

One Picture is Worth a
Thousand Words
X2X 2024

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Counter Routing

The southers split,
into semi and deep.

StingFI and Blackcat

Early on led the fleet.

The half-southers they,

Looked good for a bit.

Through Bass Strait they sailed,

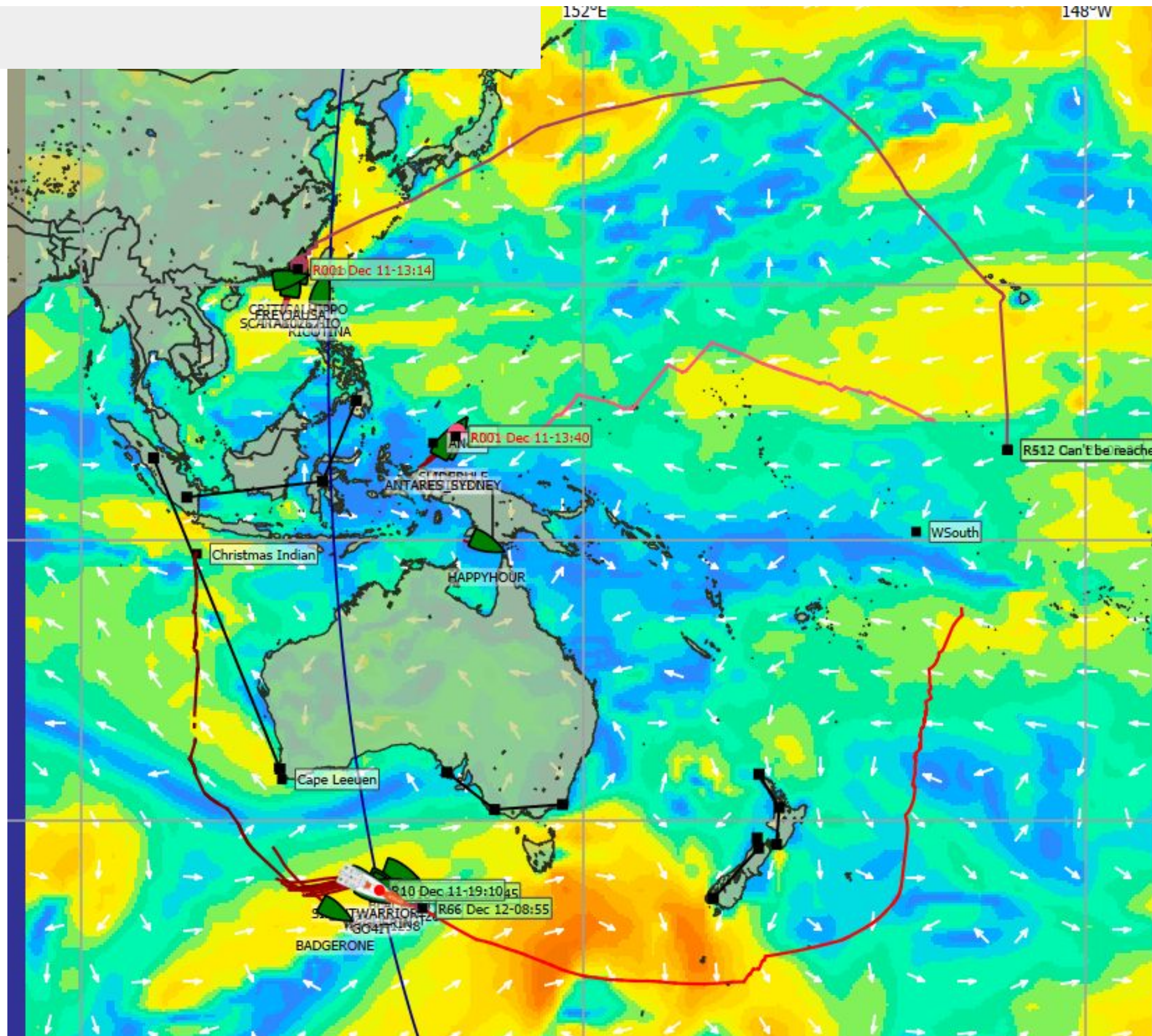
Into deep blue, nose hit.

The Torres Strait fleet,

For some days looked bright.

Short course and good wind

But the breeze, it swung right.

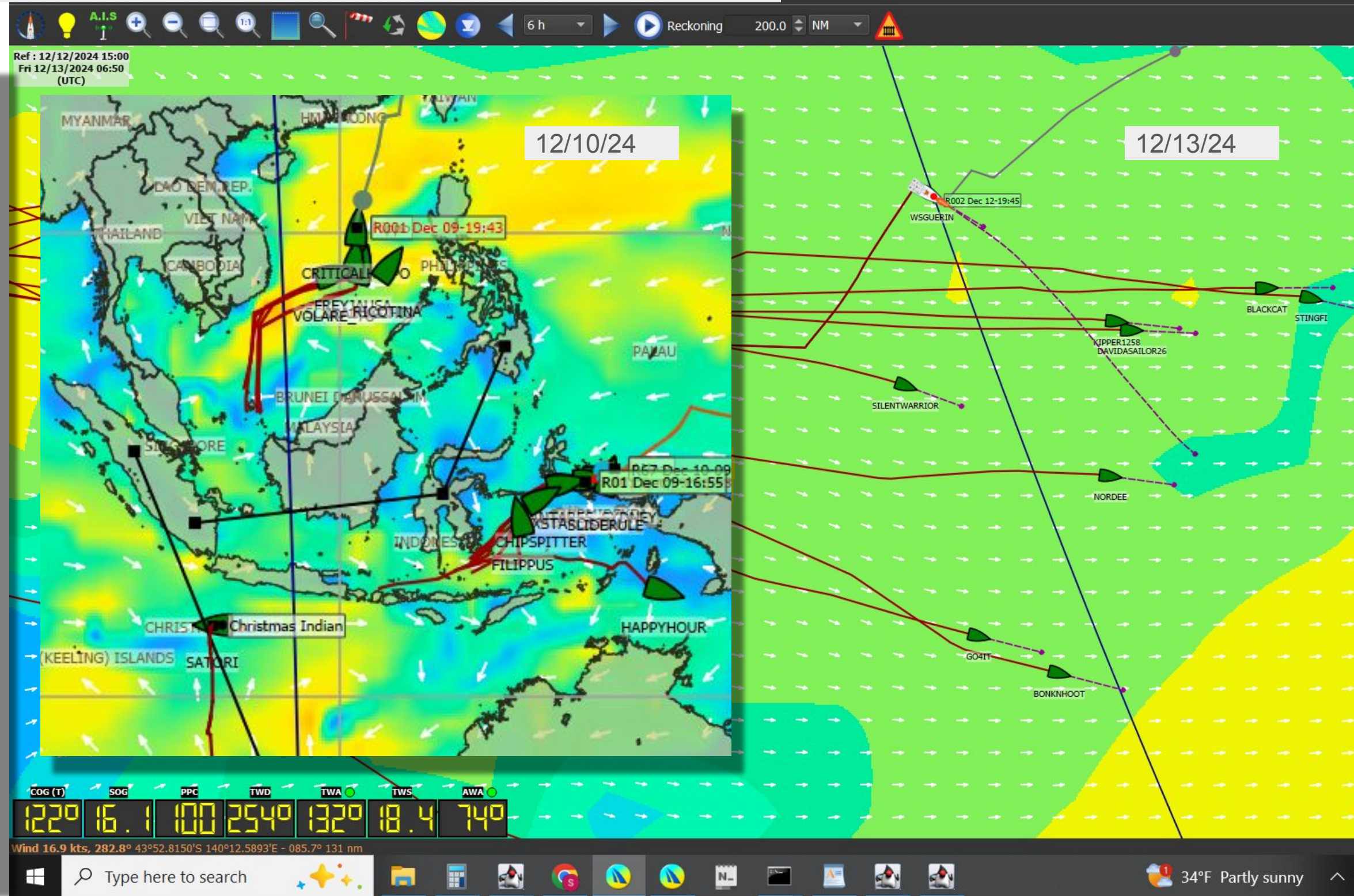


Banana peels ahead

To the North many went,
Then they split up in two.
Some bet on Tradewinds
But their nose, it turned blue.

Some took a route,
Archipelago bound.
Threaded the needles
Got lost and not found.

The rest seemed to make,
An insanity play.
To Hokkaido they headed,
For many a day.



The fleets close in...

For thousands of miles,

They rolled the dice.

'cause gambling on good wind

Comes with a price.

On Scara, on Ita,

on Rico and Frey,

Through typhoons and
doldrums,

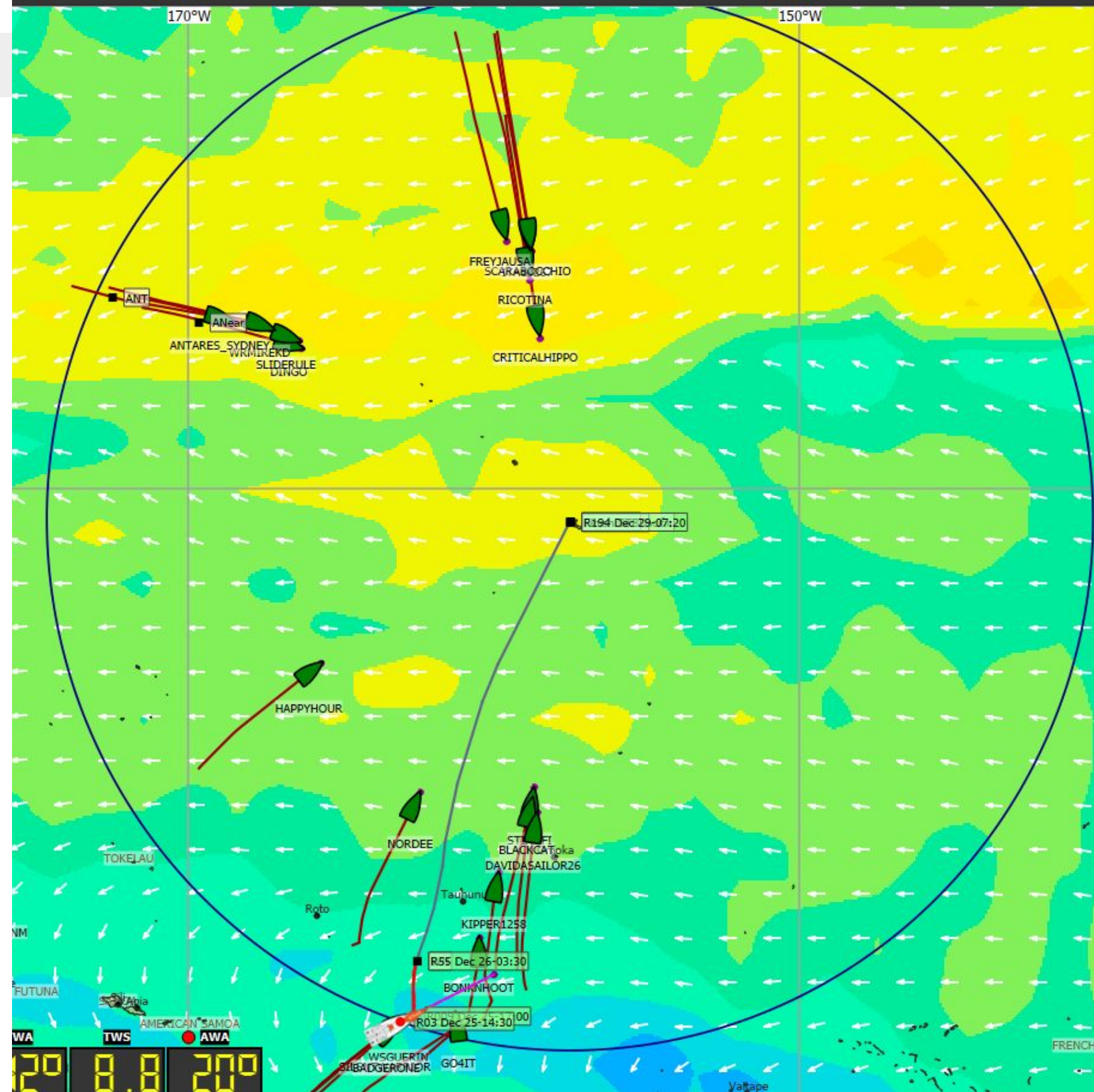
They fought all the way.

But Hippo the red nosed,

Who had kept us in thrall,

He n'er looked back and

Dashed away all!



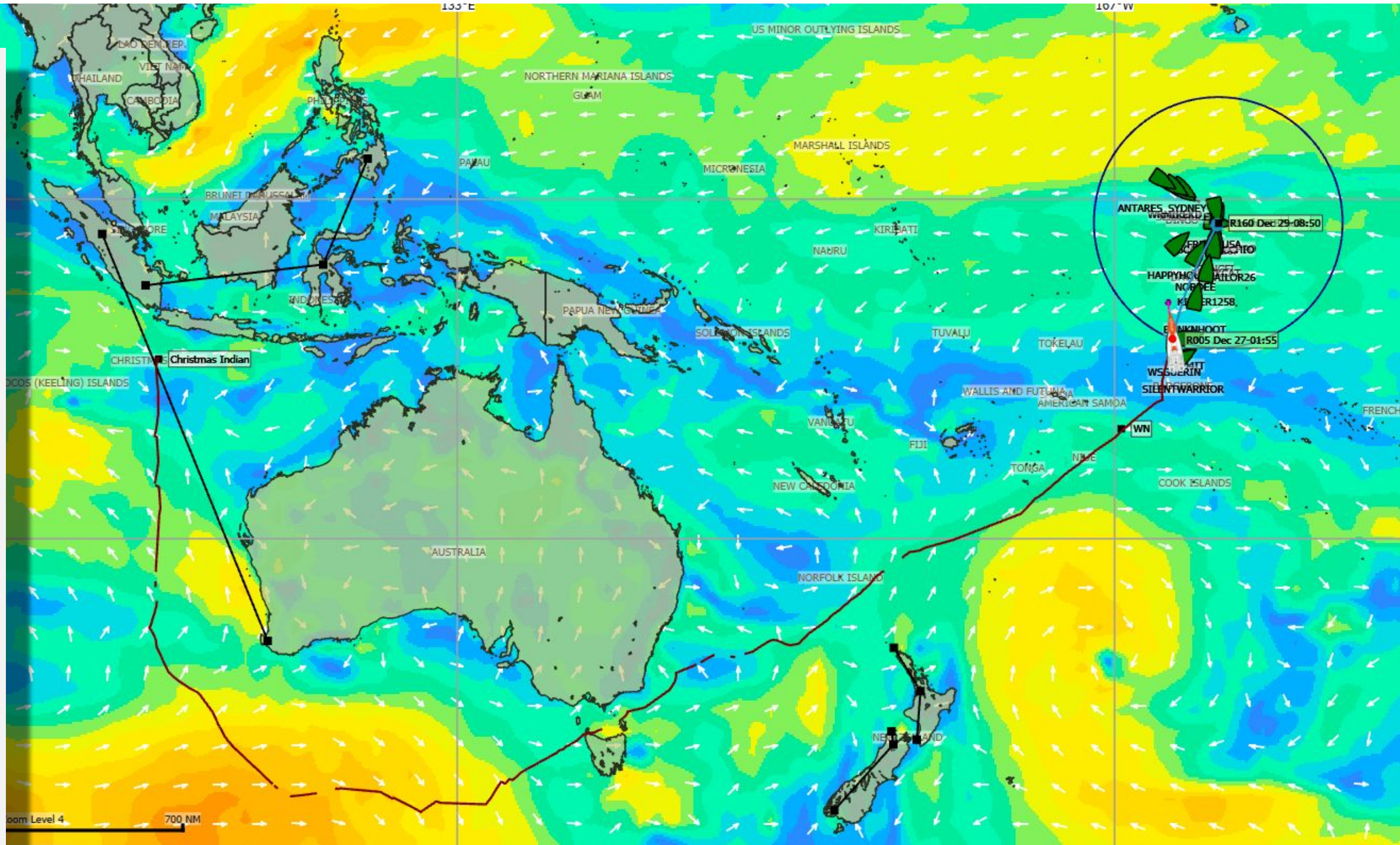
In attention, bad strategy, and I followed QT too slavishly!

I may as well mention,

My own strategy,

Head south but not too south,

Forty-first, yep, that's me.



Clever finale ...

CriticalHippo left us a note in his wake as seen at right.

Thanks SOL admins and all who raced. The East to West course was cause of some discussion but I think the consensus was that it was a fascinating race!

This report is short on analysis but I color coded the top twenty odd strategies. Let me know of errors.

Happiest of New Year all and may SOL continue to provide us collegial enjoyment.

And remember: it's a simulation, not a game!

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