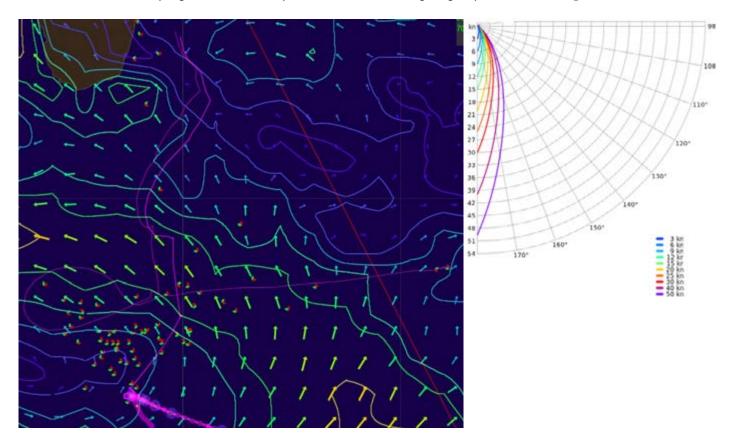
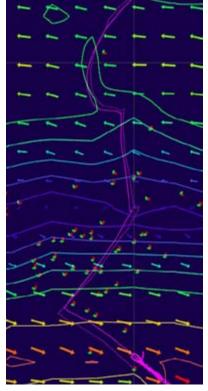
Smo Ballooning

Had to start this as in previous race Smo forgat Balloon flying somewhere and did not finish. In the first race had straight downwind tactics. In this one had a tactic flying to places where wind takes towards finish line. Also very alternative routes might have had a change if luck in winds. With that polar it was like a teasing all the time, sometimes flying downwind very fast and sometimes going days almost zero speed to better winds.



WR managed to fly longer to "wrong" direction to get back from better position, I was hoping little luck from winds taking small shortcuts but it did not work out. After flying three weeks last 1/4 of distance went in around 24 hours.



Great fun, still not sure how I did it though. Might be "fun" IRL. finishing race with balloon allready an achievement. Congrats to fellow racers and thank you for race committee organising this.

| Rank | Boat Name | Boat Type | DTG D | BL | Finish Time (UTC) |
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| 1 | 🕦 WRmirekd | SOL Balloon | 0 | 0 | 2025-05-02 06:45:23 |
| 2 | 📚 Smo | SOL Balloon | 0 | 0 | 2025-05-02 09:11:55 |
| 3 | 📚 rafa | SOL Balloon | 0 | 0 | 2025-05-02 09:53:16 |
| 4 | AUS_Scott76 | SOL Balloon | 0 | 0 | 2025-05-02 10:40:40 |
| 5 | kipper1258 | SOL Balloon | 0 | 0 | 2025-05-02 10:49:58 |
| 6 | CapeAgulhas | SOL Balloon | 0 | 0 | 2025-05-02 12:11:30 |
| 7 | 📚 HoratioPugwash | SOL Balloon | 0 | 0 | 2025-05-02 17:15:50 |
| 8 | 📚 Chaos | SOL Balloon | 0 | 0 | 2025-05-02 18:26:07 |
| 9 | 📚 FreyjaUSA | SOL Balloon | 0 | 0 | 2025-05-02 21:31:11 |
| 10 | 📚 Renegade | SOL Balloon | 0 | 0 | 2025-05-02 21:42:03 |