

## Report Panpyc Lake Victoria TIMED Race 2026



Lake Victoria

# AC72

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La classe **AC72** est une [jauge](#) de [catamarans](#) de 22 mètres (72,2 pieds) conçue pour la [Coupe Louis-Vuitton](#) et la [coupe de l'America](#) depuis 2013.

Ses principales caractéristiques sont un [mât-aile](#) et des [foils](#) rétractables, lui permettant de [déjauger](#) et d'atteindre ainsi des [vitesses supérieures à 45 nœuds](#). Ces foils à géométrie fixe (sans volets mobiles) mais à calage réglable sont apparus à la suite d'une faille du règlement qui n'interdit pas explicitement la variation de calage du foil complet.

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The AC72 class is a 22-meter (72.2-foot) catamaran rating system designed for the Louis Vuitton Cup and the America's Cup since 2013.

Its main features are a wing mast and retractable foils, allowing it to plane and reach speeds exceeding 45 knots. These fixed-geometry foils (without movable flaps) but with adjustable pitch were developed following a loophole in the regulations, which did not explicitly prohibit varying the pitch of the entire foil.



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The difficulty in these timed races is finding the right moment to start and thus establish an initial starting reference time.

The initial estimates around March 19th are around 16/21h of racing.

All calculations revolve around a 13-hour drive, with significant instabilities in the results.

Finally, I set off on March 19th (my birthday) at 3:17 UTC, expecting a 10-hour and 6-minute journey.



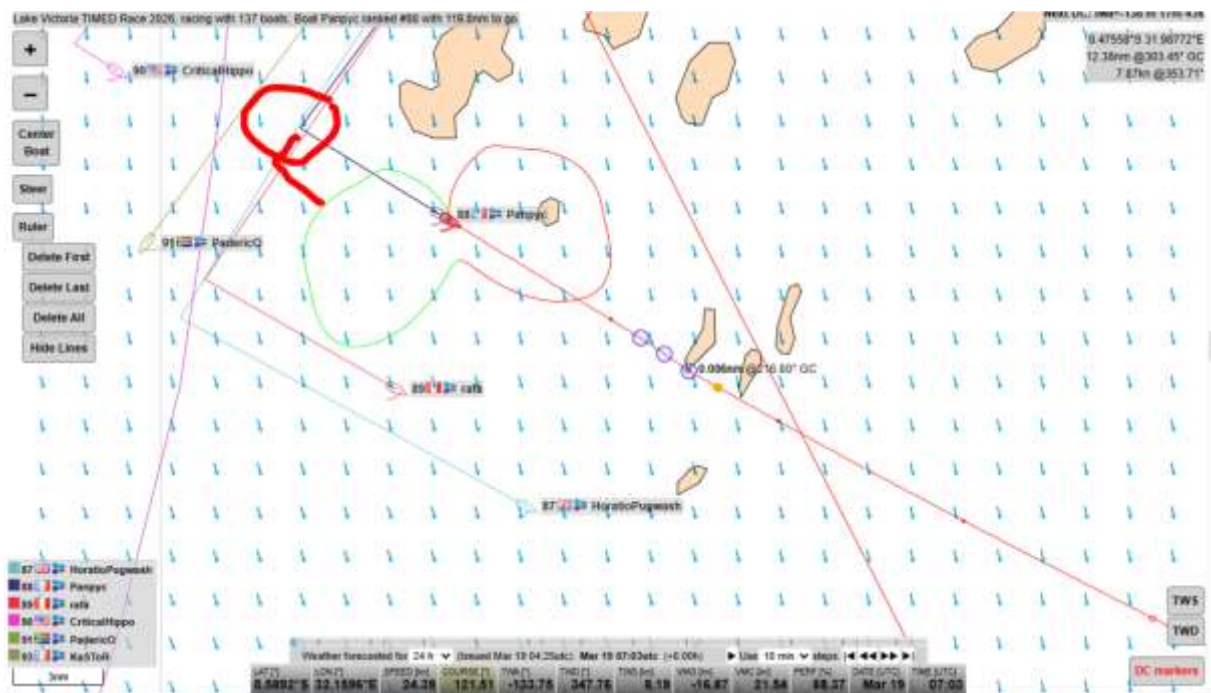
HoratioPugwash and Rafa are just ahead of Panycy, with Paderick, Kastor, and CriticalHippo behind.

Kastor, probably still half asleep, ran aground at 4:00 UTC.

We'll have to be careful when we sail along the coasts of the islands, because it's going very fast.

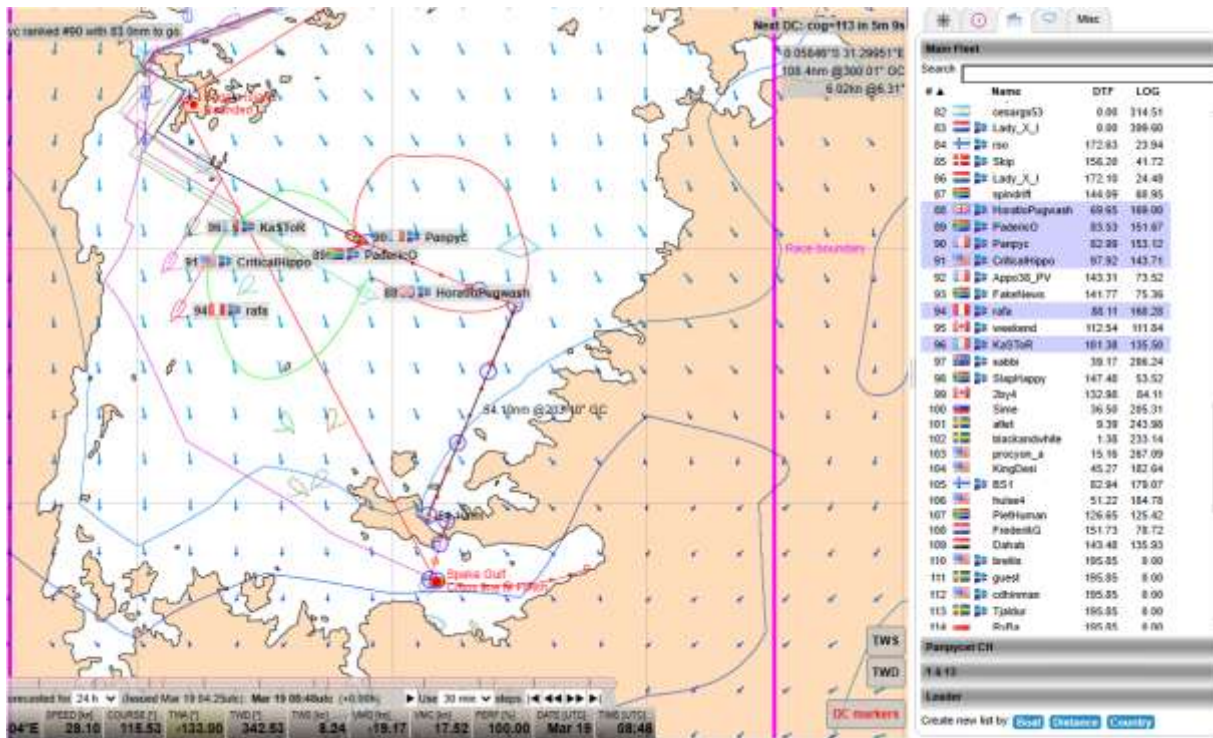


After passing the northern islands, the first gybes begin.



Seven hours of sailing left. 7:03 a.m.,

**Mistake**, I gybed too early and I'm putting myself in difficulty to pass the three islands in front of me.



HoratioPugwash is ahead of me, the finish line is near, we need to choose the right course to round the islands.

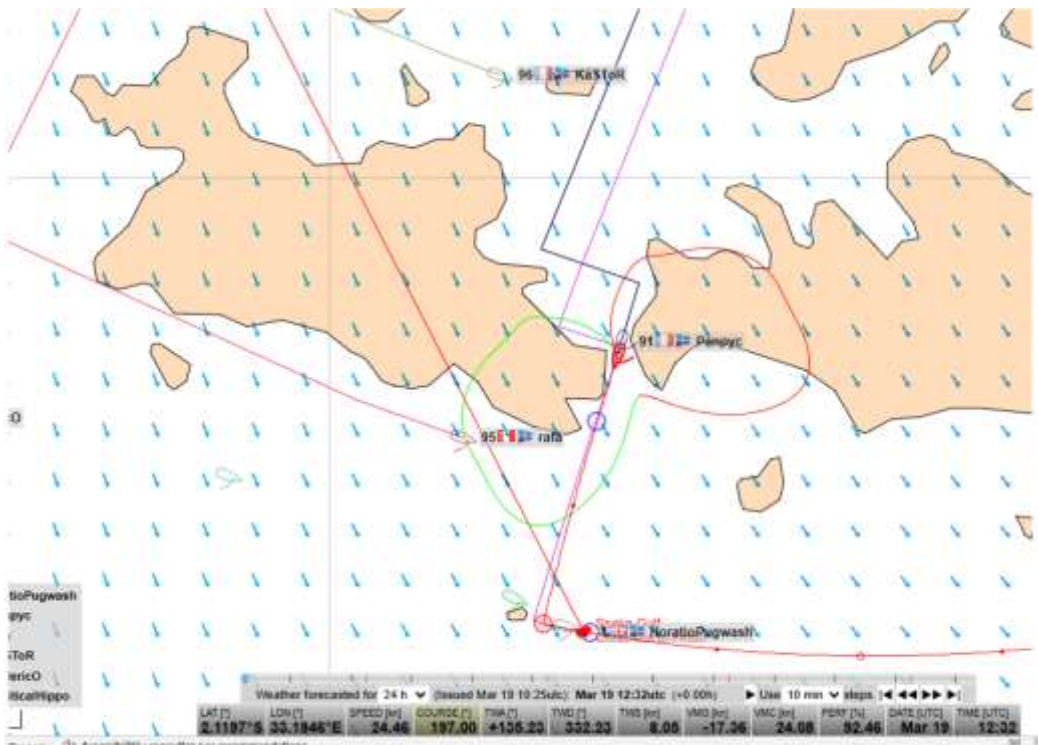
8:48 Panpyc and HoratioPugwash opted for a southeasterly course.

Rafa CriticalHippo and Kastor sailed in the opposite direction.

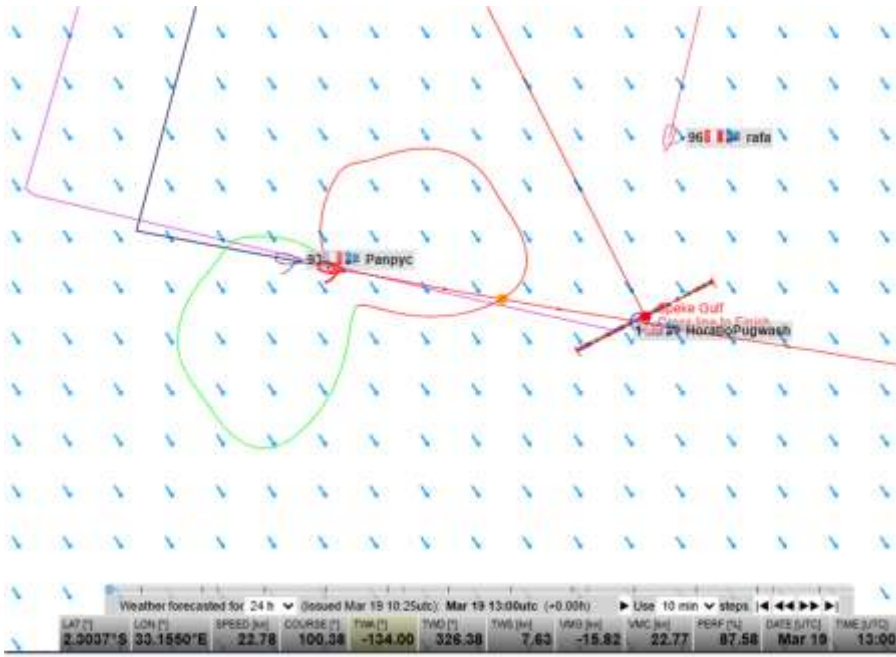
CriticalHippo had a barbecue around 10:00 UTC, not far from Kastor, who had already set sail again.



25 nautical miles from the finish, HoratioPugwash took the same route as Panyc. They'll need to be careful with their gybes.



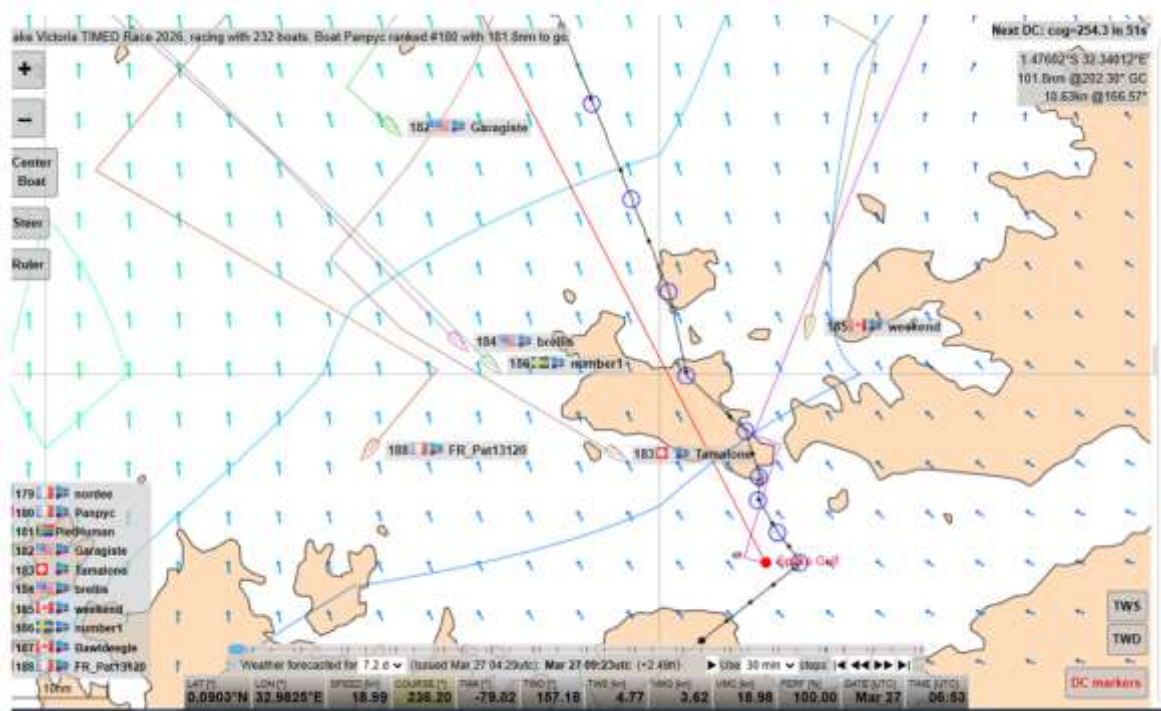
Horatio Pugwash arrives at 12:32 PM.



Panpyc and Rafa arrive nicely at 1:00 PM UTC.

After that result, it was constant monitoring. I didn't find a window.

I made a second attempt, without conviction.



On March 27th at 6:12 AM, I set off just to be on the safe side. A few boats are in the race: Garagiste, Brellis, Number One...

This second attempt puts Panpyc in 24th place, ahead of Nordee and CriticalHippo.

I made this attempt because Rumskib put pressure on me; he took third place on March 24th with a time of 10:09.

Ultimately, HoratioPugwash remains in first place, followed by Panpyc and Rumstic.

In conclusion, the first attempt was the right one.

Congratulations to HoratioPugwash and Rumskib

The winds on "enclosed seas" are always unpredictable.

Thank you to the organizers.

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