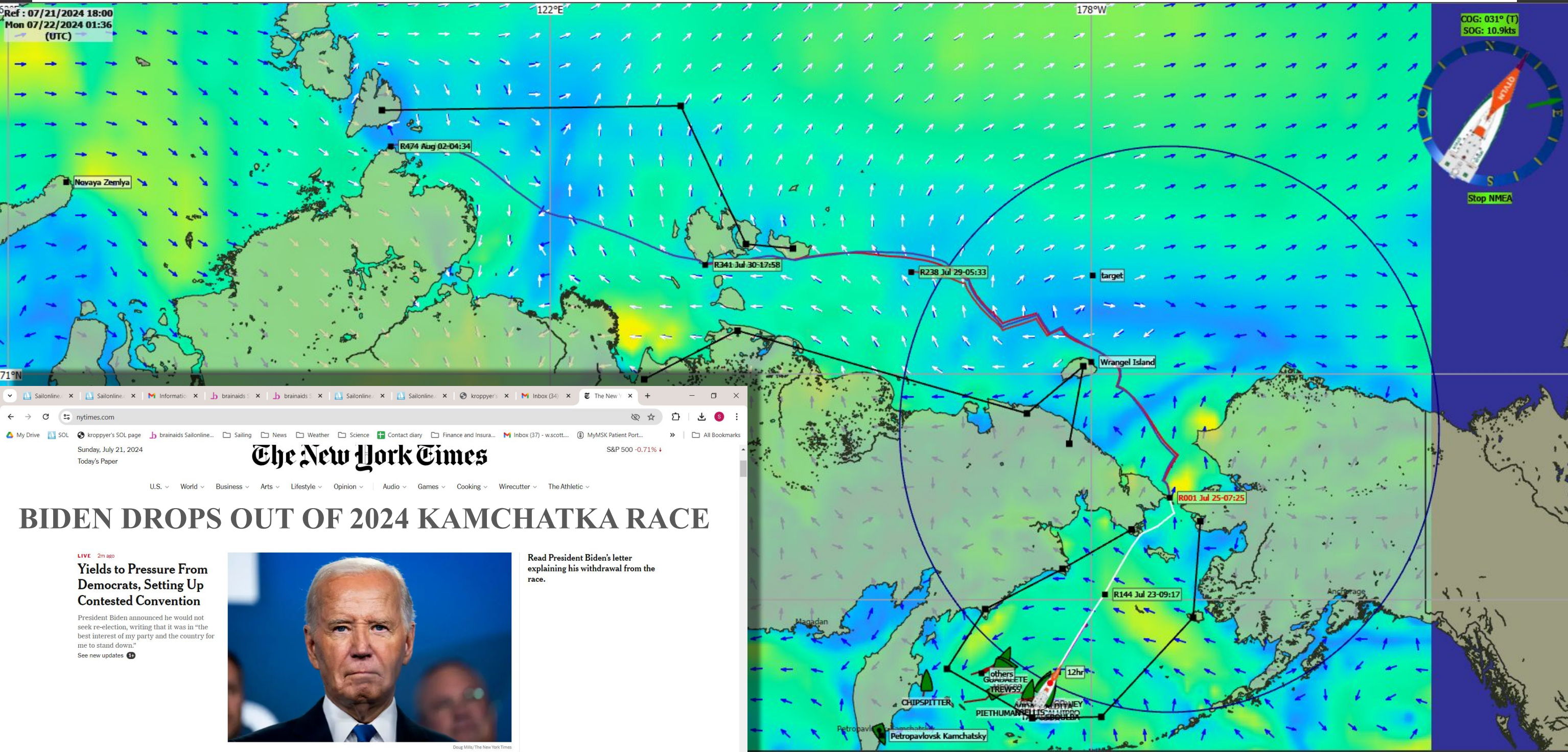
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2		Flamingo	4192.44	0.11	72.39
3		Go4iT	4192.50	0.16	71.98
4		antares_sydney	4192.65	0.31	72.97
5		HappyHour	4192.66	0.52	72.27
6		Garagiste	4193.22	0.88	71.61
7		brellis	4193.40	1.07	67.98
8		Tacktician	4193.62	1.30	69.57
9		justmer8	4193.68	1.34	71.40
10		fastpassage39	4193.72	1.39	68.01
11		QMaxx	4193.87	1.52	71.96
12		Guadalete	4194.50	2.17	66.45
13		GREATSKUA	4194.93	2.60	65.34
14		Renegade	4194.99	2.65	70.08
15		Kerran	4195.30	2.97	68.36
16		weekend	4195.42	3.10	64.70
17		trew55	4195.46	3.12	65.15
18		ms0689	4195.53	3.18	70.90
19		SlapHappy	4195.59	3.26	64.58
20		skorapka	4195.87	3.54	65.35
21		Never_Again_11	4195.88	3.56	65.34
22		robert1	4196.16	3.83	64.89
23		Rowan	4196.26	3.94	63.50
24		gofer	4196.27	3.95	64.71
25		BS1	4196.31	3.98	70.76
26		Beil28	4196.36	4.03	64.88
27		FrederikG	4196.53	4.19	63.70
28		HoratioPugwash	4196.60	4.28	66.10
29		CollegeFund	4196.67	4.35	72.71
30		jkniemin	4196.73	4.40	63.45

Amazingly, just a day into the race the top 5 are in the top 6. Yours truly led nearly wire to wire (OK I dropped down to 3rd on occasion.) Flamingo came in 8th and QMaxx led for a long time before falling back to 11th. More on that later.



# July 21 in the lead with rational routing ahead while other events intruded!



nytimes.com

Sunday, July 21, 2024

## The New York Times

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### BIDEN DROPS OUT OF 2024 KAMCHATKA RACE

**LIVE** 2m ago

#### Yields to Pressure From Democrats, Setting Up Contested Convention

President Biden announced he would not seek re-election, writing that it was in "the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down."

See new updates



Read President Biden's letter explaining his withdrawal from the race.

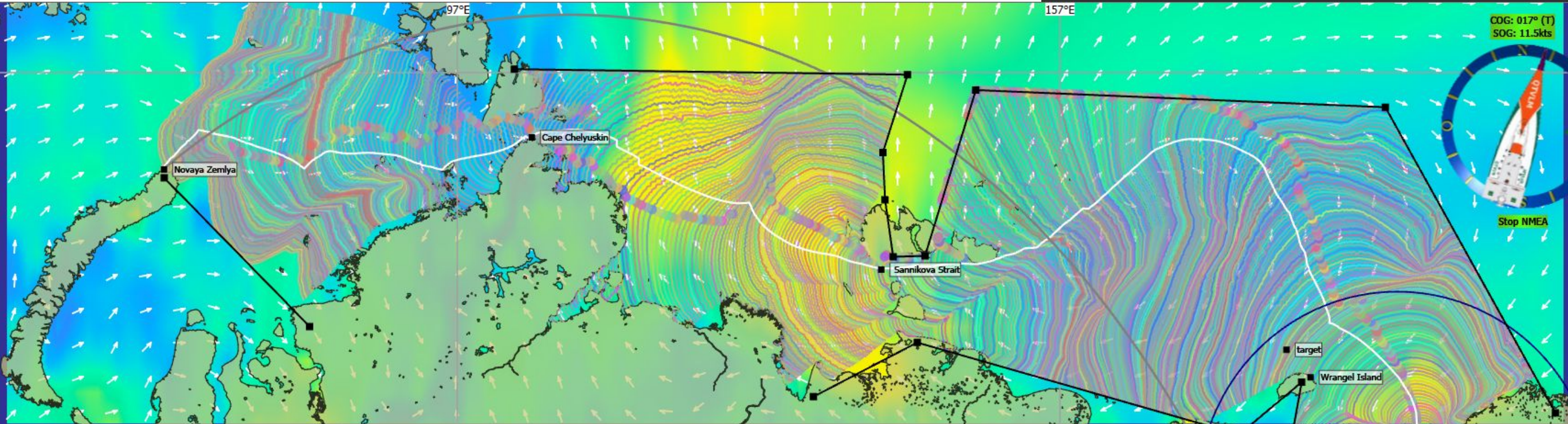
Opinion

Jeffrey Kuhlman



# July 22: Rational WTF???

Ref: 07/22/2024 12:00  
Sun 08/04/2024 18:28  
(UTC)



For a few days, northern routes started showing up and I set up complex barriers to try to understand the best approach without using Paths which are too determinative.



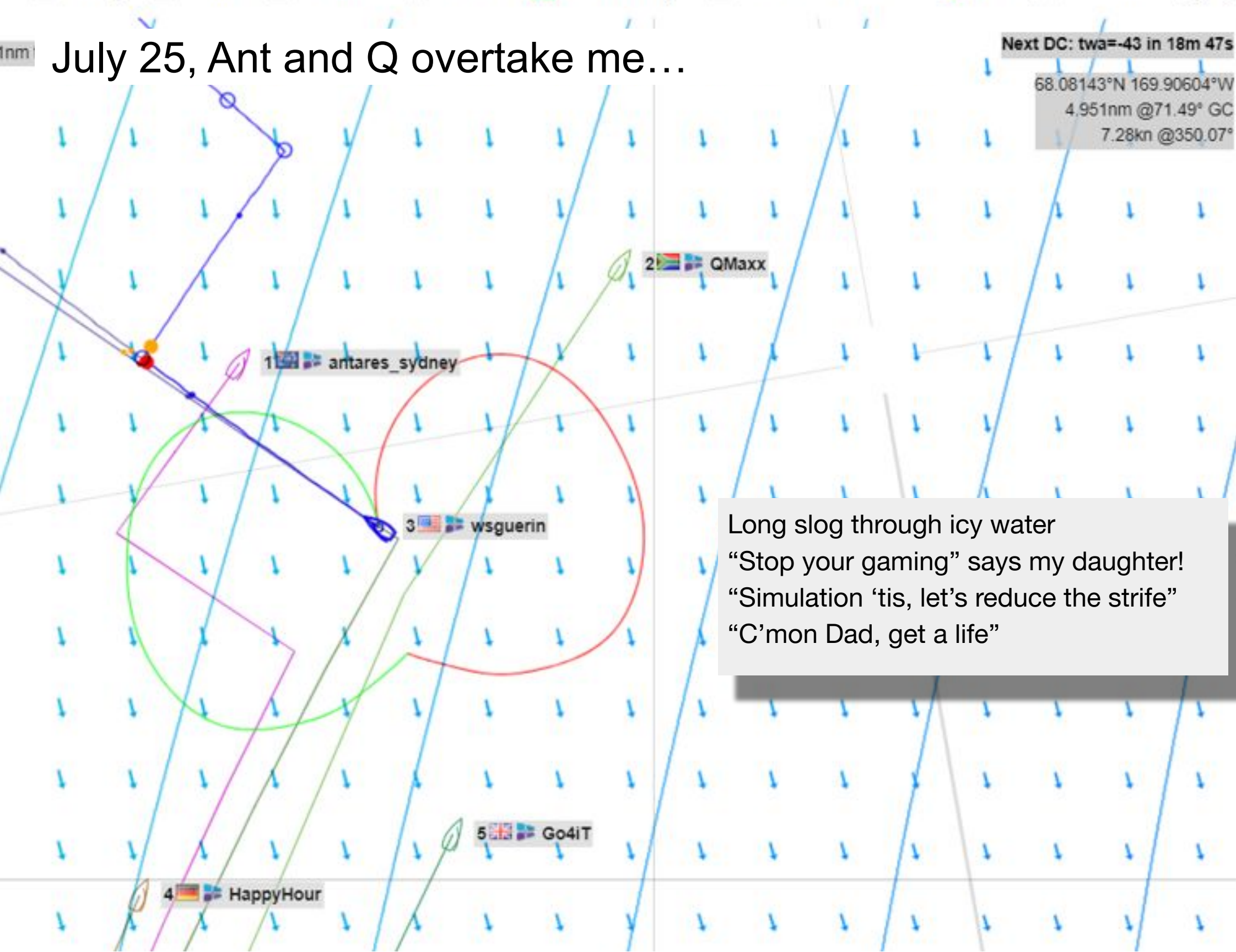
COG (T) SOG VMC TWD TWA TWS DNM

017° 11.5 --- 095° 79° 9.4 ---

66°04'46"N 126°05'08"E - 308.5° 1,505 nm



1nm July 25, Ant and Q overtake me...



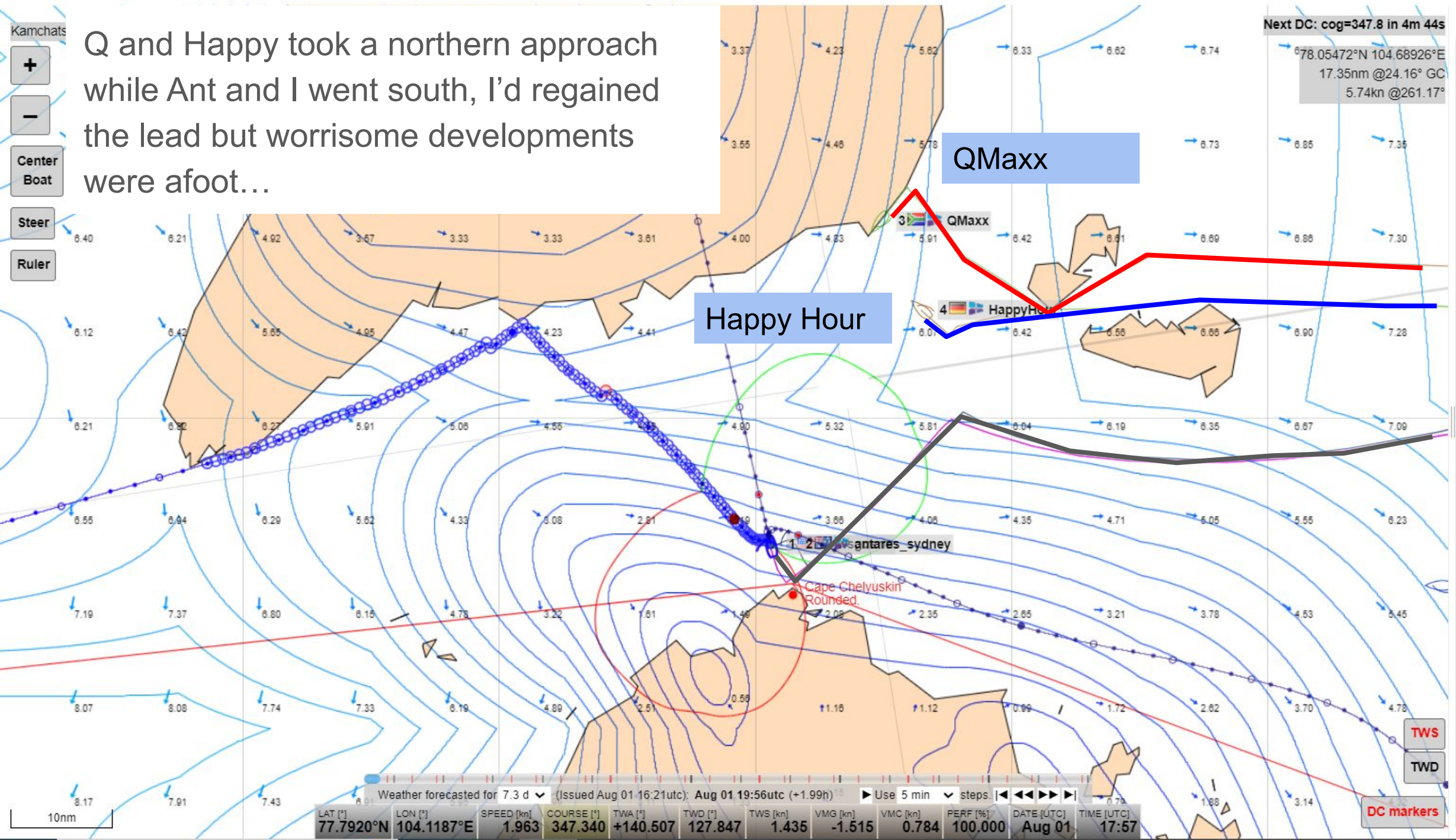
Long slog through icy water  
“Stop your gaming” says my daughter!  
“Simulation ‘tis, let’s reduce the strife”  
“C’mon Dad, get a life”

#	Name	DTF	DBL	LOG
1	antares_sydney	2909.12	0.00	1606.67
2	QMaxx	2910.45	1.33	1594.80
3	wsguerin	2911.15	2.09	1606.84
4	HappyHour	2912.70	3.60	1603.80
5	Go4iT	2913.92	4.81	1598.98
6	Garagiste	2920.09	10.98	1567.09
7	Flamingo	2936.33	27.30	1550.23
8	CriticalHippo	2937.40	28.34	1664.48
9	TarassBoulba	2945.98	36.98	1671.47
10	justmer8	2949.41	40.36	1555.22
11	rafa	2949.76	40.71	1654.62
12	Vida_Maldita	2950.62	41.57	1542.38
13	YANN	2972.13	63.09	1522.59
14	Kerran	2982.35	73.27	1479.48
15	fastpassage39	2982.74	73.74	1488.39
16	Tactician	3004.79	95.76	1431.52
17	GREATSKUA	3006.31	97.22	1470.94
18	splitpen	3028.31	119.24	1416.09
19	jkniemin	3049.78	140.66	1413.39
20	MetalMan	3049.91	140.79	1409.02
21	LUNATIC	3050.78	141.68	1464.45
22	Halibut68	3055.90	146.81	1420.25
23	sakalson	3057.68	148.59	1409.67
24	HoratioPugwash	3060.01	150.92	1371.26
25	BS1	3062.41	153.33	1431.63
26	Mrbill	3063.74	154.63	1401.18
27	brandystrega	3065.60	156.50	1424.48
28	Jimco	3065.98	156.84	1371.52
29	brellis	3066.47	157.35	1383.37
30	Sebensa	3067.05	157.94	1402.51
31	SlapHappy	3074.84	165.75	1360.45
32	robodoc	3075.42	166.34	1404.78
33	garent	3076.08	166.97	1327.04



# August 1, a decisive leg for WS and Ant

Q and Happy took a northern approach while Ant and I went south, I'd regained the lead but worrisome developments were afoot...



Main Fleet

Search

#	Name	DTF	DBL	LOG
1	wsguerin	1367.48	0.00	3258.51
2	antares_sydney	1369.14	1.67	3258.97
3	QMaxx	1372.89	5.41	3231.66
4	HappyHour	1378.09	10.63	3230.11
5	Garagiste	1414.04	46.58	3226.95
6	Flamingo	1433.56	66.14	3138.10
7	Go4IT	1441.61	74.16	3280.30
8	justmer8	1443.01	75.60	3159.06
9	YANN	1503.21	135.76	3145.45
10	fastpassage39	1514.77	147.36	3078.99
11	Kerran	1519.01	151.56	3044.30
12	CriticalHippo	1533.75	166.38	3310.22
13	Vida_Maldita	1534.96	167.51	3165.11
14	jkniemin	1536.25	168.80	3069.82
15	rafa	1537.40	169.94	3284.62
16	Tactician	1543.81	176.43	3006.21
17	garent	1547.78	180.43	2998.60
18	GREATSKUA	1551.76	184.32	3072.13
19	brandystrega	1555.82	188.38	3097.74
20	Mrbill	1562.78	195.35	3045.21
21	MetalMan	1564.22	196.78	3058.11
22	sakalson	1565.77	198.35	3068.38
23	splitpen	1574.25	206.80	3013.93
24	Renegade	1575.15	207.71	3083.24
25	brellis	1580.65	213.23	3012.42
26	Halibut68	1583.13	215.70	3034.30
27	BRENTGRAY	1591.42	223.98	3118.68
28	Arronax21	1607.44	240.01	3230.32
29	robodoc	1610.09	242.66	3028.10
30	Sebensa	1610.96	243.53	2987.36
31	RyBa	1625.92	258.49	2989.69
32	weekend	1628.38	260.96	3034.93
33	LUNATIC	1630.84	263.39	3056.53
34	Ergo27	1640.35	272.92	3092.55
35	HoratioPugwash	1663.40	295.97	2915.40

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PK/WSG

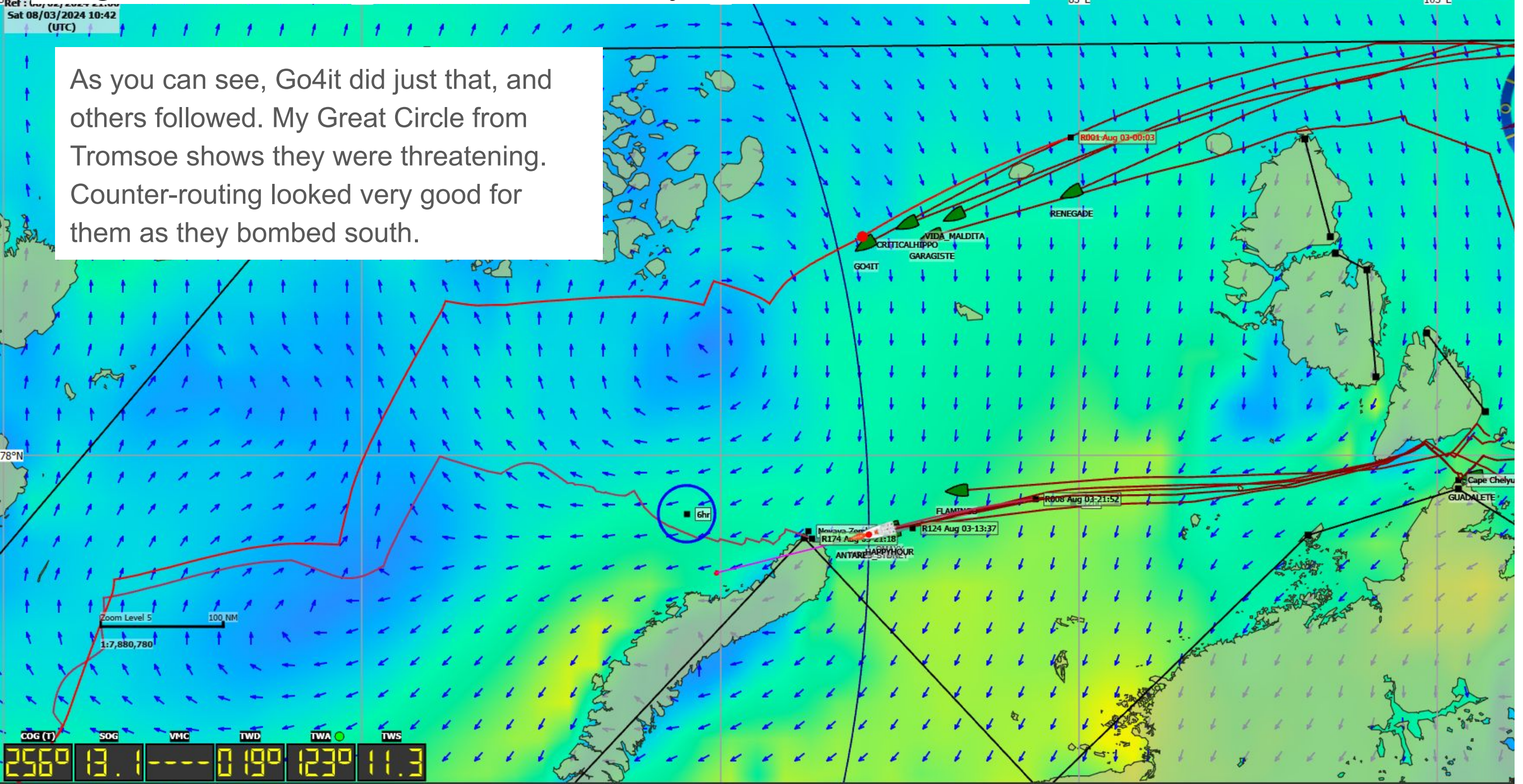
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# August 3, the horde from the north...yikes

A.I.S  
Ref: 60702/2024  
Sat 08/03/2024 10:42  
(UTC)

As you can see, Go4it did just that, and others followed. My Great Circle from Tromsøe shows they were threatening. Counter-routing looked very good for them as they bombed south.



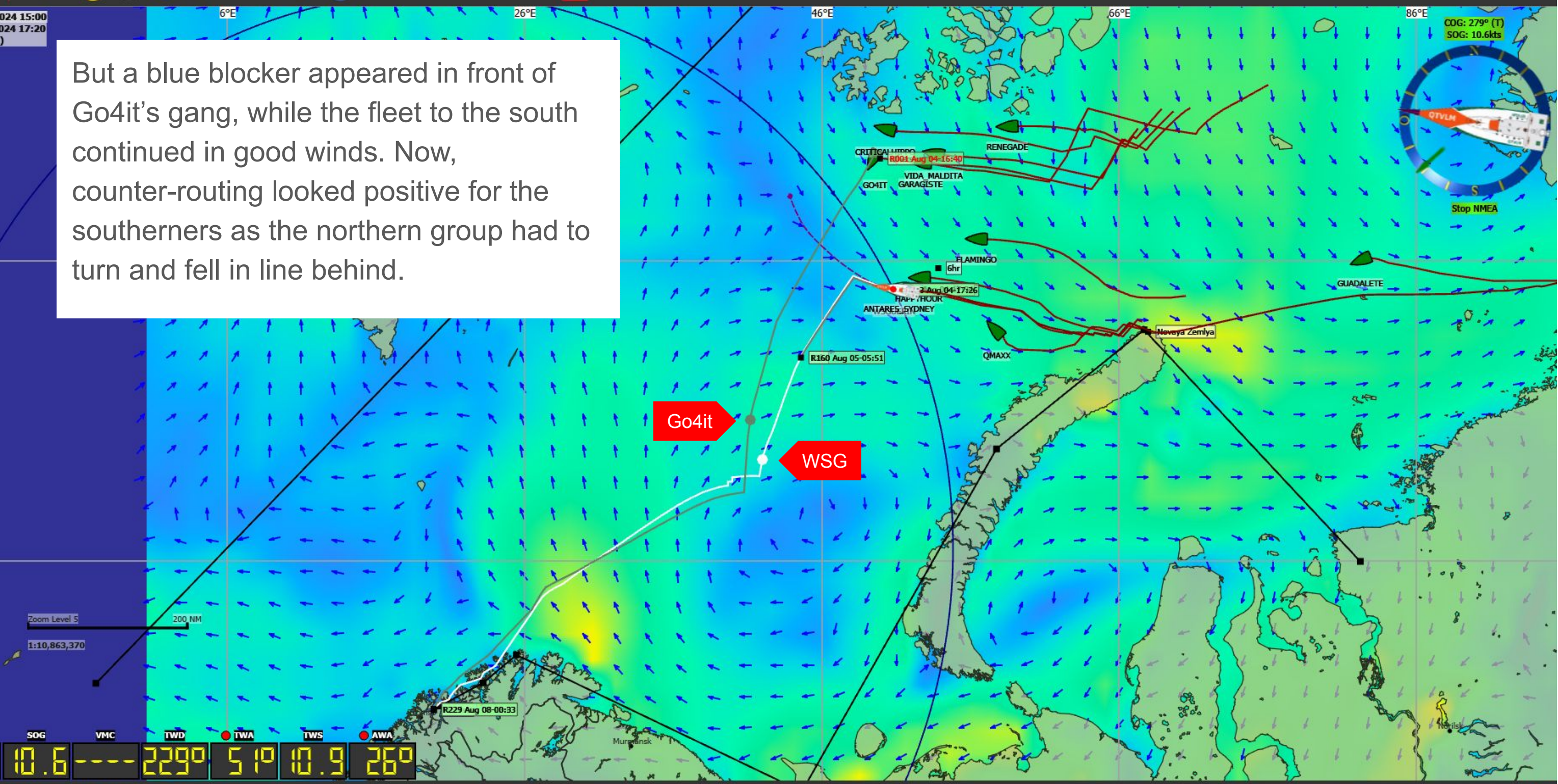
COG (T) 256° SOG 13.1 VMC TWD 019° TWA 123° TWS 11.3



# August 4, stress relief...

But a blue blocker appeared in front of Go4it's gang, while the fleet to the south continued in good winds. Now, counter-routing looked positive for the southerners as the northern group had to turn and fell in line behind.

024 15:00  
024 17:20  
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Go4it

WSG

COG: 279° (T)  
SOG: 10.6kts

Stop NMEA

Zoom Level 5  
200 NM

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SOG	VMC	TWD	TWA	TWS	AWA
10.6	---	229°	51°	10.9	26°

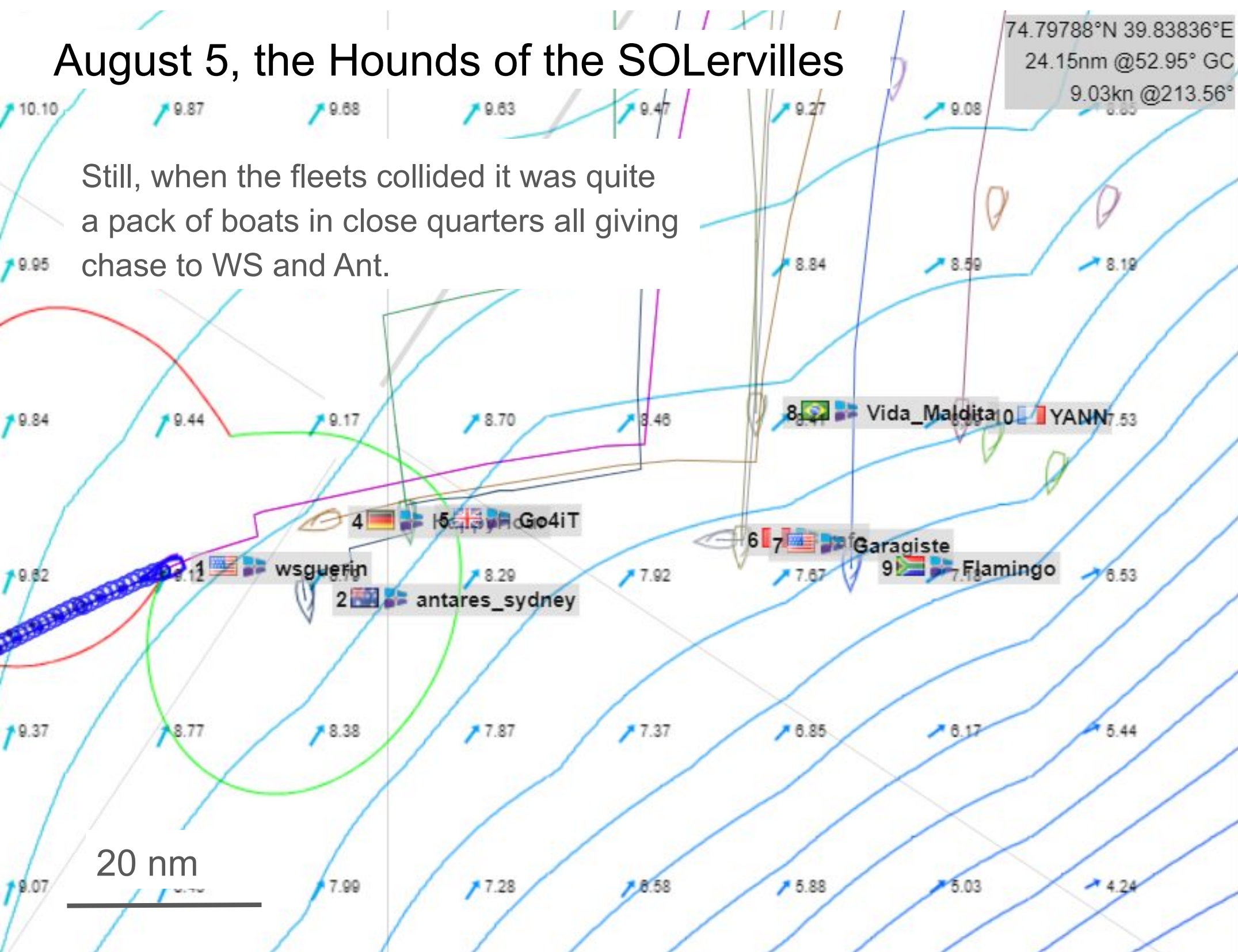
173.5° 80°44'19"N 16°58'04"E - 312.2° 417 nm

No WP



# August 5, the Hounds of the SOLervilles

Still, when the fleets collided it was quite a pack of boats in close quarters all giving chase to WS and Ant.



Chatroom: English

wsguerin 01:04:41  
Fingers crossed @Renegade, I have a good local time toward the line..

Renegade 08/05 22:26:33  
Goooooo Scott!

antares\_sydney 08/05 12:13:41  
Heh Heh

wsguerin 08/05 10:50:35  
whelp, the Hounds of the SOLervilles

antares\_sydney 08/05 10:21:06  
@wsguerin - look behind you (as they say in pantomimes) -)

QMaxx 08/04 13:39:30  
ws -yes based in Durban S.A.

wsguerin 08/04 12:17:48  
Q are you based in SA? I think that's your flag but sometimes one's physical location is elsewhere

QMaxx 08/04 11:19:50  
@Ws, lol it was. Snored through the 10.30 wx update till the next one.

wsguerin 08/04 10:44:23  
@Qmaxx, that chute south was tempting... hang in there, we are neck and neck with the northers!

Tactician 08/03 21:01:34  
The northern route is actually the shortest route between the Sannikova Strait mark and the finish line.

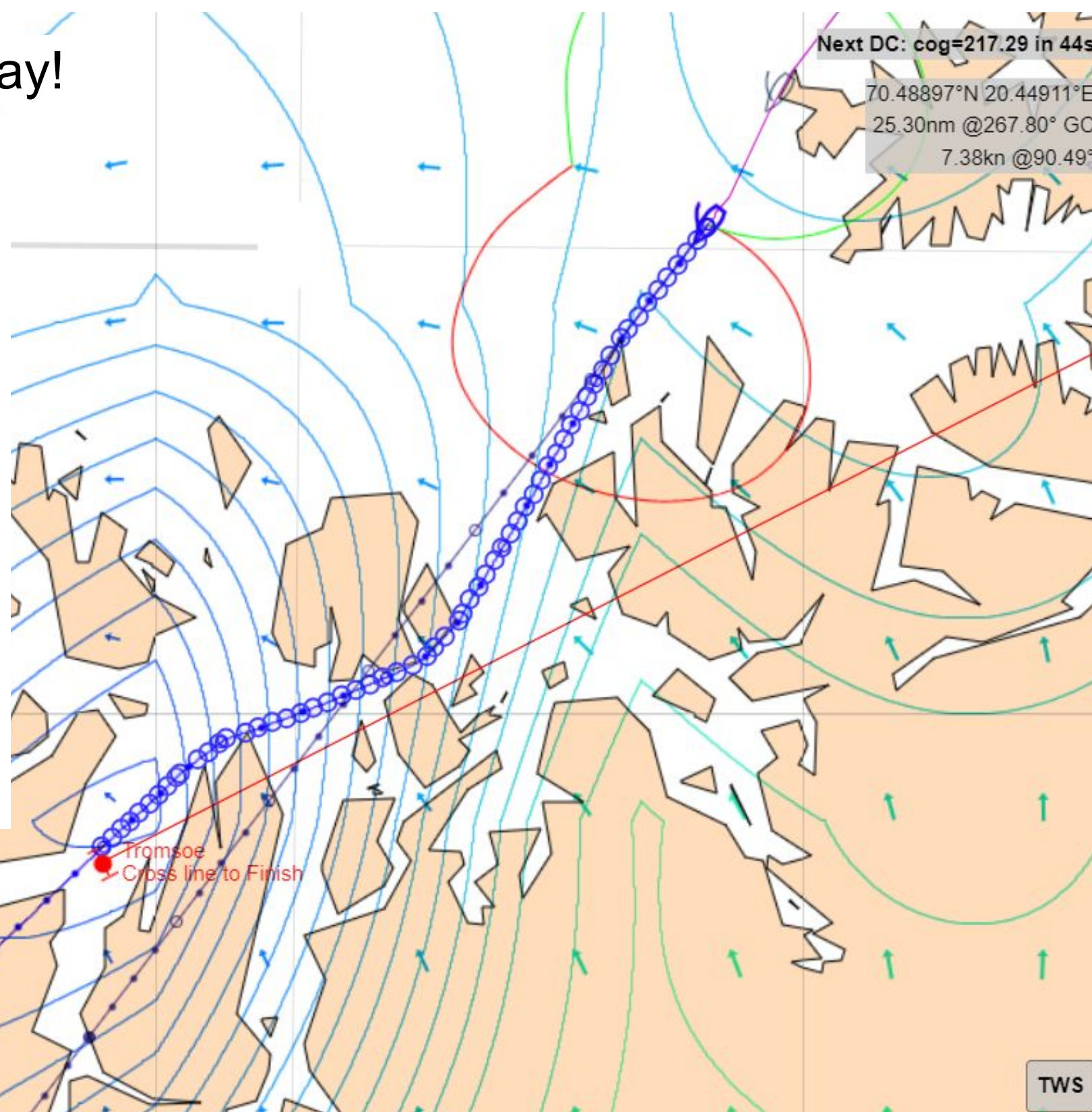
CriticalHippo 08/03 13:19:39



# August 7, Ahoy Norway!

I had a good local time to thread the rocks to the line.

Recall there was a point in the race where the standings algorithm went awry and the IT team had to manually fix the rounding status at Wrangel Island for 5 or 6 of us.



Main Fleet		
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# ▲	Name	DTF
1	wsguerin	55.14
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3	HappyHour	75.52
4	Go4IT	87.90
5	rafa	127.46
6	Garagiste	130.12
7	CriticalHippo	135.34
8	Flamingo	139.91
9	Vida_Maldita	153.76
10	YANN	171.49
11	QMaxx	171.46
12	justmer8	175.31
13	Renegade	200.47
14	GREATSKUA	210.96
15	BRENTGRAY	211.64
16	brandystrega	263.64
17	weekend	296.71
18	Arronax21	297.72
19	Mrbill	329.78
20	robodoc	331.48
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24	garent	353.43
25	Halibut68	357.99
26	jkniemin	363.31
27	RyBa	370.45
28	HoratioPugwash	382.57



# Congrats to all, and thank you SOL admins!

Kamchatka to Tromsoe

A long race, we know so,  
How did the fleet,  
end up a gogo?

Scott, he stayed low low,  
The northers went oh so,  
And if wind had been blow blow,  
They would have been clo clo.

But winds, smarts, and luck,  
Still played their roll-oh.  
The fat lady sang:  
Scott gets the gold-oh

With Ant and Happy  
Just slightly,  
A no go.  
Cheers to all,  
No one had FOMO!

## Leaderboard for Kamchatsky to Tromsoe 2024

*Kamchatsky to Tromsoe 2024, racing with 103 boats.*

Rankings: [SYC ranking](#) - [2024 HILAT](#)

**1-50** [51-100](#) [101-150](#)

Rank	Boat Name	Boat Type	DTG	DBL	Finish Time (UTC)
1	 wsguerin	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-07 21:40:04
2	 antares_sydney	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-07 22:20:29
3	 HappyHour	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-07 23:17:19
4	 Go4iT	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-08 00:23:23
5	 rafa	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-08 03:24:14
6	 Garagiste	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-08 03:43:00
7	 CriticalHippo	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-08 04:01:18
8	 Flamingo	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-08 04:28:33
9	 Vida_Maldita	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-08 05:25:09
10	YANN	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-08 06:44:18
11	 QMaxx	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-08 06:45:20
12	 justmer8	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-08 07:09:47
13	 Renegade	Pelagic77	0	0	2024-08-08 09:19:06