

# Africa by Sea 2025 – Port Said to Tangier

CriticalHippo

Captain's log

January 20

For practice and giggles I've decided to go through the Suez Canal before the race starts.

January 21

Made it through the canal

January 22

Race start

January 23

There is a possibility of going north of Crete, but I decided against it.

January 24

I noticed the option of going through the Strain of Messina (between Italy and Sicily). It looks a couple hours slower at this point but worth keeping an eye on.

January 25

The router's suggesting a more southerly course than it has been, which I don't like. I forced a routing through the Strait of Messina and it looks a little quicker now. I'm heading that way, which still leaves the possibility of going south of Sicily

January 26

Light winds north of Sicily are making that route no good. It's a tight race between me and sassy63 for the lead of the northern boats.

January 27

That route is only 1 hour slower now. Were I in a weaker position I would try it, but since I'm fighting for the lead there's no need to take a big chance

January 28

Sassy and I have come out an hour or two ahead of the southern fleet. I think sassy has the edge by a few minutes.

January 30

Sassy and I split; I went north while he went south. Most of the trailing fleet has kept a central path.

February 3

The fickle winds allowed the central fleet to gain on me while sassy ended up falling back quite a ways. I was ahead by an hour or more a couple days ago but ended up winning by 4 minutes.