

Sea Lion TIMED Race 2025 - Race Report by KaSToR

On the opening day, Tuesday March 23 at 12:00 p.m., I noticed that a first wave of departures took place in the evening, with a forecast of just over 14 hours of racing. I will have 13 days left to cover the 117 nm and improve this time on board my FG 43. So I decide not to leave and to wait for a more favorable window.

This one does not seem to want to show up, but 4 days later, late in the evening of March 26, I discovered a possible departure during the night with an estimated time reduced to a little over 13 hours.

Since this window could very well be the last, I decided to rush in. The departure was scheduled for March 27 at 2:40:00 a.m.

When I woke up, I realized that the race was going to be a two-person affair with Mirek, who had set off at... 2:40:00! provided I could stay in his wake.

The start of the race required us to jibe, the only maneuver planned during this test.

As sometimes happens, luck must have smiled on me and by early morning my boat had a very slight lead.

However, in the second part of the course, Mirek gave me no margin and after a cross chase to the finish line, we arrived almost at the same time, with a time of just over 13 hours, as planned.

This gave me a temporary podium that couldn't have pleased me more, with the third step occupied by Adlaem, my team captain on another platform (the dolphins of Projection Virtuelle 3) and administrator of our discord.

I no longer play on this other platform, due to a ban but mainly out of personal conviction. I remain loyal to PV3, however.

Regarding the race, I thought that these times could not be improved any further, but the date of March 2 seemed more and more promising and a very wide window appeared with a possibility of lowering the time under 12 hours.

My position was no longer available, so I had to leave.

I decided on a late night departure, it matched weel with my irl timetable.

In the morning, I noticed that I had several opponents, Freyja probably left a little early, CriticalHippo 20' in front, Patrick and Rafa 20' behind.

CriticalHippo led the way for me all the way, but I found it impossible to make up time.

Patrick and Rafa, behind, had to make their tack earlier just before the Grib.

They had to slow down longer than me to go around Sea Lion Island.

So I was rather be reassured about them.

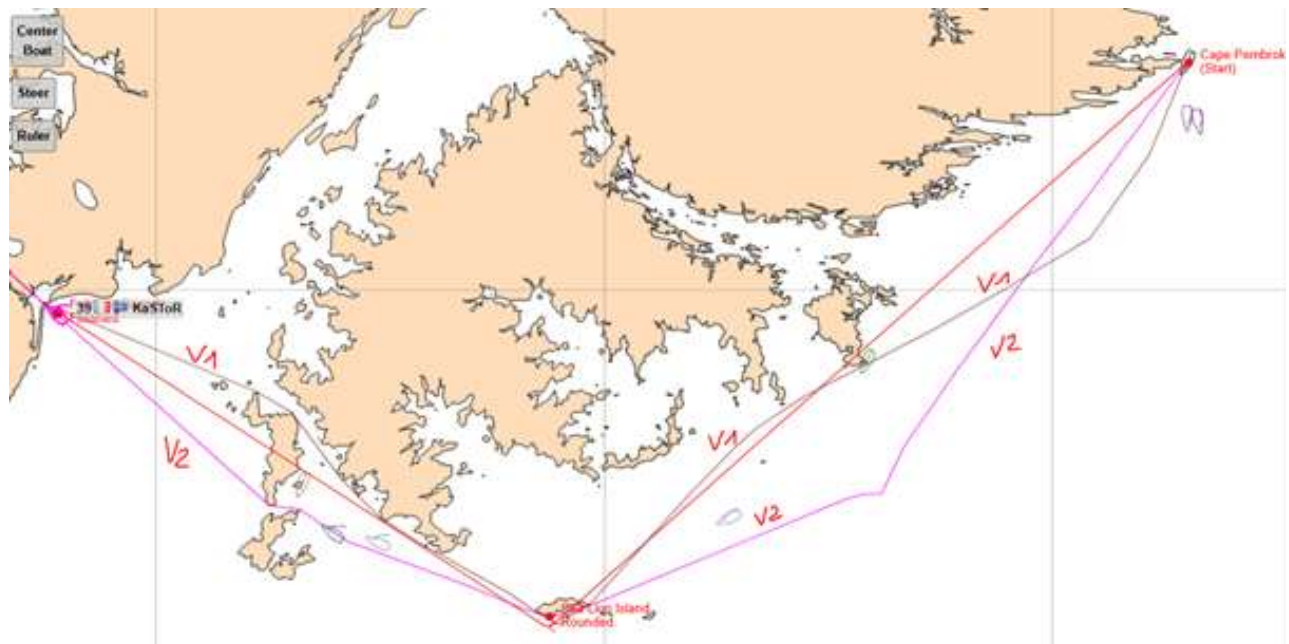
For the second part of the route, I followed CriticalHippo on a route between Speedwell Island and George Island, whereas on the first attempt, I had chosen a more northerly route.

Once crossed Speedwell Island, I fixed a head for the finish and went to do some woodturning, the suspense being too much.

Don't ask me where this animal inspiration came from...



I wasn't very confident, and yet, by a handful of seconds, I keep my first place with a time of just over 12 hours, and no more starting windows appeared before the end of the race on Saturday, April 5, at 11:00 p.m.



Thanks to my opponents who made this race interesting, Mirek for version 1, CriticalHippo, Patrick, Freyja, Rumskib, rafa and all the others on version 2.

A little tear for adlaem who lost his pretty 3rd place too temporarily and for Panpyc who missed the top 10 by very little.

Little scoop, I have the photo of the podium... or almost.



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