

## Cross the Convergence 2026 - Guam to Ouvéa

I do enjoy a medium to long distance race which provides wide-wide routing options.

rumskib, Blackcat and myself were engaged in front in a close battle for days. The south route that BrentGray took was my early choice but forecasts for the last 4 days of the race showed south west building pressure and the recovery from his routing was a long beat. rumskib got tied up with matching WRmirekd and Sax747 and took the middle road. Blackcat had a quick route out east when no one was watching and it paid dividends...a 50 mile lead we could never close. Flamingo at this stage had been caught on the back foot and lost touch with rumskib and Blackcat. Focusing on the weather patterns for the closing days a route north of Solomons started to gain traction, but not without some anxious blue holes and a deficit that got to 175 miles behind the leaders.

But patience and believing in other forecast/routing models paid off. Sail fast in what the sailonline gribs spit out daily, have an overall route, stick to the big picture and always watch for a fast finish. Remember foremost, following the flock will only rob you of great memories and results, or as speedwagon put it: 'only dead fish follow the stream'.

Have fun and keep sailing!

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