

At the beginning, I was sceptical about this race as some preliminary routing showed an almost straight approach to the finish and a length of less than 11 days. Food for hardcore routers who never miss a single update. I decided to start anyway taking the race with a relaxed approach. This turned out a bit different as a complicated passage across the vast high pressure system looked tricky. As I found myself among the boat who managed a quick crossing, my effort in the race became higher and higher. At that point two different solutions were present, a NW approach to the finish and an ESE one. I put my bet on the second one and consistently avoided the routes proposed by QT to opt for the NW lane. Speaking of the Italians, my friend RICOTINA and aner59 went for that one, me and SCARABOCCHIO and Sax47 chose the other one. I remember being at least 6hrs back in the ETA at some point but I still believed that my choice was good. In our group we had Flamingo with a slight advantage (15 minutes). Then the weather gods smiled in our direction and our options started to gain and become the good one! Now Flamingo had to be dealt with.

Few days before the finish (this is the picture) I decided to attack and tried to get the right side of the course (picture enclosed, I took a screenshot it because I was sure it was the winning move).

That was the right move! Right side had better pressure and till the end, the optimum angle. And I happily arrived in top spot followed by mate SCARABOCCHIO

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