

## Red Eye - Frisian Isles Trophy 2025- Race Report by KaSToR

Last race, 'Red Eye', starting from Delfzijl (Netherlands), for a 160 nm journey across the North Sea, finishing in the Wadden Sea, all aboard a Farr 400, which is particularly consistent in terms of polars.

There is nothing mysterious about the navigation, it is almost a direct course from point to point, starting by skimming along the Dutch coast to round the first buoy located on the island of Borkum.

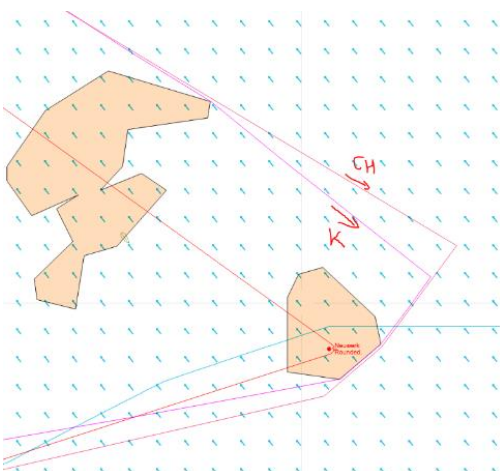
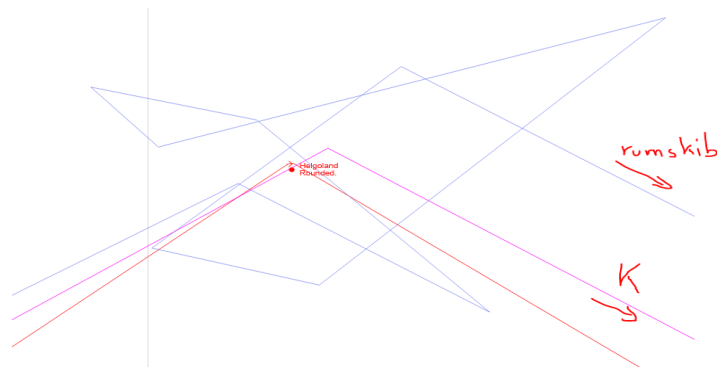
The competition is very close, but having chosen a slightly more westerly route, I find myself ahead at the buoy. A quick gybe and the buoy is behind us.

Navigating to the Helgoland buoy is more complex. I find myself a little isolated to the north of the fleet, with all my competitors choosing a more southerly route.

However, I notice attempts by rumskib and CriticalHippo to overtake.

ForbanduCollet has chosen an even more northerly route, with stronger winds, and is not far behind either. As we round the buoy, only 0.05 nm separates me from the chasing pack.

I notice that I no longer have the pressure of rumskib, who deserves applause for his extraordinary passage around the buoy! (Sorry rumskib, I couldn't resist).



Nothing special to report on the Neuwerk bypass, except for CriticalHippo falling slightly behind, probably under DC programming.

Then comes the choice of how to approach the Wadden Sea.

I decide to avoid it and pass north of the Frisian Islands, lengthening the route a little, but benefiting from a stronger wind of about 1 kts and a much more favourable angle for a long time.

The pressure from my opponents remains strong, with Bonknhoot, Rafa, Forban and Adlaem still behind me at around 0.15 nm. Critical chooses a slightly more southerly route, allowing him to get back into the race.

All that remains is to decide when to enter the Wadden Sea to reach the finish line.  
Quite naturally, I head south between the islands of Baltrum and Norderney.



All that remains is to reach the finish line, which I do with a slight lead over bonknhoot and ForbanduCollet.

Congratulations to all the competitors mentioned, to whom I would add Sax747 and vida, who complete the top 10 (vida having chosen to go via the Wadden Sea to the south).

Now, but don't tell anyone, I must admit that I had equipped myself with an exclusive secret weapon for this race...

