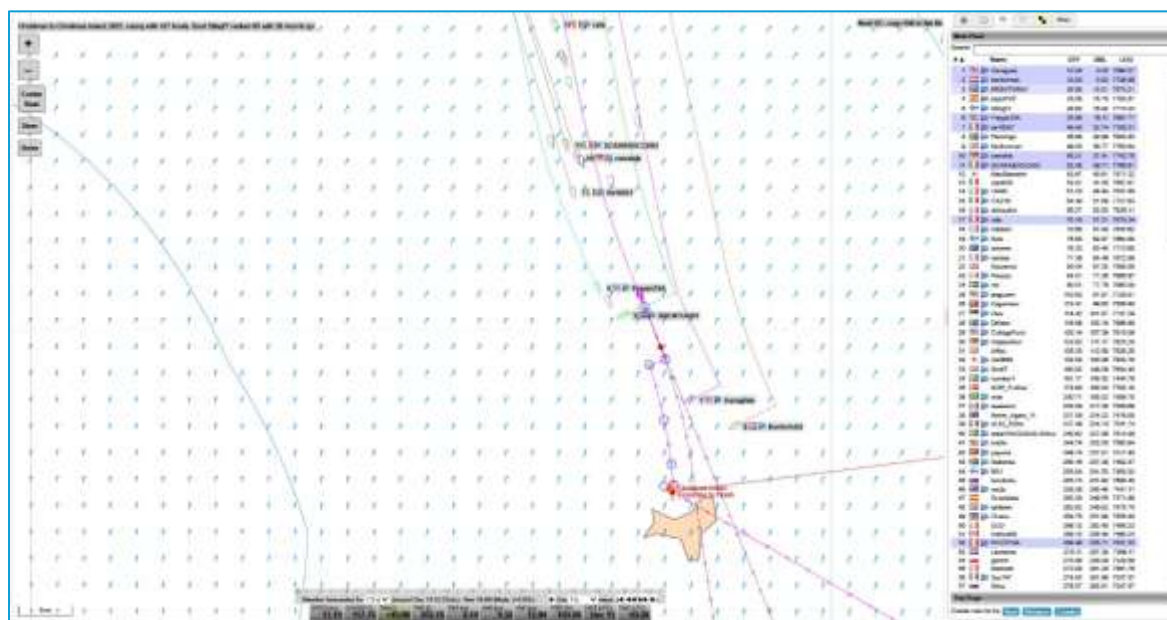
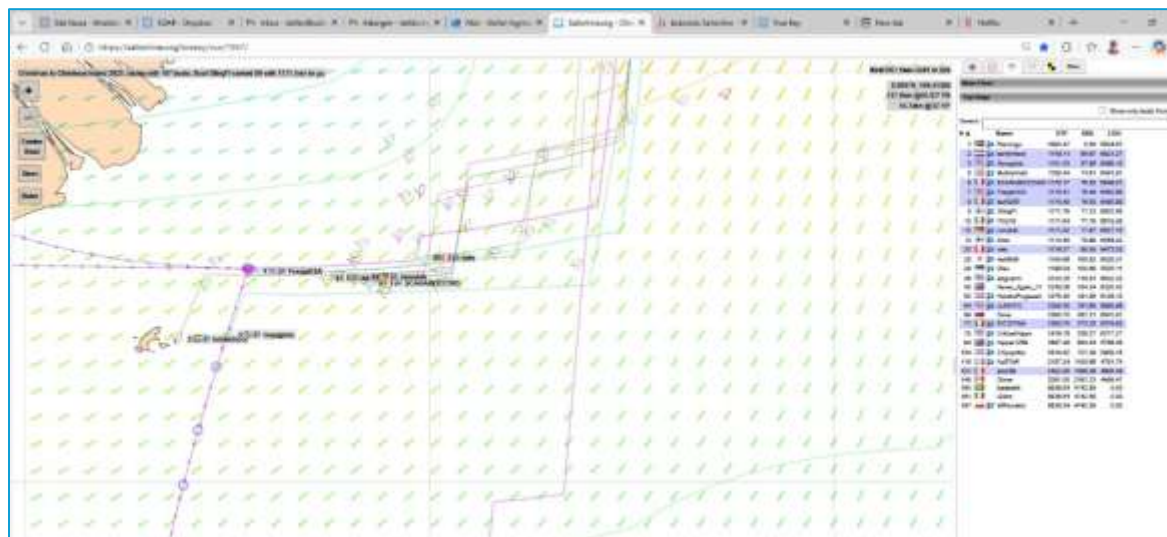


Christmas to Christmas Island Race 2025

Garagiste

The annual Christmas to Christmas Island race is easily one of my favorite races each year. The challenge is usually to finish the race before Christmas day, but with the boat this year being the Maxi Trimaran the challenge was easily accomplished by most SOLers.

Historically, the northern route is usually the winning strategy, and this year was no exception. After two weeks of sailing and with about 1,500 nm remaining, bonknhoot and I were leading the northern fleet. Late one evening my internet decided to go on the fritz and I fell asleep and missed a gybe. While this temporarily put me in the lead the subsequent gybe, which I managed poorly rewarding Garagiste with 84% performance loss, tucked me just behind bonk. Add one more bad gybe (another 84%er) and there was no hope of overtaking the eventual winner.



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I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! – Garagiste