

Cape Horn TIMED Resupply - Race Report by KaSToR

We had a window of 15 days, from February 16 to March 1, to cover these 175 minutes across the Cape Horn Islands in a minimum of time.

At first sight, the wind is mainly from the front in this area. And I observe that he is strong. I also observe that the Pelagic is quite a good boat for this type of wind.

First routing, and a first window immediately seems promising to me, with a first departure on February 16 at 19:10, for a time of 23:20, immediately placing me in first position in the ranking

A little before arrival and out of curiosity, I made a routing announcing of around 22 hours. I therefore had no hope of maintaining my position for more than a few hours.

A new window presents itself on February 18 with a departure the following night at 3:10, for a forecast of around 20 hours at sea.

This new attempt was a sidewind for the start of the course, a headwind for the second half This attempt allows me to regain pole position in the ranking. but again, not for long.

Upon arrival, I noticed that the following day, a window allowed me to improve my time by 3 hours, with only wind on my side. So I decide to leave for what will be my last attempt, February 20 at 11:10 a.m.

When leaving, I noticed that Patrick, in good shape at the moment, left 2 hours before me. For me, and barring any surprises to the glibs, it was too early.

I won't be able to model my course on his.

On the other hand, I see vida leaving 5 minutes before my departure time, and rafa leaves at the same second as me.

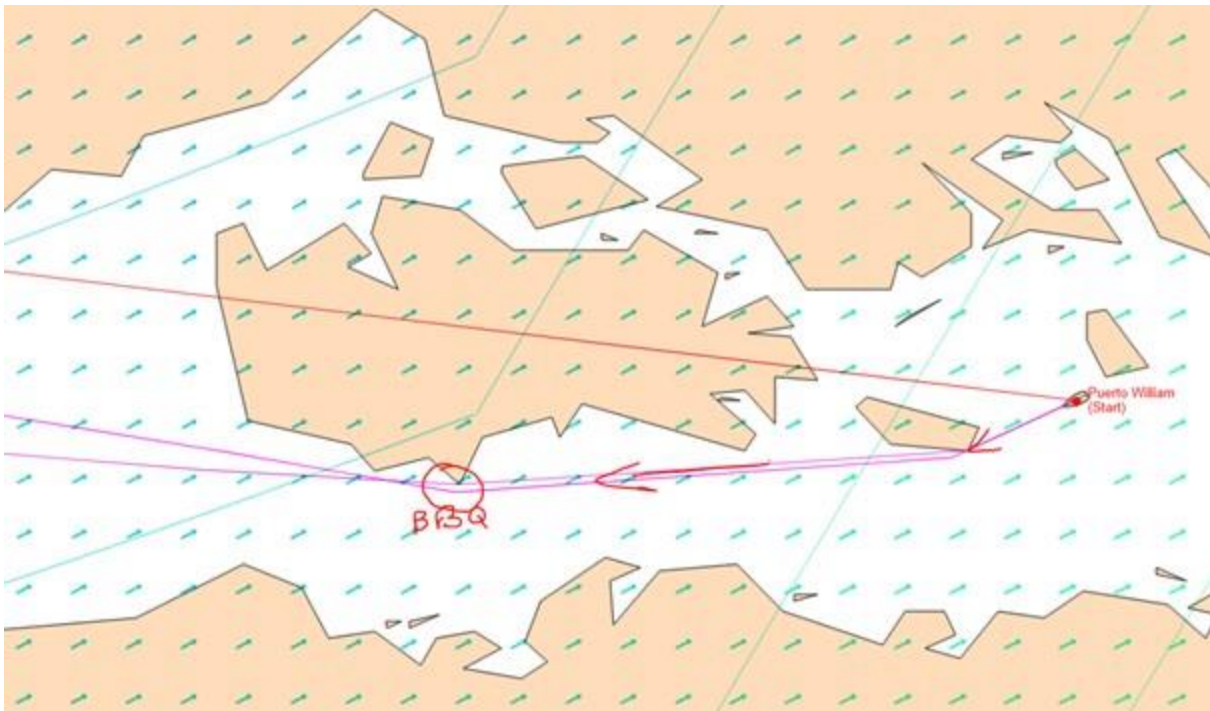
This could therefore be a very interesting chase at 2 against one. And indeed, the rest did not allow me to get bored.

Top start, first part of a very simple course, skimming Martillo Island and Gable Island and taking the opportunity to observe the Argentine penguins.



Unfortunately, nothing goes as planned, and I see a DC being anticipated and first BBQ at Gable Island.

In front of my screen, I don't take the time to shake the penguins and hurry to put the boat back in the water.

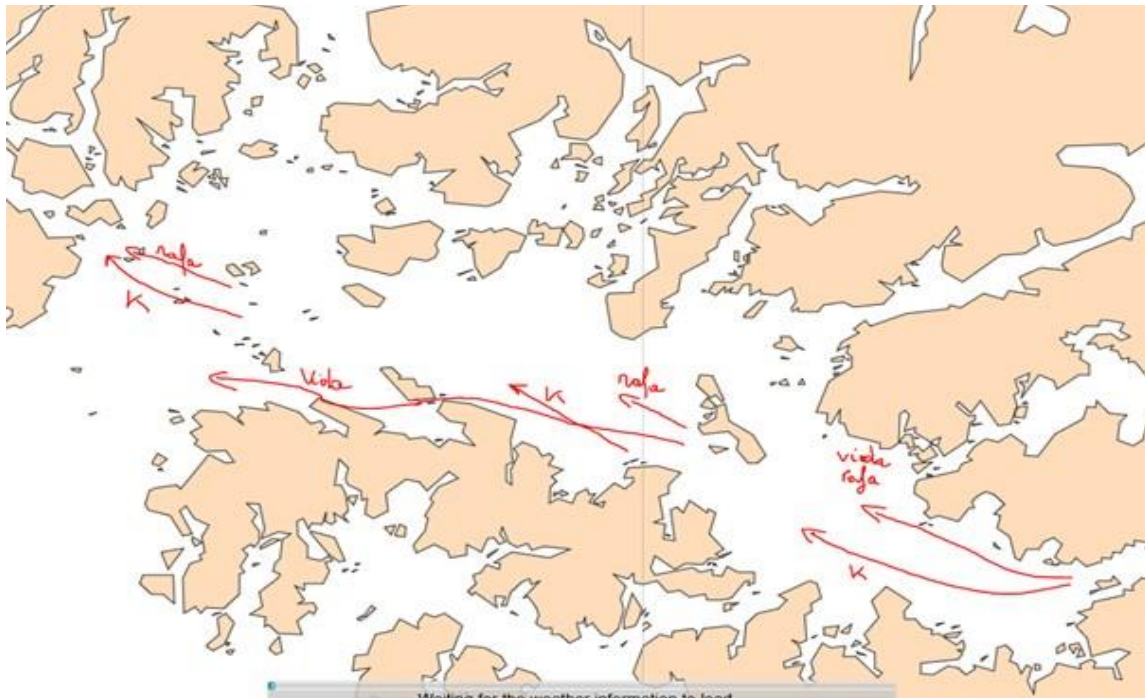


But that doesn't bode well, we're doing better at the start of the race.
So here I am, one minute 20 behind rafa and more than 6 minutes behind vida.
I feel that it will be complicated to take back this time from these 2 very sharp opponents. Impossible
in any case in the Beagle Channel and I have to wait

A first opportunity to regain some time presents itself with vida and rafa who choose to head north of Chair Island, while the
wind is a little stronger to the south.
This allows me to come back a little, but I stay behind rafa and still almost 6 minutes from vida who sails better than us.



We are already arriving at the end of the route.
I observe that vida and rafa choose a northern route.



Les vents étant un peu plus soutenus au sud, je décide d'allonger ma route en allant raser l'isla Stewart.
 I have the idea of leaving them company by going even further south and turning before Ila Catalina.
 Once again, nothing goes as planned since vida returns to position himself in front of me. And he chooses the southern route.
 I hesitate to follow him but I'm thinking It will be impossible to take his time back, so I choose to stay with rafa.

And there, luck smiles on me, at the end, there is a funnel effect and the wind will blow me towards the north without me having to lower my twa, and therefore my speed.
 rafa, for his part, is unlucky and cannot take advantage of his northern position to increase his TWA and finish faster, hampered by the presence of small islands.
 Here I am in front of him as I pass Isla Georgiana.

When we find vida again, we see that his choice of route has made him lose about 2 minutes compared to us.
 So we are ahead on the clock



All that remains is to be careful of the last stones and I finish 38 seconds ahead of rafa and 49 ahead of vida, after more than 17 hours of racing.

Really fun race, and congratulations to my opponents of the day, because if a first is necessary, they would both have deserved as much as me to be at the top of the podium.

Finally, there was no real suspense over the arrival of a new starting window, as the winds weakened for the last opening week of the race, the classification will become the definitive classification.