

Race Report

Africa by Sea – 2025

Port Said to Tangier

By vida

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This was a nice race circuit. I found that for Sailonline the shiftier the wind the more interesting the race is. The Mediterranean Sea is therefore a great place to set up our races. I hope we sail there more often.

There were two distinct parts of this race: one to Cap Bon and the second from Cap Bon to Tangiers, the finish line. My recollection is that “sassy63” sailed south of the rhumb line and jumped ahead of the fleet, then “CriticalHippo” sailed way north and took a comfortable lead.

I cruised around the rhumb line closer to a small group of sailors, among them “Go4iT”, “ms0689”, “Kipper1258”, “marman” among others. We had to navigate through a blue zone of high pressure that allowed me to jump in the podium reach, still in fourth/fifth place.

Since the finish was clearly favoring the north pin, I delayed the last tack as much as possible and was able to cling place in the podium from the ones that tack earlier aiming to the middle of the finish line. But all in all, the third place was a lot better than I was expecting just a day before.

Congratulations to “CrticalHippo”, “Go4iT” and “ms0689” that almost stepped in the podium for what would be his first time.

Thanks to the volunteers of Sailonline that made all this happen.

Sincerely,

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