

Antares Race Report –

Marion Island to Fernando de Noronha 2025 October 6th 2025

Apologies as this will be short due to not taking any notes on the way! 🙏

The race started as usual with all boats spread across a short line heading towards the tip of Africa, barely 10Nm covered us all.

After a couple of days it was clear that a viable route was to head North and follow along the tip of the Horn while a few intrepid sailors decided to strike out in a North Westerly path which put them well into the lead. This did not last as the wind in that sector dropped off and our fleet picked up good pressure heading west.

On or around the 11th the wind gods offered a split; head west or zig zag up the African coast. Aner59, Scarabocchio and I took that option while most of the rest of the fleet the latter. MK and a couple of others followed us later in the day or next day.

From then it was pretty much trying to find a way past the Italian armada covering where possible. I tacked North about 20Nm before Aner and Scara and saw first place (exciting) for about +24 hours, hoping for a friendly shift to cover them.

However, it was not to be and they hauled me in over the next day or so to hold a lead of around 20Nm in Scara's case. Around the 15th the Eastern fleet started to make a push West and looked like they could close up on us.

As the race progressed The Italian Masterclass went into hyperdrive and opened a larger gap on me; finally ending up at somewhere north of 50Nm while I had MK and [pepsPV5](#) snapping at my heels.

With around 24 hours to go I felt fairly certain that I would achieve my best RWW ever finish of 3rd mostly thanks to following the leaders!

Congratulations to everyone in the race and to the organisers, without whom these events would not be possible.

Cheers Antares 😊