

Roma per Tutti 2026

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I'm writing this report several weeks after the race, after my mom's funeral, so the details of the racing are not so fresh in my mind. When the race began, my mom was in the hospital ICU with no brain activity, having suffered an extended cardiac arrest. Being at her side rather than at work allowed me to be present for some weather updates I would otherwise miss, while meetings with doctors or others caused me to miss one or two key moments. The result at the midpoint of the race was that I had given up an early lead to be in I think 4th or 5th place.

I spent much of the final leg in 3rd place, and the forecast as we approached the finish presented two options. The quicker one hugged the coast, leaving one without options in case of a bad wind shift, so I chose to stay further offshore. The wind indeed shifted for the worse close to shore and I was left with the lead after the other boats corrected their course. It was in the final day of the race that my mom was declared deceased, having had no recovery in brain activity.

In memory of Deanna Lynn Albright

