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Hippo

Flamingo

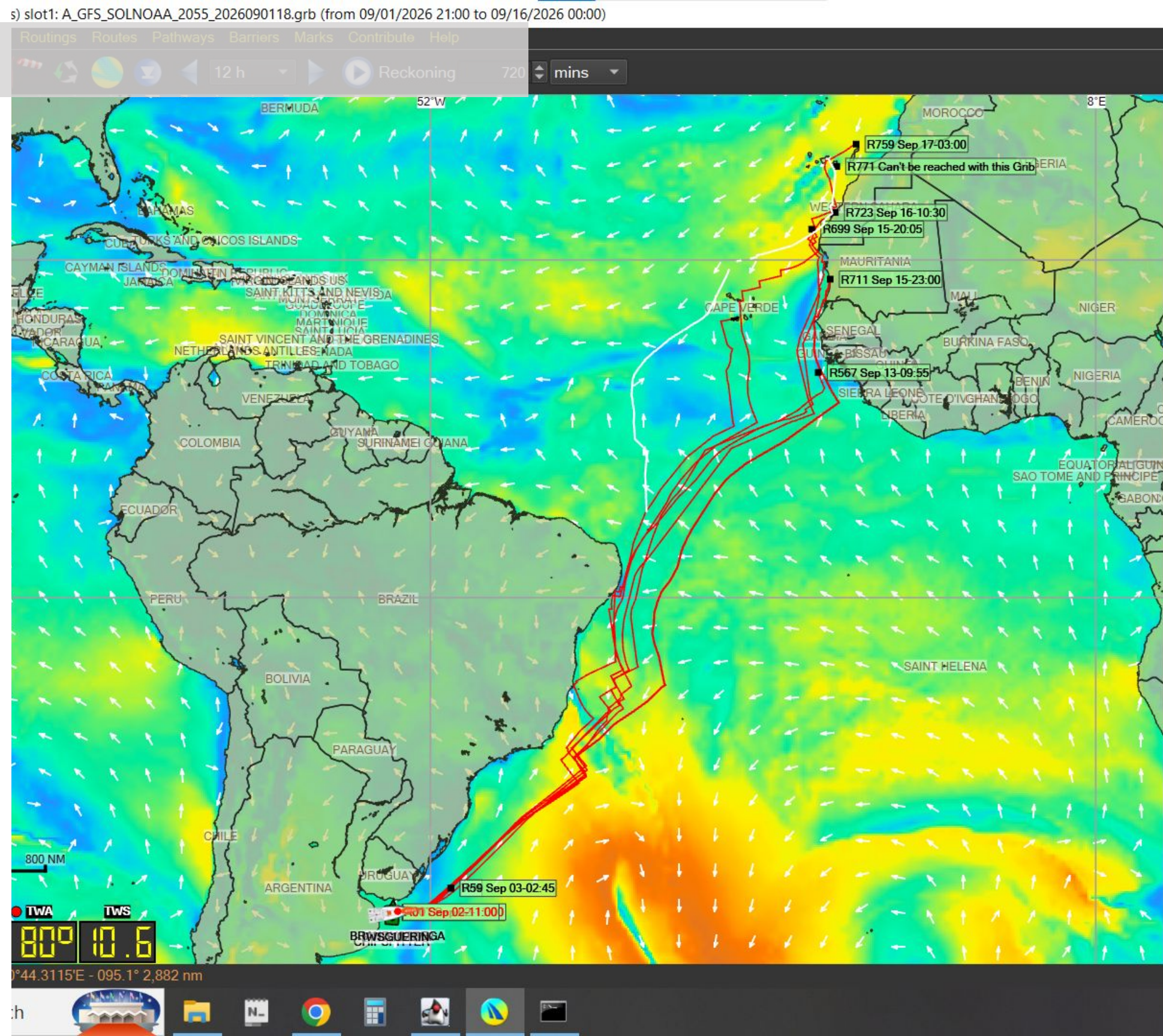
Shearwater - Rio de la Plata to Irish Sea 2026
Report by Scott Guerin
September 23, 2026

Pregame

I never really do well in Ocean races. I'm too distracted, miss the 0430 WXs, and generally make strategic blunders.

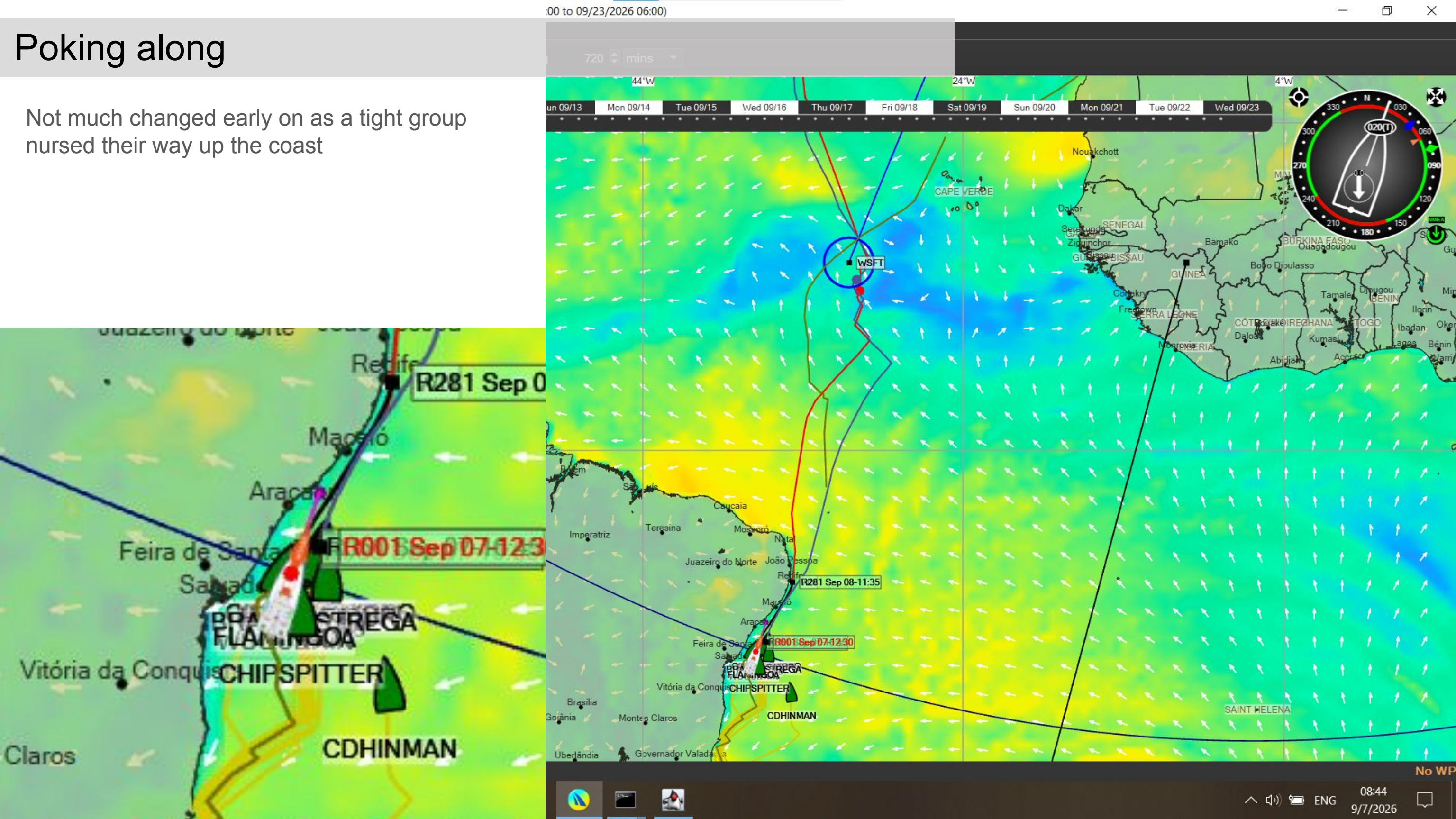
But gamely I got the router going after winning the Chinook race, a rarity, but I like the migration series a lot.

These pre-start routes seemed placid enough but I kept an eye on a Western route in this non-hurricane, El Nino-driven period.



Poking along

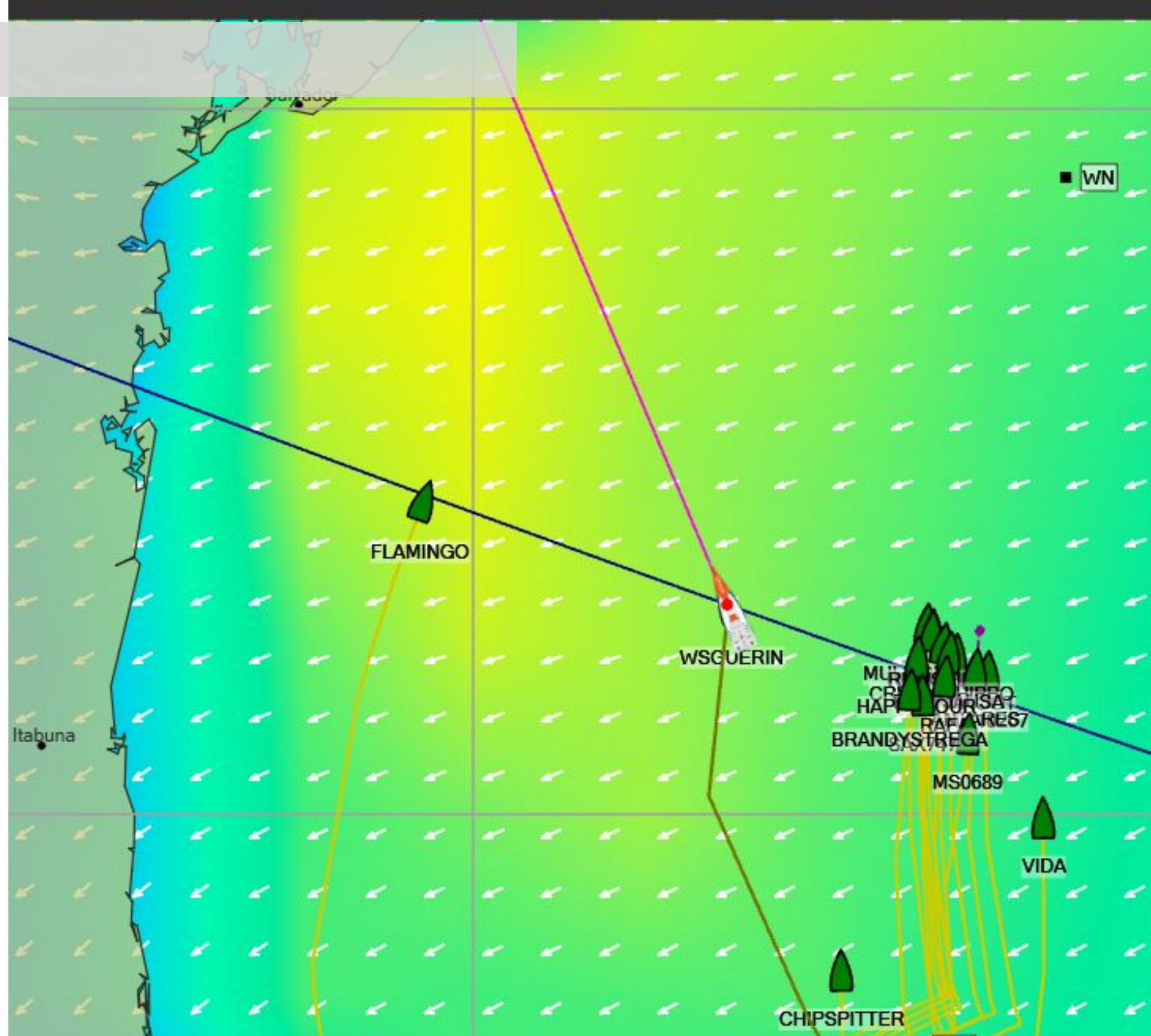
Not much changed early on as a tight group nursed their way up the coast



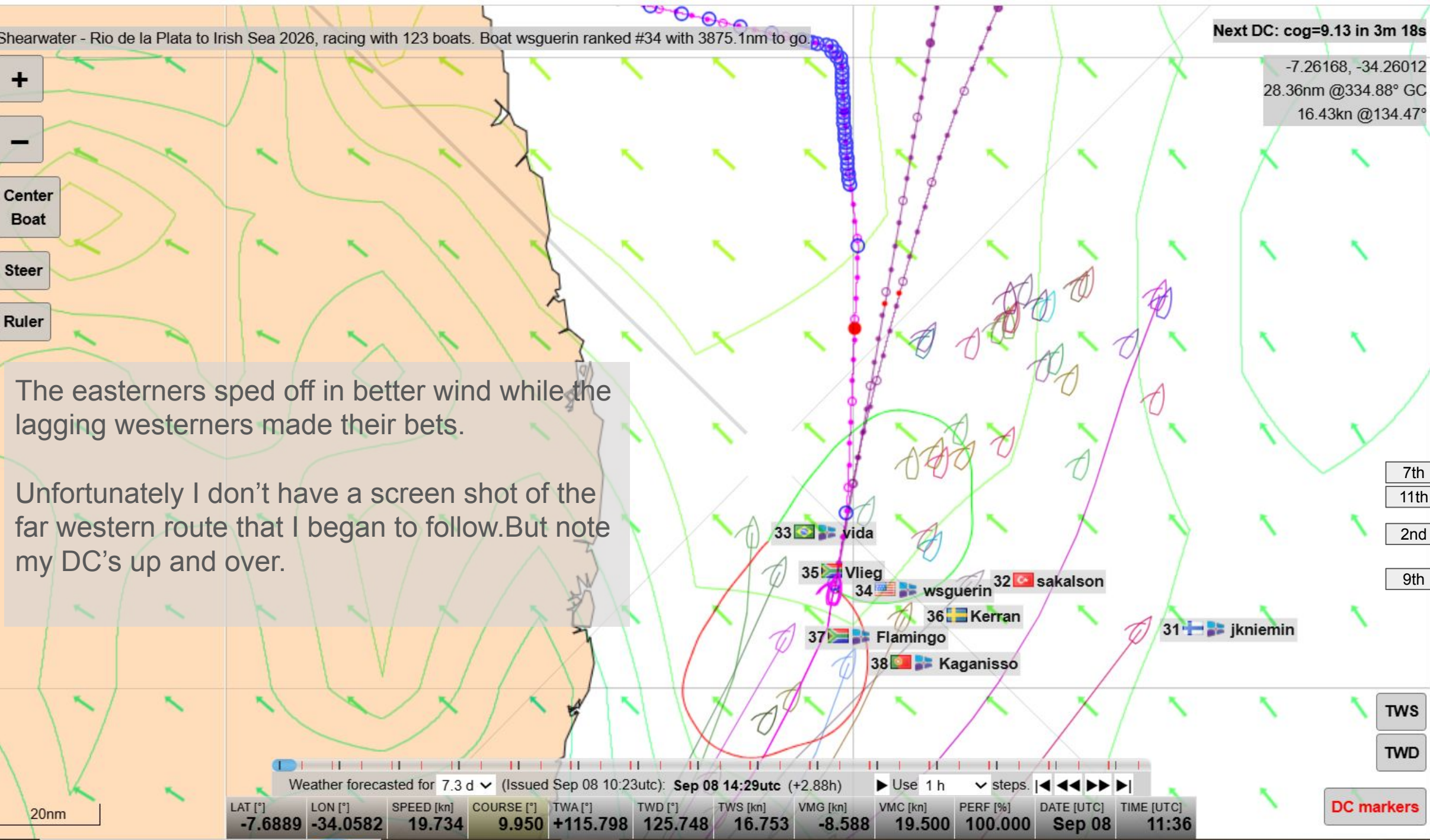
Step to the left

I'm pretty sure I asked Flamingo if they were thinking what I was and he "Shushed" me!

One QT tool I always use is to set a GC circle from the finish mark to my boat. That's the diagonal line running through Flamingo and I.



Here, hold my beer.



Main Fleet

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#	▲	Name	DTF	DBL
19		ita10267	3824.04	21.54
20		SCARABOCCHIO	3825.30	22.94
21		Garagiste	3837.76	35.21
22		RyBa	3838.23	35.91
23		buncha	3838.71	36.37
24		Mrbill	3843.05	40.71
25		brellis	3844.51	42.16
26		QMaxx	3845.90	43.41
27		BRENTGRAY	3847.87	45.31
28		Chaos	3859.20	56.70
29		rthinman	3860.09	57.53
30		Albycore	3861.47	58.98
31		jkniemin	3864.07	61.69
32		sakalson	3865.57	63.16
33		vida	3870.10	67.57
34		wsguerin	3875.50	72.96
35		Vlieg	3875.52	72.98
36		Kerran	3875.99	73.49
37		Flamingo	3886.92	84.52
38		Kaganisso	3887.77	85.25
39		DIKKEHENK	3897.10	94.51
40		BS1	3902.82	100.29

7th
11th
2nd
9th

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Any second thoughts?

Shearwater - Rio de la Plata to Irish Sea 2026, racing with 124 boats. Boat wsguerin ranked #83 with 3656.7nm to go.

-0.46568, -33.05123
387.1nm @78.12° GC
13.95kn @132.97°

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6th
7th
8th
3rd
5th

Center Boat
Steer
Rule

1 FreyjaUSA

82 bonknhoot
83 wsguerin
80 DIKKEHENK
85 ms0689

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Weather forecasted for 7.2 d (Issued Sep 09 22:26utc): Sep 10 00:59utc (+0.00h) Use 30 min steps.

LAT [°]	LON [°]	SPEED [kn]	COURSE [°]	TWA [°]	TWD [°]	TWS [kn]	VMG [kn]	VMC [kn]	PERF [%]	DATE [UTC]	TIME [UTC]
-1.7998	-39.3524	25.573	332.442	+112.490	84.932	19.156	-9.782	16.297	100.000	Sep 10	00:59

100nm

DC markers

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#	Name	DTF	DBL
75	Lavieeagle	3620.41	500.70
76	Lady_X_I	3641.76	524.08
77	blackandwhite	3649.37	531.71
78	vida	3652.76	535.07
79	HappyHour	3653.28	535.58
80	DIKKEHENK	3653.48	535.79
81	Sideways	3653.93	536.24
82	bonknhoot	3655.42	537.71
83	wsguerin	3656.88	539.20
84	artem1s	3657.23	539.60
85	ms0689	3657.94	540.23
86	Mullionman	3658.99	541.28
87	BRENTGRAY	3663.13	545.43
88	Never_Again_11	3663.33	545.57
89	StIngFI	3664.18	546.48
90	Vlieg	3671.54	553.84
91	Corsaire35	3672.15	554.50
92	rumskib	3674.11	556.43
93	HolidayTours	3675.28	557.42
94	bmd	3675.88	558.19
95	stills14	3680.70	563.07
96	Halibut68	3691.64	573.95
97	GREATSKUA	3693.03	575.29

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Premature podiumization is a fatal disease as we all know.

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Hippo and Pan bail

Jon wrote me that this was a desperation play.

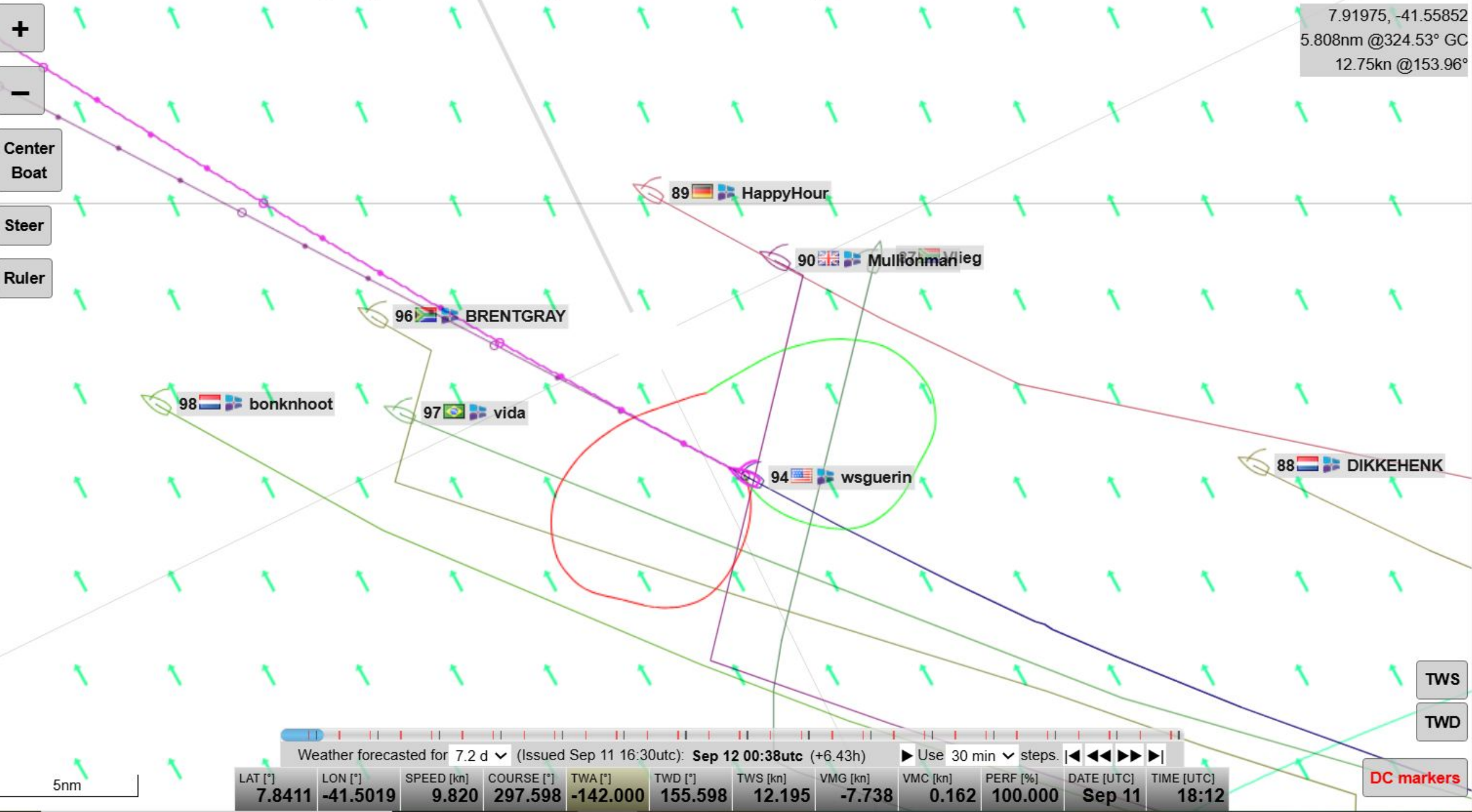
It is super rare that a massive cross course move pays off.



Somewhere...

Shearwater - Rio de la Plata to Irish Sea 2026, racing with 124 boats. Boat wsguerin ranked #94 with 3183.7nm to go.

Next DC: twa=+142.292 in 6h 26m 21s



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18	ita10267	2855.18	23.50
22	brandystrega	2863.12	31.51
35	cdhinman	2902.32	70.77
65	hew565	3006.55	174.98
66	Panpyc	3006.61	175.17
73	Flamingo	3043.61	212.09
82	CriticalHippo	3081.26	249.75
85	rumskib	3151.60	319.92
87	Vlieg	3174.89	343.45
88	DIKKEHENK	3175.45	343.77
89	HappyHour	3176.42	344.75
90	Mullionman	3176.53	344.85
94	wsguerin	3183.74	352.07
96	BRENTGRAY	3184.63	352.96
97	vida	3187.23	355.53
98	bonknhoot	3190.78	359.11
105	ms0689	3324.13	492.64
117	KaSToR	5888.57	3056.89
123	justmeR8	5888.57	3056.89

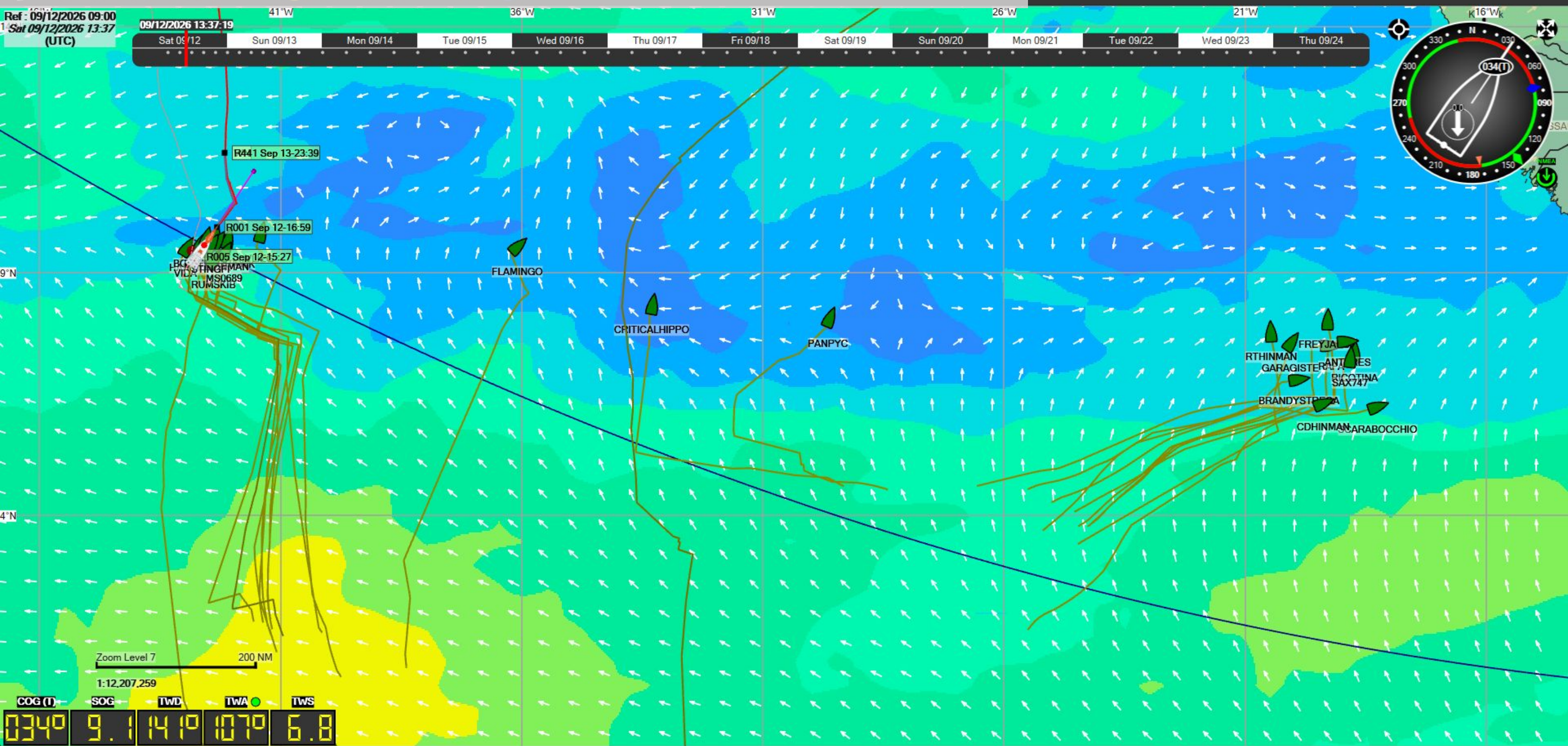
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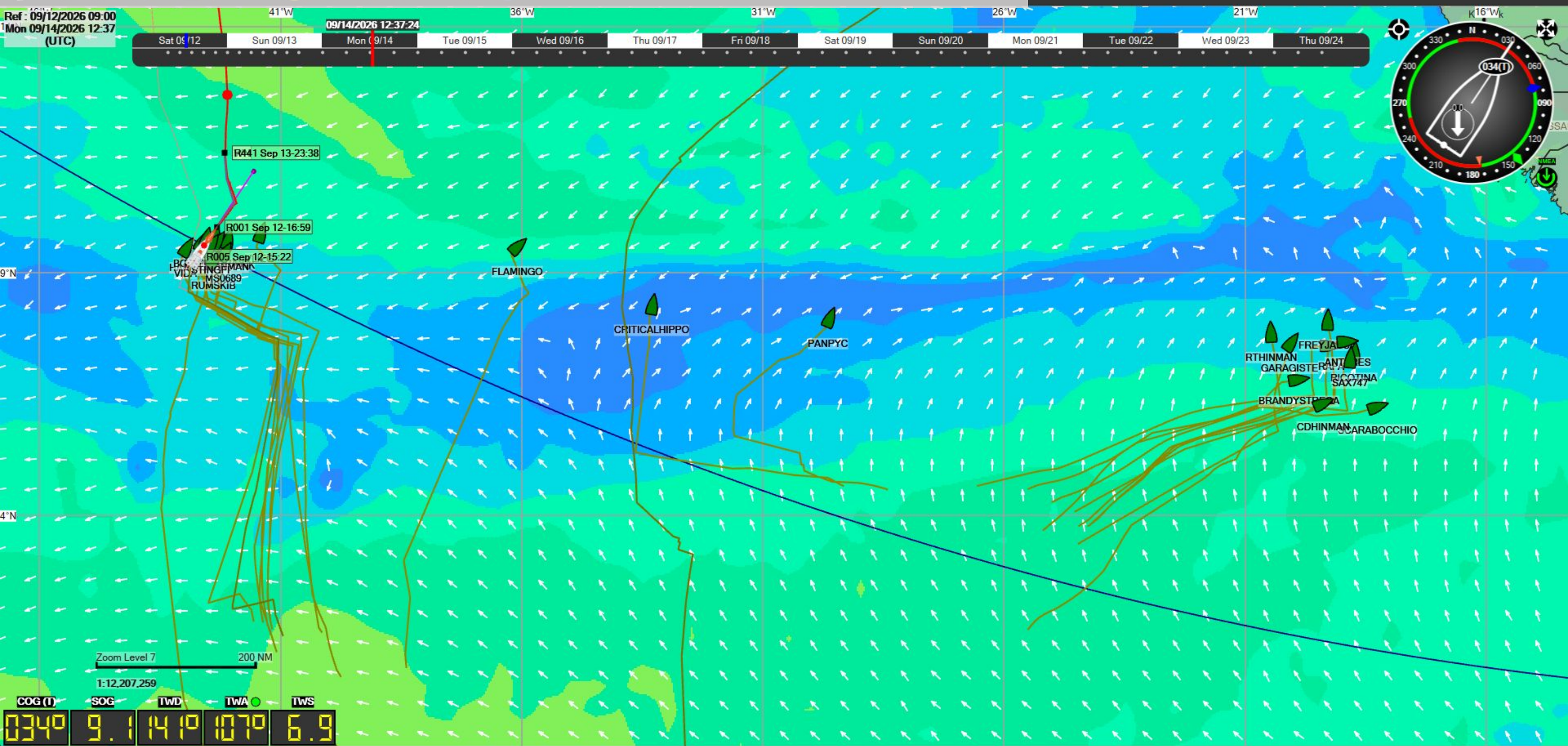
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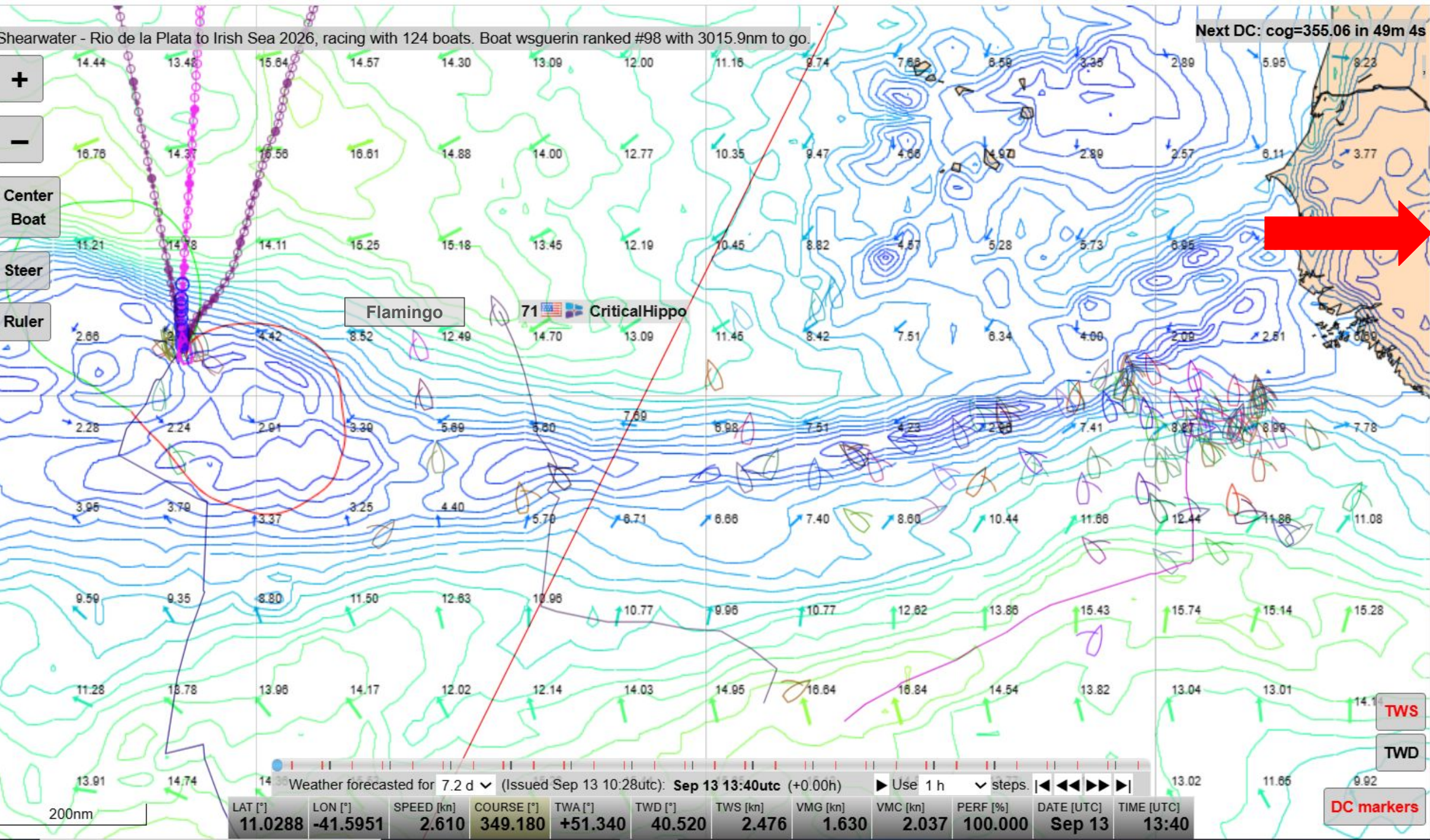
Five paths through the doldrums



Flamingo breaks out first, but...



Hippo squirts through like a watermelon seed and never looked back



Chatroom: English

Close

SCARABOCCHIO 13:38:26
Here where I am, it's the right time to sail slowly...

DIKKEHENK 13:23:30
right...time to fly

wsguerin 12:41:30
Big ol' hippo found a narrow blue slot. More blue ahead though, let's see what he's got.

Albycore 07:46:44
Worry not, my friends. Completely messing up this little gain is totally within my capabilities. probably happen within the next 24 hrs. Grab ur bag of popcorn

CriticalHippo 02:10:07
@Flamingo for now anyways. I'd say Albycore is looking pretty good.

FreyjaUSA 01:04:00
I think I am at my 5th of my nine lives at this point. The next 24-48 hours looks bruttle! Just hoping to drift along at a good pace...

brellis 01:03:00
Dark Blue used to be my favorite color. SOL changed that, hehe

Flamingo 00:07:24
looks like @CH first one out the blue ? well done

Send

Crazy

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Fri 09/25/2026 10:26
(UTC)

12 h

Reckoning

720 mins

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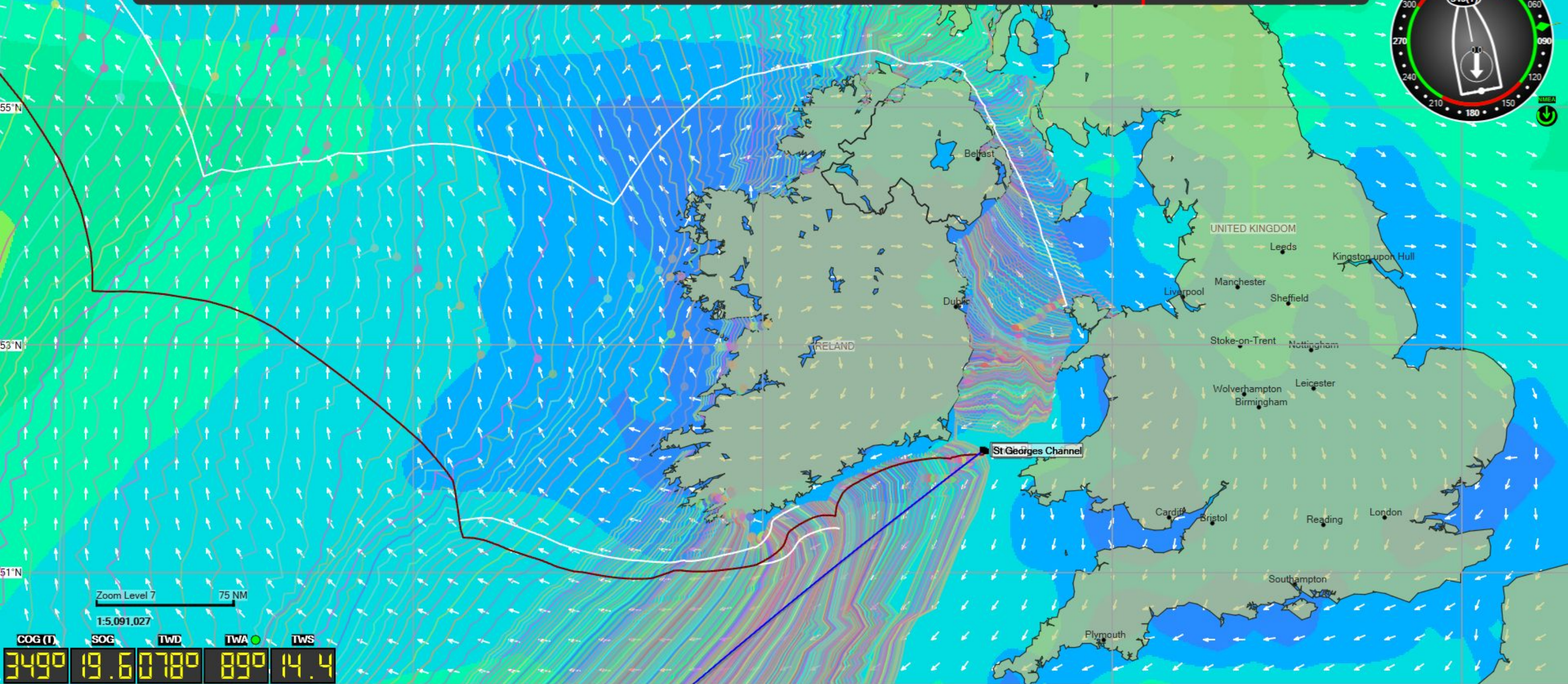
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COG (T)

349°

SOG

19.6

TWD

078°

TWA

89°

TWS

14.4

Wind 3.2 kts, 322.4° 53°07.6334'N 03°23.3414'W - 030.6° 2,875 nm

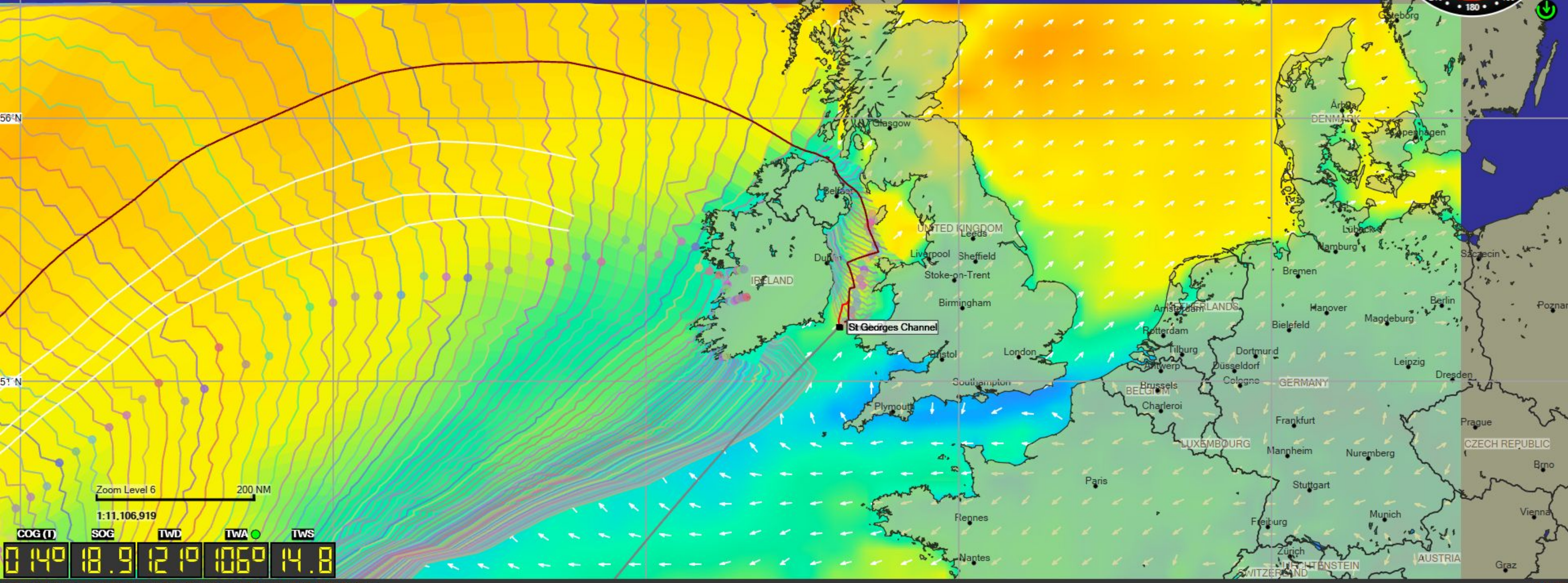
Crazy and bad

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Wed 09/23/2026 00:49
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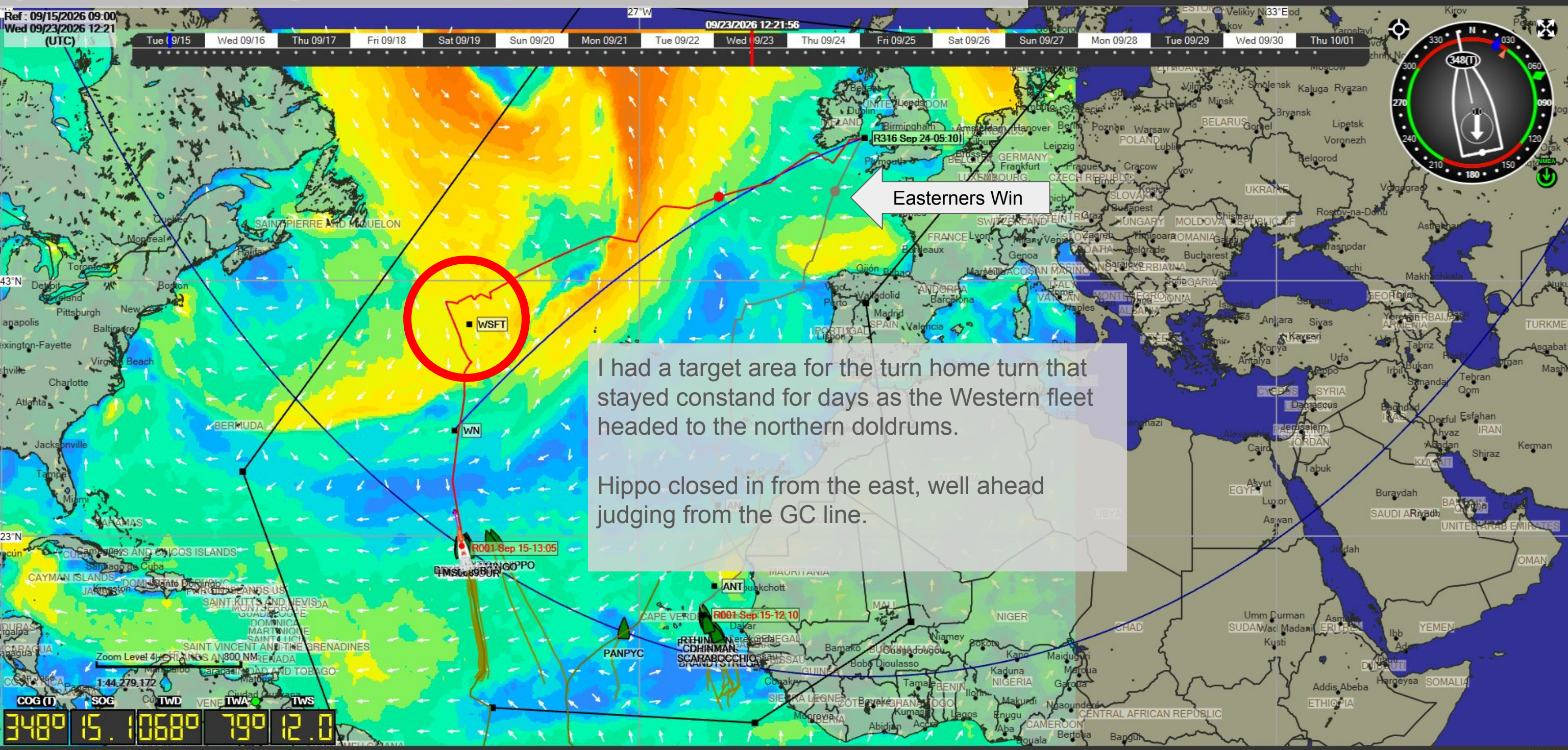
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COG (T) 014° SOG 18.9 TWD 121° TWA 106° TWS 14.8

Wind 10.6 kts, 244.2° 54°11.0084'N 02°14.9751'W - 025.6° 3,554 nm

Easterners win? (9/15/26 0900)

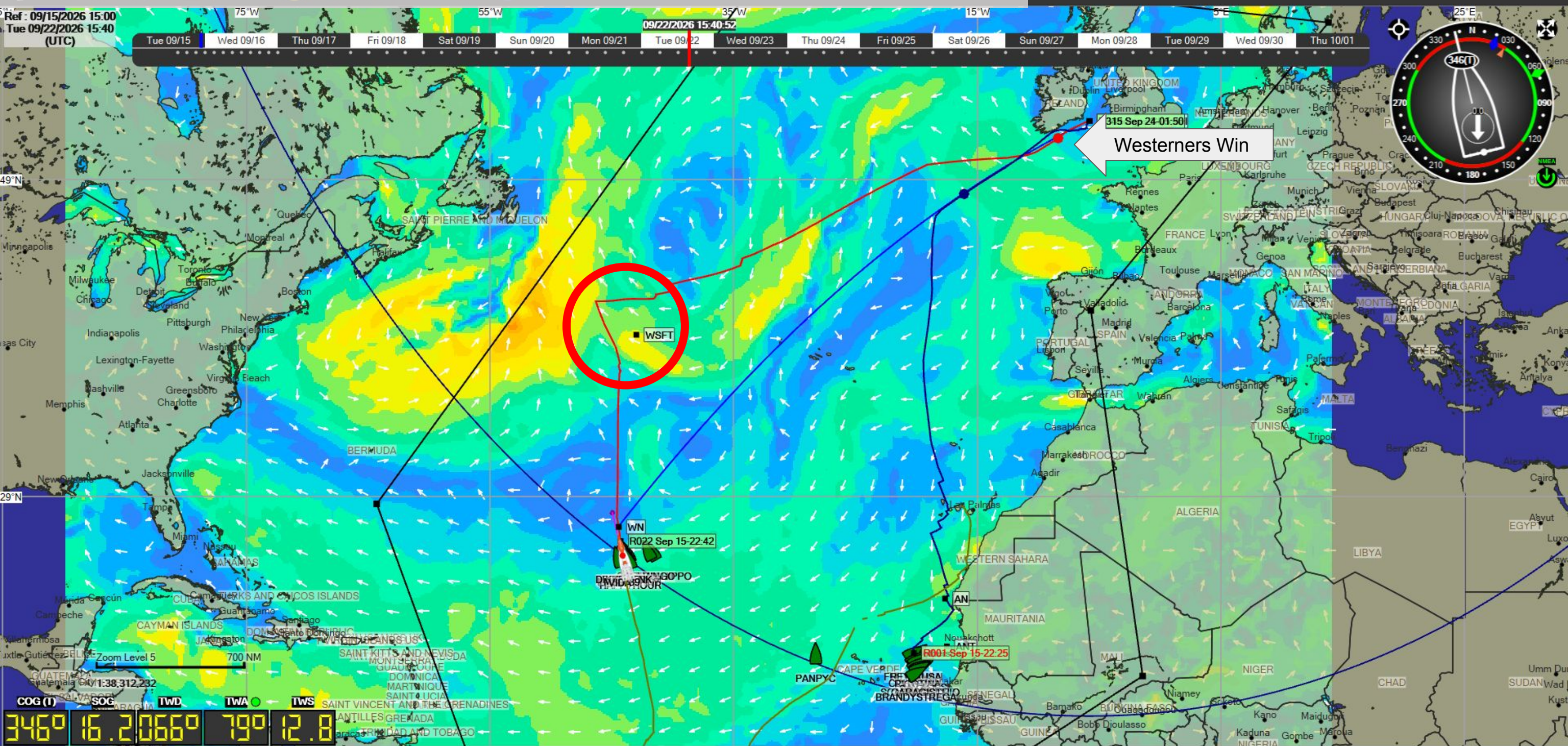


Easterners Win

I had a target area for the turn home turn that stayed constand for days as the Western fleet headed to the northern doldrums.

Hippo closed in from the east, well ahead judging from the GC line.

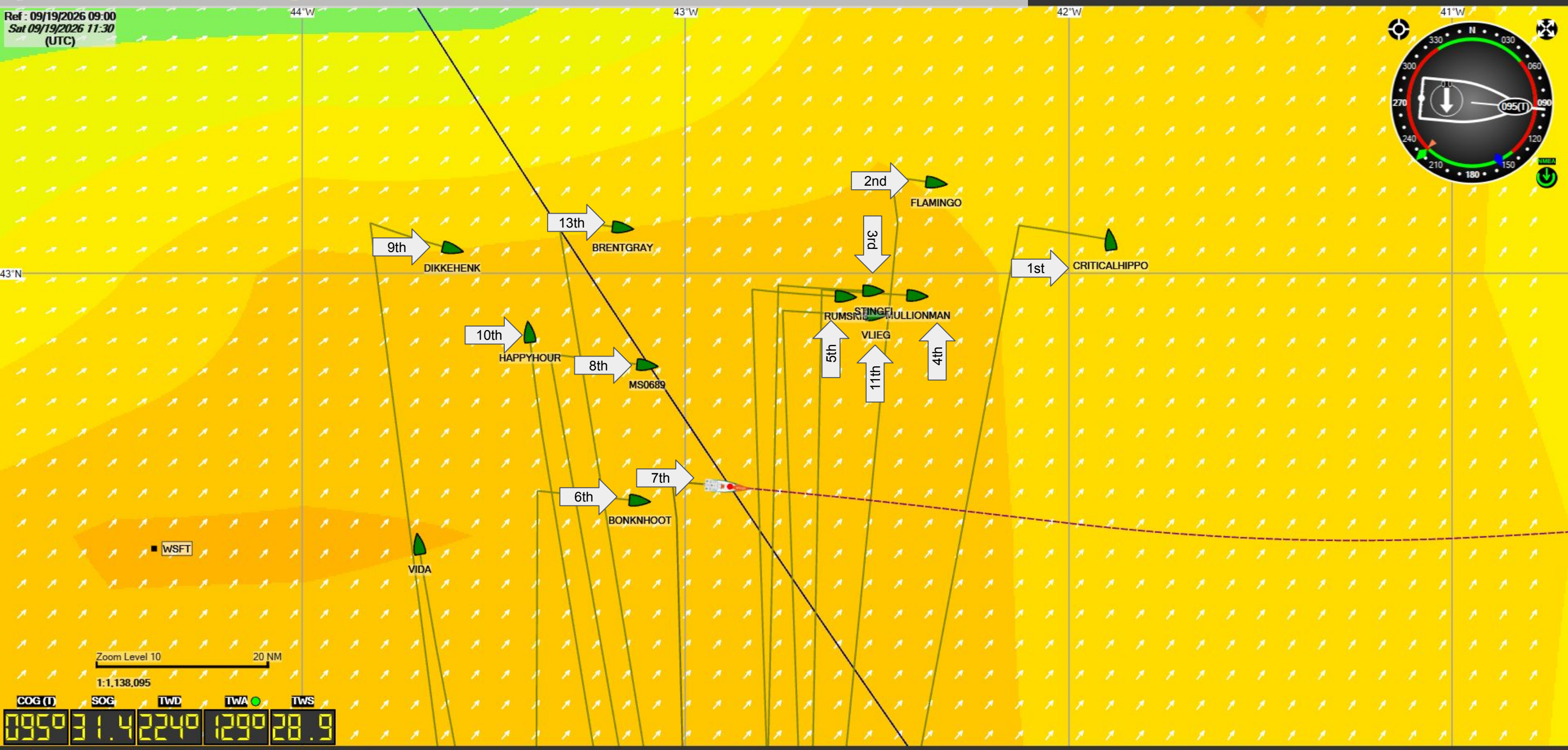
Westerners win? (9/15/26 1500)



Wind 14.3 kts, 132.4° 51°14.5061'N 14°33.8392'W - 032.7° 2,091 nm

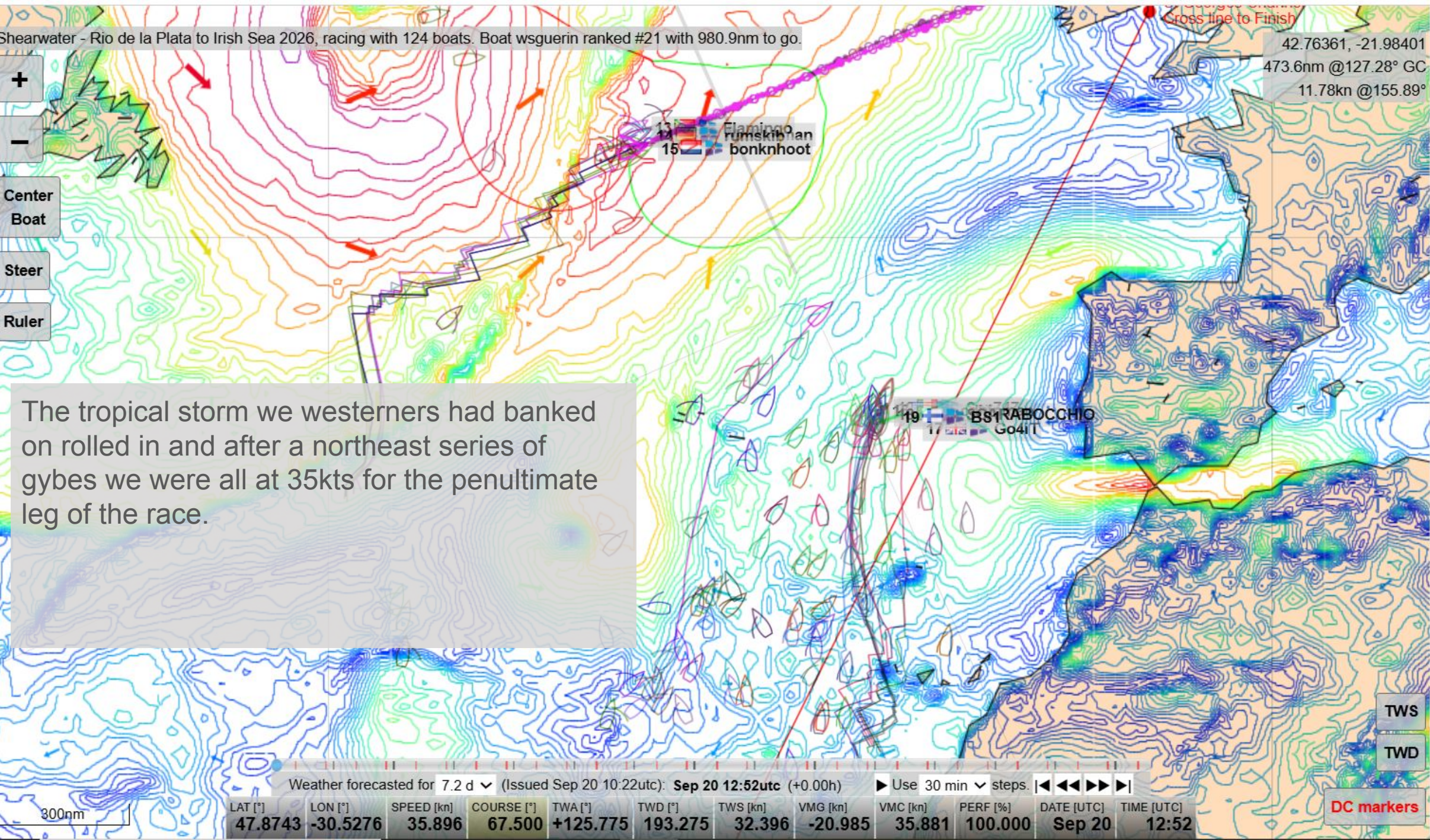
At the turn

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Sat 09/19/2026 11:30
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Wind 26.6 kts, 225.3° 42°47.5416'N 42°01.4400'W - 072.2° 39.8 nm

Ridin' the storm out



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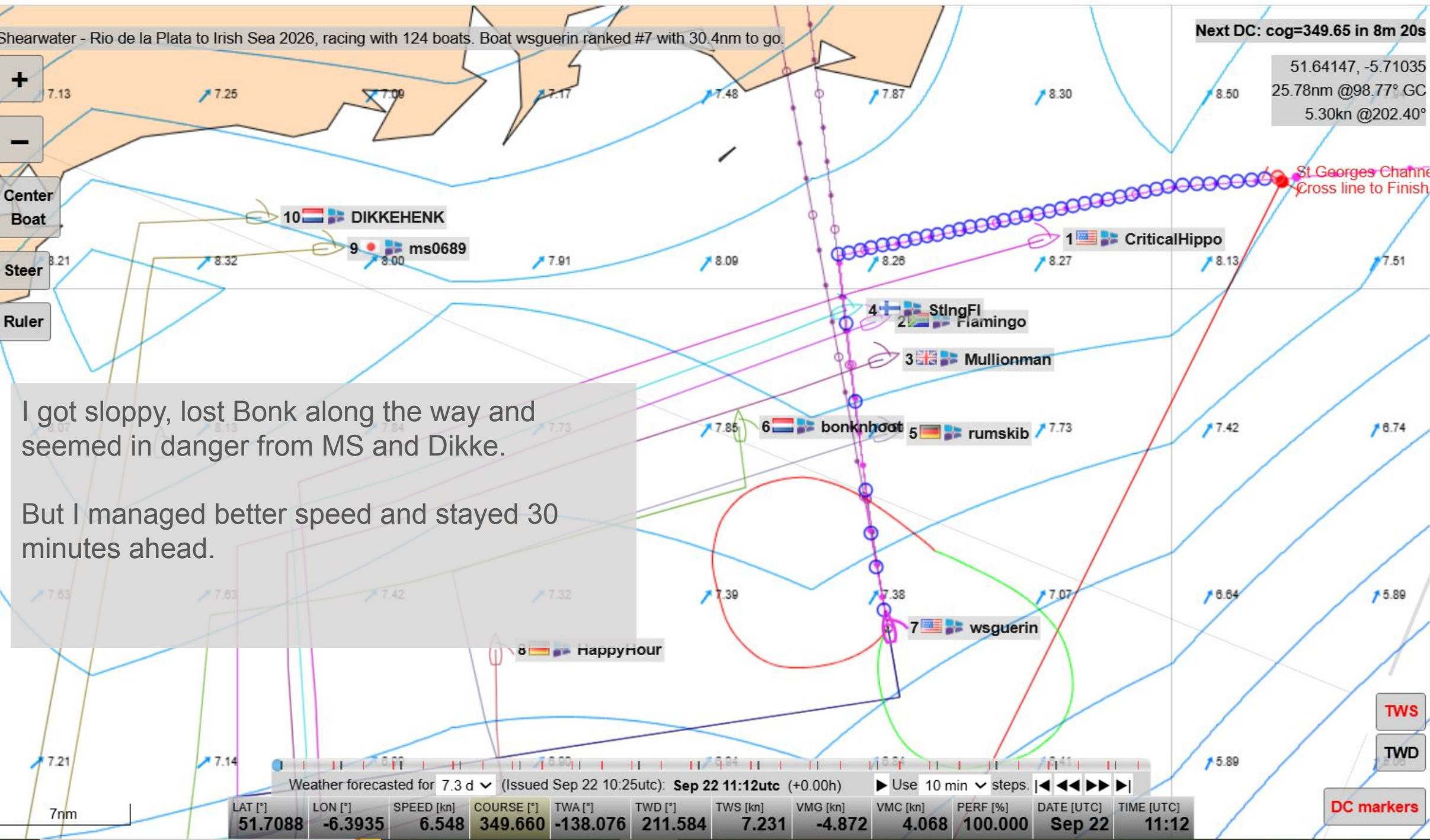
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12		Sax747	963.43	99.83
13		Flamingo	963.13	100.22
14		rumskib	967.38	104.53
15		bonknhoot	968.12	105.23
16		cdhinman	972.29	108.65
17		Go4iT	974.09	110.44
18		SCARABOCCHIO	975.47	111.84
19		BS1	975.83	112.17
20		YANN	976.92	113.29
21		RyBa	982.03	118.40
22		wsguerin	981.44	118.61
23		ita10267	984.14	120.52
24		DIKKEHENK	985.57	122.66
25		Ergo27	987.60	123.97
26		rafa	991.15	127.51
27		Chipspitter	1001.29	137.67
28		Garagiste	1002.03	138.42
29		Kerran	1004.56	140.89
30		HappyHour	1005.70	142.80
31		ms0689	1006.35	143.51

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One last nailbiter



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1	CriticalHippo	11.89	0.00
2	Flamingo	21.45	9.57
3	Mullionman	21.84	9.94
4	StingFI	22.62	10.73
5	rumskib	23.61	11.71
6	bonknhoot	30.03	18.07
7	wsguerin	30.47	18.54
8	HappyHour	46.69	34.75
9	ms0689	48.29	36.35
10	DIKKEHENK	51.58	39.71
11	Vlieg	58.51	46.54
12	bmd	182.67	170.81
13	vida	294.11	282.20
14	BRENTGRAY	310.76	298.87
18	aner59	574.15	562.22
19	RICOTINA	575.05	563.16
21	antares	593.41	581.55
22	FreyjaUSA	597.25	585.34
24	Sax747	603.20	591.29

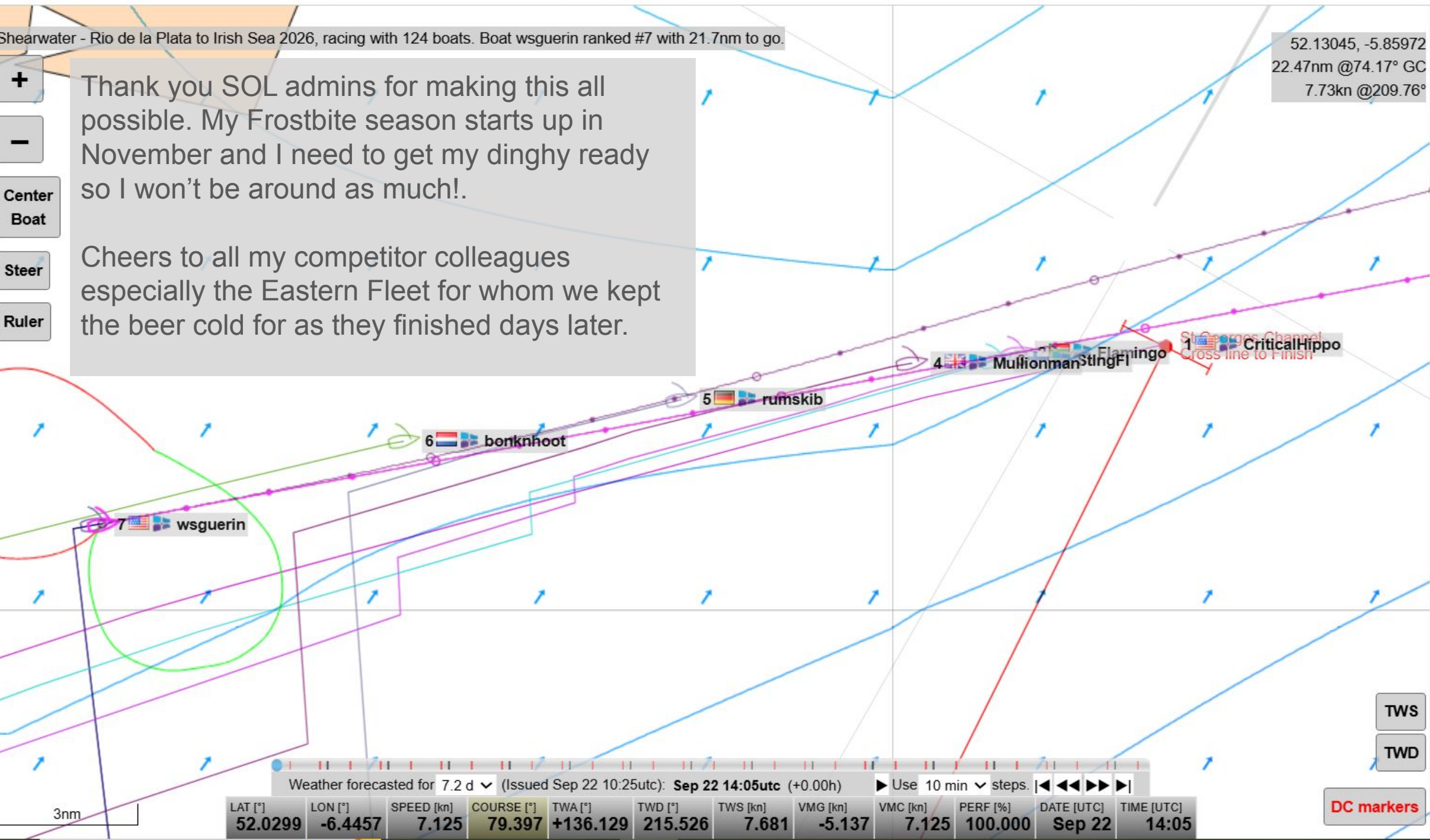
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Line 'em up and knock 'em down



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1	CriticalHippo	0.00	0.00
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3	StlmgFI	2.75	2.98
4	Mullionman	4.48	4.72
5	rumskib	9.34	9.57
6	bonknhoot	15.19	15.41
7	wsguerin	21.82	22.04
8	ms0689	28.29	28.53
9	DIKKEHENK	31.39	31.65
10	HappyHour	38.31	38.52
11	Vlieg	44.25	44.47
12	bmd	164.35	164.56
13	vida	282.76	282.92
14	BRENTGRAY	286.91	287.16
18	aner59	550.50	550.74
19	RICOTINA	552.49	552.71
20	antares	566.44	566.77
23	SCARABOCCHIO	575.73	576.09
24	FreviaUSA	577.99	578.28

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