

# SOL Race Report



After a long summer break, when I was indulging in the pleasures of IRL sailing, it was time to return to SOL racing. Unfortunately, due to my teaching job, I can only sail in July and August. I can retire in March next year and I have many plans. I was also offered professional sailing cruises as a skipper. That is why I spent part of my vacation getting the appropriate qualifications under the STCW convention.

I don't know if anyone will want to sail with me if they see that one of my training maneuvers ended as in the picture below 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊.



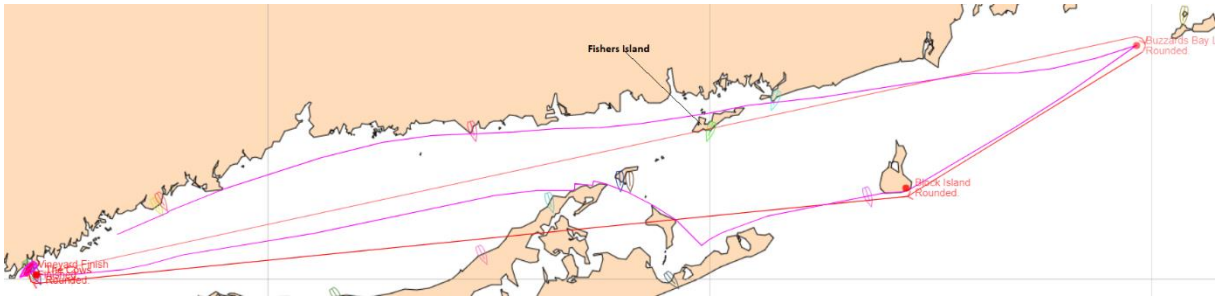
In any case I will not explain it because you still want to do it themselves, and may be even worse.



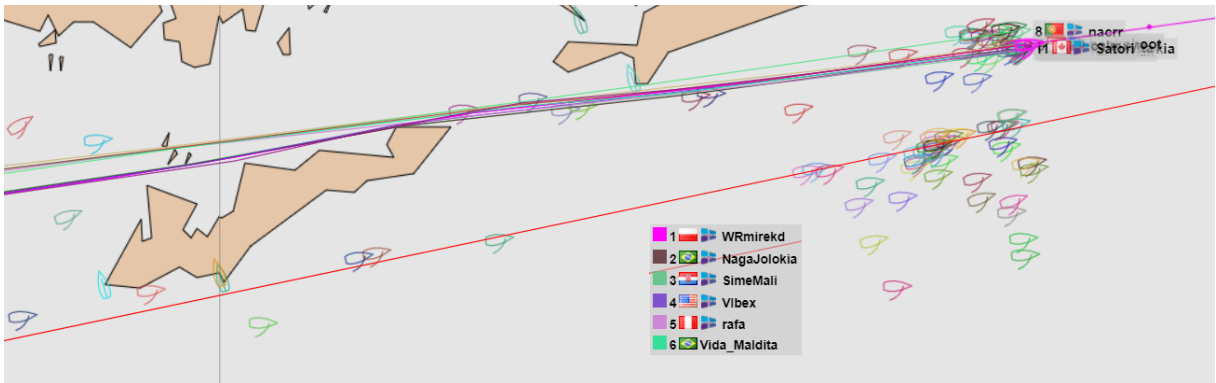
But back to the VINEYARD RACE.

There are more and more excellent and professional riders, which makes winning the race an increasingly demanding task. I don't remember, but someone already wrote about it.

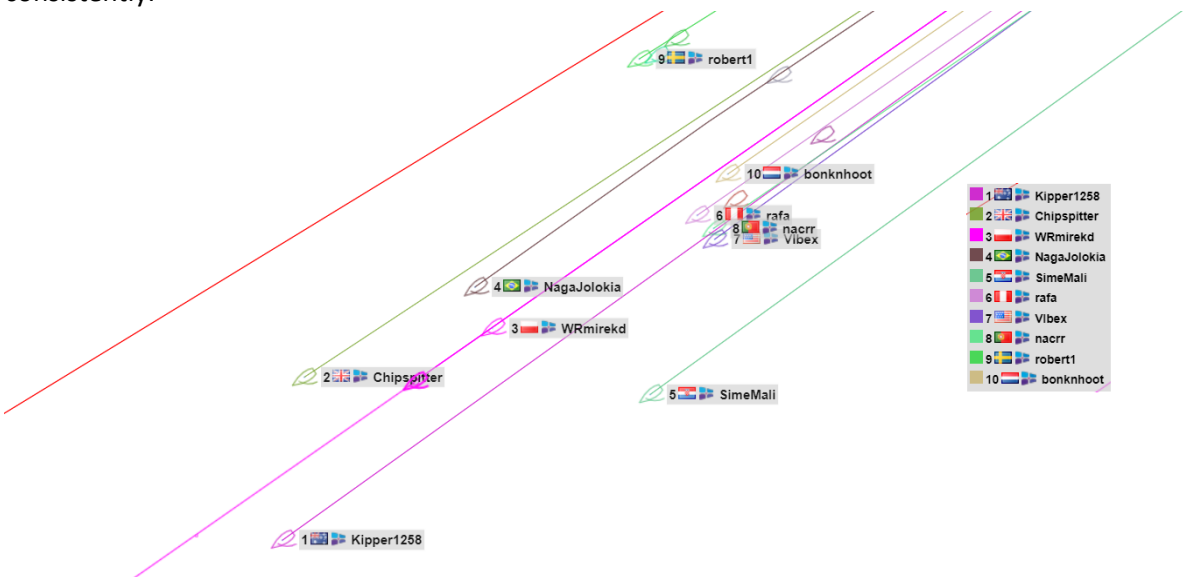
This race was a big unknown for me, but I had to start somewhere. This time I did not assume my victory. I just wanted to see how I can cope after such a long break with such excellent opponents.



The first part of the race to "Buzzards Bay Light" seemed simple and without any special experiments. However, the decision to pass the "Fishers Island" from the north or south created a lot of uncertainty. As far as I remember, the router indicated the passing from the South but after changing WX from the Nord. I chose the north passing. I always admire Kipper1258 for his decisions, sometimes incomprehensible, which turn out to be brilliant !!! The next WX change showed that Kipper1258 was right. The southern road gave greater effects.



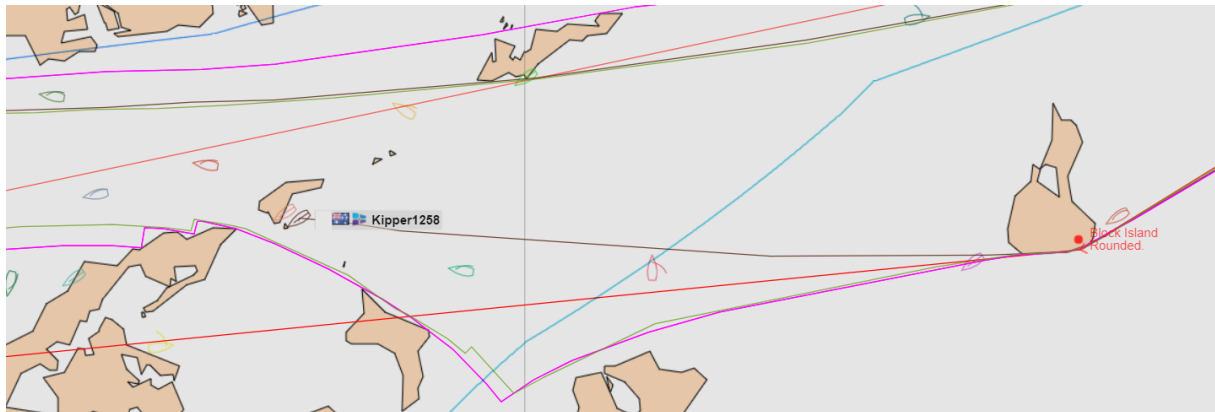
As you can see, Kipper and Chipspitter far beyond the top five. I already knew then that I had made a mistake. It was necessary to stick to the south side consistently.



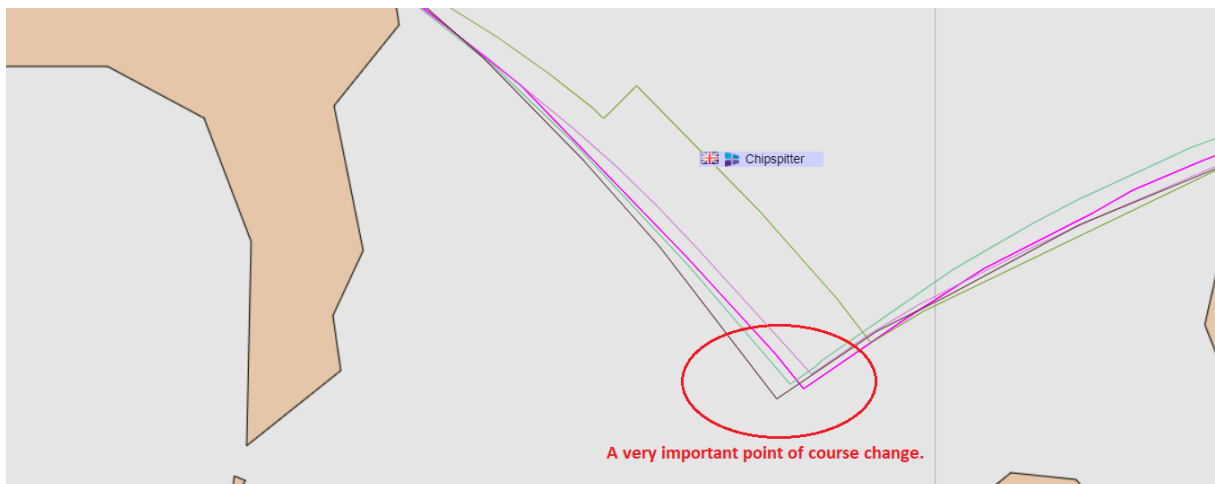
After passing "Buzzards Bay Light" Kipper and Chipspitter were leading. Someone wrote in the chat that the cards had already been dealt, and there will be a fight for the third place on the podium. I knew the fight was only about to begin. One more moment to "Block Island" and we begin the final fight.

After "Block Island" it started ...

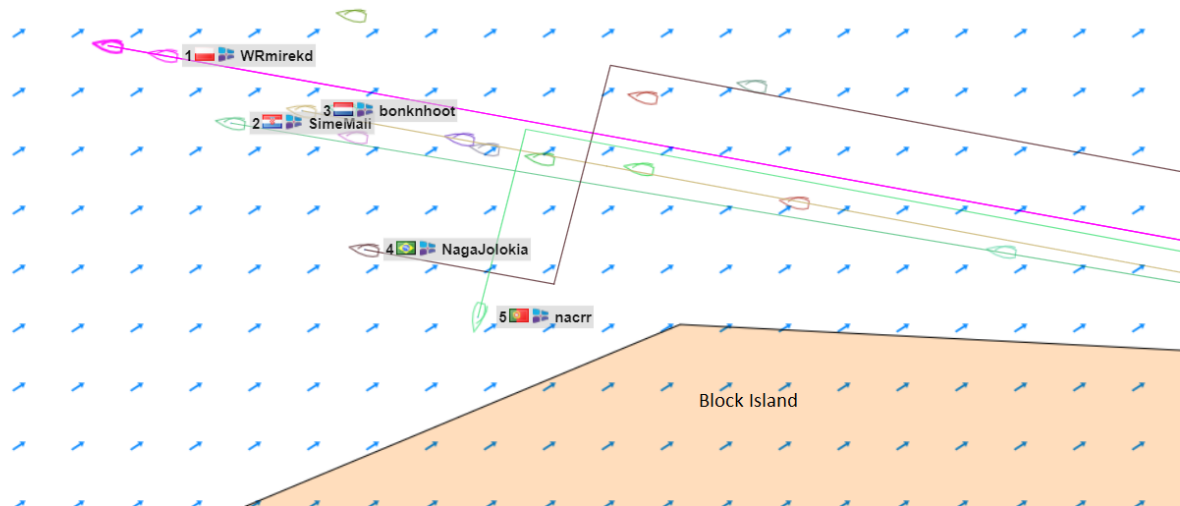
The first one was, for incomprehensible reasons, **Kipper1258**, taking the road almost against the wind. Until the very end, I was wondering what was his sly plan?



**Chipspitter** was next. Too early he changed course to NW. I think he saw his mistake and tried to save himself, but it was too late. He lost not only the lead but also the podium.



It wasn't the end of my worries. And there were many sailors eager for the highest podium: **SimeMali, NagaJolokia, bonknhoot, rafa** and unexpectedly **nacrr, Vida\_Maldita** 😊.



Until the finish line I was not sure of my victory.

It is certain that we are all very, very good. The smallest details decide about victory.

If you want to win, you must have a lot of free time, indicated no family and friends outside SOL, a lot of luck, a little knowledge and experience 😊.

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