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# High Point, Biograd 2021

## Souvenir

High Point YachtFest, Biograd, Croatia - 18th to 25th September 2021

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## Introduction

High Point fleet, this is John, here to remind you of a fabulous week in Croatia.

After missing the 2020 event, we were all looking forward to a nostalgic return to “normality”.

Despite the professionals forecasting a stormy, wet and windy week, we actually had mostly warm sunshine although the Bura did cool things down for a while later in the week. There was insufficient wind for a race on the second day and there were occasional lulls but overall we had five days of fun racing in a variety of great sailing conditions.

The racing was incredibly close with many days’ races being decided by extraordinarily small margins on corrected times. Nevertheless, as usual, there was one team that looked like winners from the very start. This year it was the team of Her Majesty who took the overall win with Team Ianira second and Abena in third.

Gourmet prize was won by Andiamo who delighted all the crews with their delicious tiramisu desert.

The entertainment prize went to team Ianira. Such was the entertainment on board that ship that, even if none of the mirth had infected the rest of us (which it certainly did), they would still have won the prize for the way they entertained themselves.

Octopussy had some “configuration” problems on their boat including water in the diesel and incorrectly rigged reefs that, coupled with late crew cancellations, created demanding challenges and some missed races. Skipper Jak rose to those challenges courageously and admirably.

Bura night was held a short stagger from our berths in Skradin marina. The wind whistled through the restaurant terrace freezing everyone. Martine was especially cold (my fault, of course) so my top half clothing was given to her and while she sweated under a pile of warm clothes I was massaged with ice to emphasise our different conditions. The paparazzi photographed the excitement. The restaurant staff were so distracted they forgot to put any fish in the fish soup. Tant pis!

On Wednesday morning the swimming ladder on Sasha withdrew support for Dutchmen so Eric came to Abena after his swim. It was when we tried to return him to



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his ship that the curious incident of the Abena / Andiamo anchor entanglement emerged. Liesel from Andiamo was cleared as chief suspect after we realised that such an unfeasibly complex knot could not possibly have been arranged by a single individual working alone. Later that day “Alegria 1” became “Alegria won” when that team sailed through the dead wind zone by singing zephyrs into their sails.

The only other seriously curious incident occurred when Steven (allegedly) took his hands off Sasha for a moment while reversing from the Festa pontoon. She over-reacted and had to take the rest of the day off to calm down and have her linkages straightened. She missed the racing that day but made a full recovery.

The prize-giving was held in Konoba Barba with a delicious dinner and after handing out the prizes, we were all treated to poignant vocals from Mary (Andiamo), Martine (Abena) and Jeff (Alegria I) and everyone joined in for the choruses. A great way to end a fabulous week.

So now we look forward to the 2022 event which will be held in Sardinia out of Portisco and the fleet will be made up of Bavaria 46 and Bavaria 51 cruisers. We hope to see you all there, if not before at a possible reunion (TBC) or the BVI event in March.

All the best,

Sasha, John, Martine and Dave.



# Results

This year's results were incredibly close at times but with two firsts, two seconds and a discarded fourth, Her Majesty Queen Caro was yet again in a league of her own. Dave and his team were a well-deserved second overall and my fabulous team managed to secure an excellent third place.



<b>Rank</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Nett</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Discard</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>

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	Elan I 50	Sasha	Steven Visser	15:24:40	3:36:51	1.00	3:36:51				4				4
	Elan I 50	Andiamo	Denis O'Brien	15:29:54	3:42:05	1.02	3:46:32					6			6
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2 12:55:23 Sep 21	Elan I 50	Abena	John Hall Hall	15:29:29	2:34:06	1.00	2:34:06	2							2
	Elan I 45	Her majesty	Caro Krijnse-Locker	15:27:36	2:32:13	1.04	2:38:18		4						4
	Elan I 45.1	Ianira	David Brewster	15:25:23	2:30:00	1.02	2:33:00			1					1
	Elan I 50	Sasha	Steven Visser	15:30:06	2:34:43	1.00	2:34:43				3				3
	Elan I 50	Andiamo	Denis O'Brien	15:42:48	2:47:25	1.02	2:50:46					6			6
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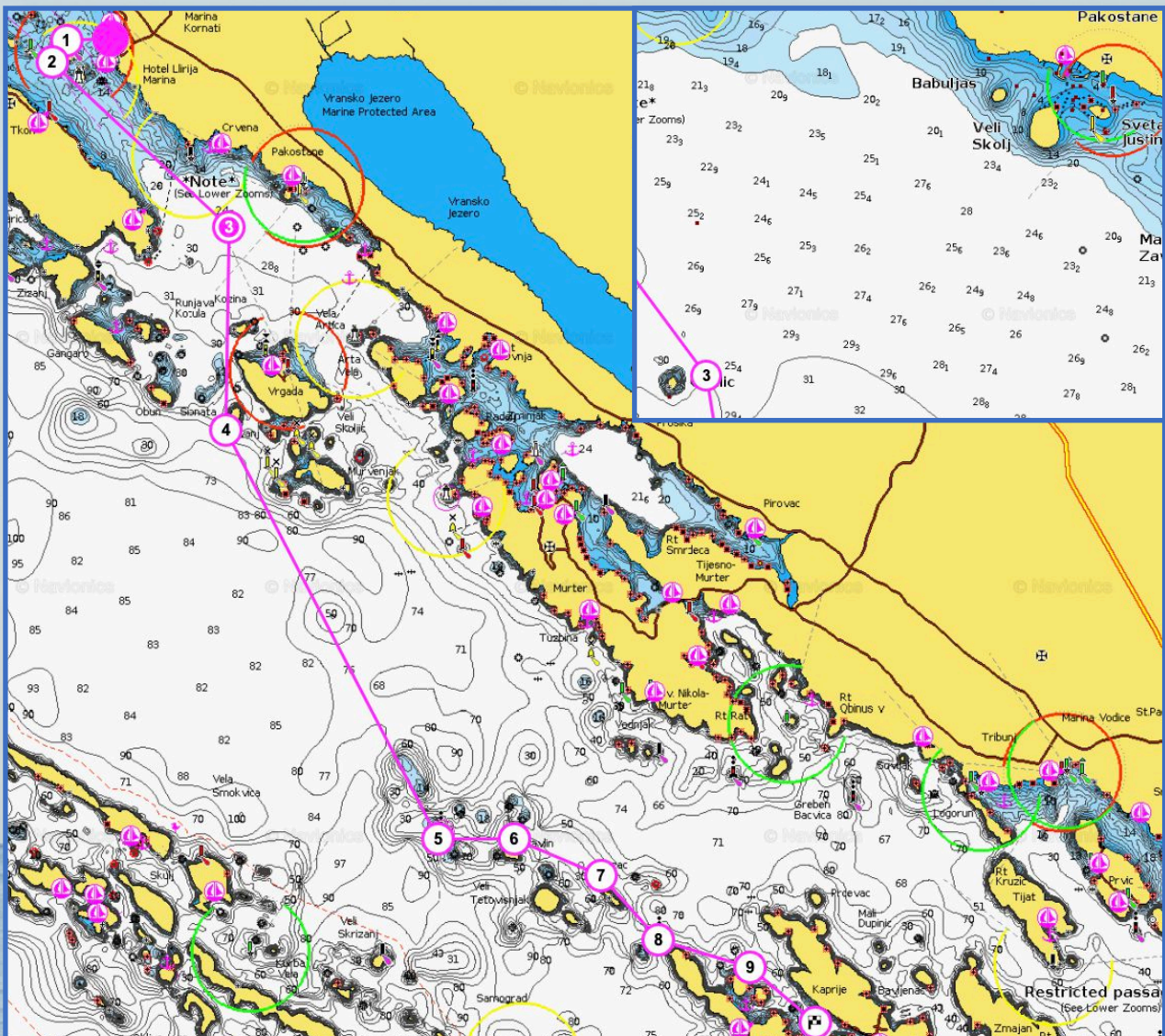
In the overall historical results, I have added a ranking based on how far down the fleet each boat was on average over the years. As an example to illustrate the basis, 2nd place out of 5 would put a boat in the 20% to 40% band, considered as 30% down the fleet in this table. It just shows how far in front Caro and her team are!

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021		
Location	Göcek	Trogir	Portisco	Portisco	Sicily	Trogir	Göcek	Athens	Portisco	Trogir	Göcek	Cagliari	Biograd	Av'ge	O'all
Participants	4	3	4	9	13	11	10	10	12	9	9	9	7	Pos'n	Rank
John Hall Hall	3	1	3	5	12	2	5	3	1	8	3	1	3	40%	5
Martin Suter	1			8	7	9	4		5					49%	8
Berthold Schultz	4													88%	20
Duncan MacPhee	2			6	2									37%	2
Spyro Sorotos		2			5									42%	6
Evert Rouw		3				3								53%	11
Carolyn Krijnse Locker			1	1	3	5	8	1	3	5	1	2	1	23%	1
Colin Ford			2	4	1	8	3		11	2	6	6		44%	7
Ernesto/John/Zoran			4	9	11	10								87%	19
VilmosThomazy				7	9				12					78%	18
David Brewster				3	4	11	2	5	6	1	2	8	2	38%	3
Philip Young				2	9		1	2	8	7	4			39%	4
David Barlow					8	1	9	10	2					51%	9
Steven Visser					6	6	10	9	10	3	9	5	6	67%	17
Jacque Milne					13									96%	21
Denis O'Brien						4	7	7	9	8	5	4	5	59%	12
Gunnar Stein						7								59%	13
Keith Hale							6	6	7			9		65%	15
John (nho) Yates								4		6	8	7	4	60%	14
Nigel Bradley								7						65%	16
Jak James									4	4	7	3	7	52%	10

# Sunday, 19th September

Yacht Abena hosted the first skippers' briefing to address safety, Covid precautions, VHF channels, the day's course and some general items.

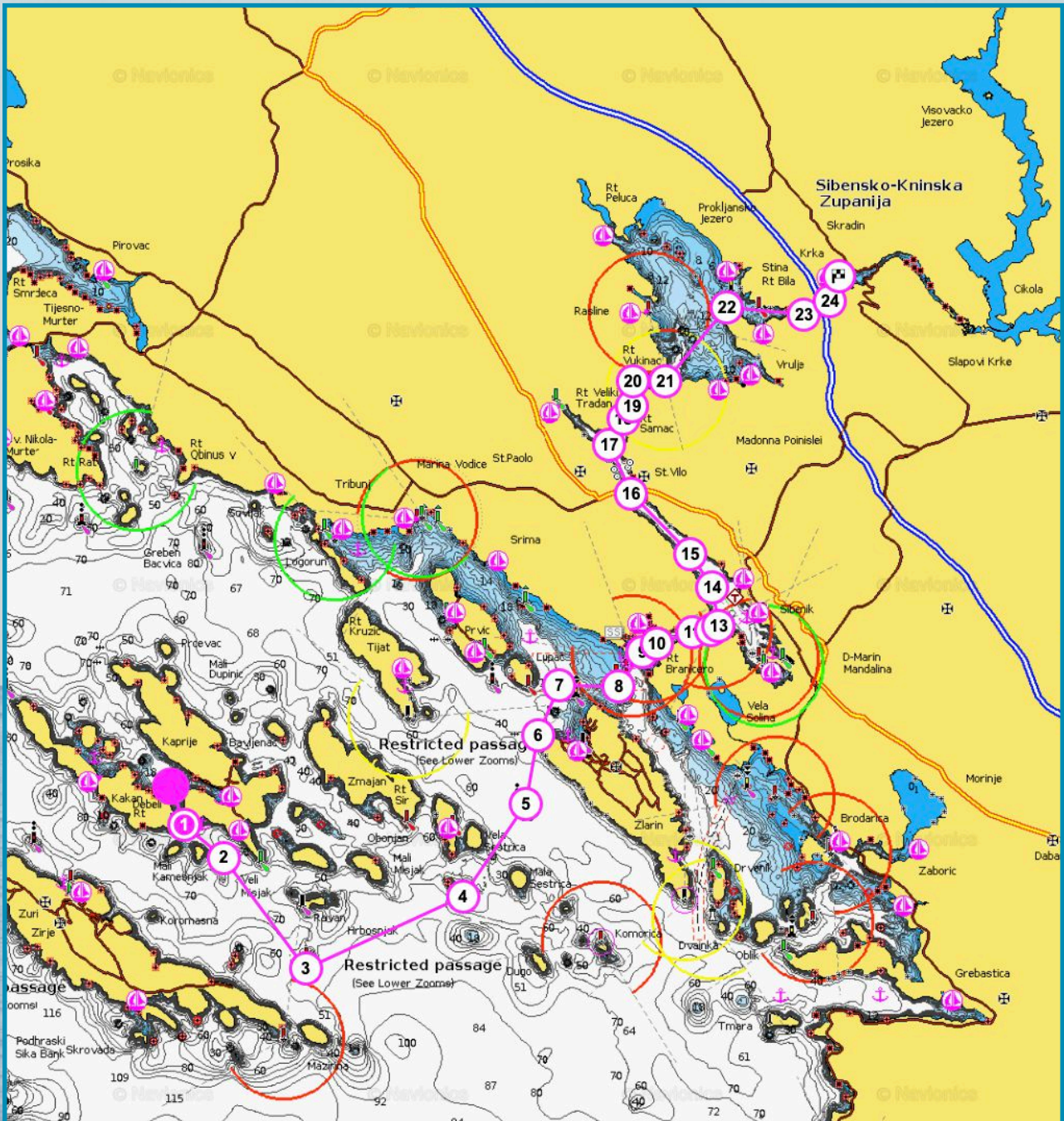
We started the race in 10 knots of southerly wind with the fleet near WP3 (Gnalic) and the rabbit near Veli Skolj to the NE. WP4 was our upwind mark and we finished at WP8 after taking passing times at WP5 just in case the wind died, which it didn't. Her Majesty, Andiamo and Alegria managed to find a place on the pontoon and the rest of the fleet anchored in Luka Kaprije.



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## Monday, 20th September

We motored towards Skradin in very light winds hoping they would pick up enough for a short race. After a swim in Luka Zlarin ESE of WP6 we decided there wasn't enough wind for racing that day. The fleet motored to Skradin passing under the impossible-looking bridge at WP16 and the comfortably higher one near Skradin ACI marina. Many of us took the ferry for a one hour spectacular walk around the Krka waterfalls. Bura night was held here as mentioned in the introduction.

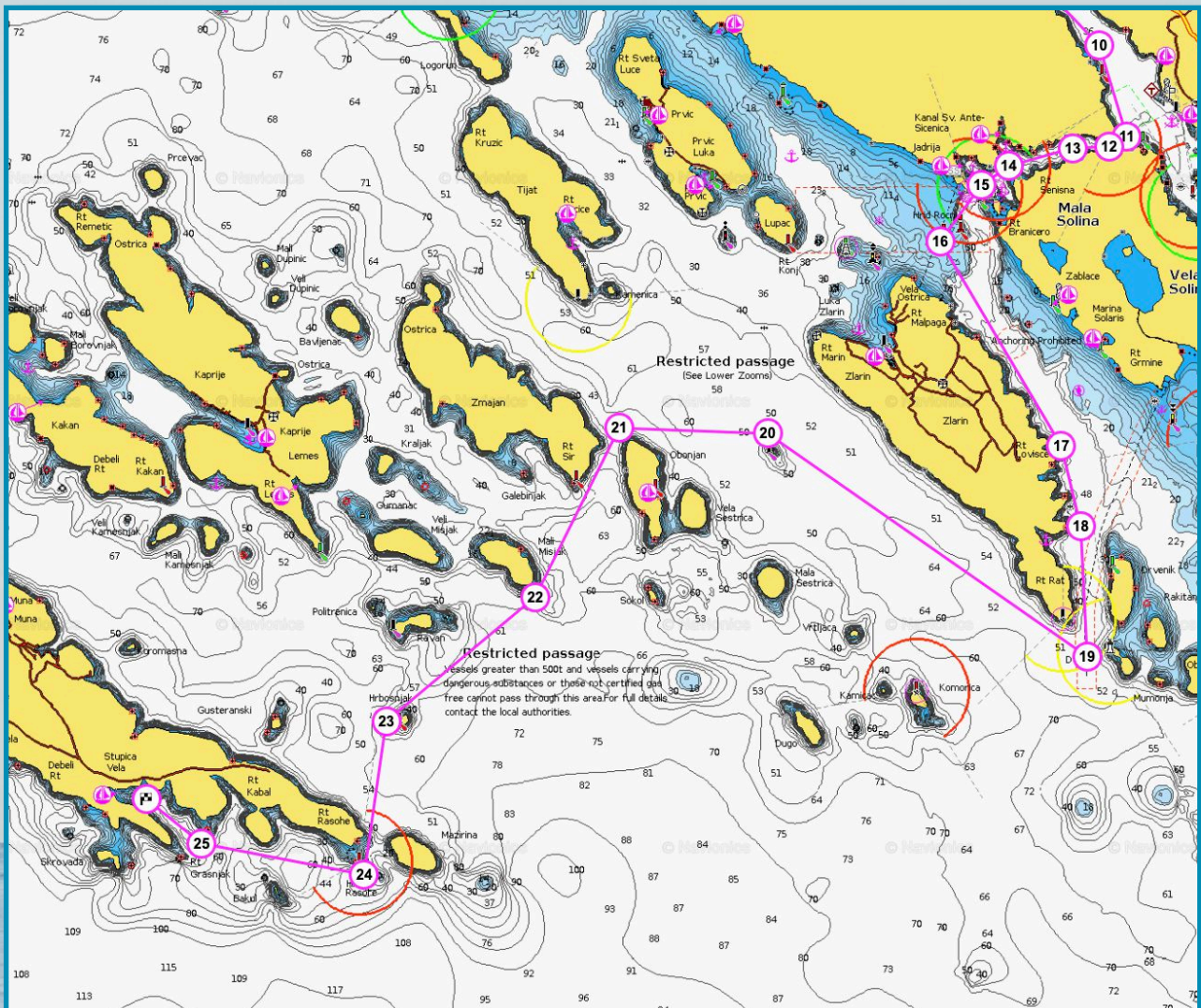




## Tuesday, 21st September

The race started in a decent NNE breeze using the single PHM at WP16 as the windward mark, rounded to starboard. We finished at WP24. It was a day of close racing with the top 3 separated by less than two minutes after over two and a half hours of nail-biting.

The fleet anchored in the East part of Uvala Stupica Vela and many of us slept through the storm with horizontal heavy rain. Bob and Natasha (Her Majesty) probably felt at home when their berth got a thorough soaking of car-wash proportions.

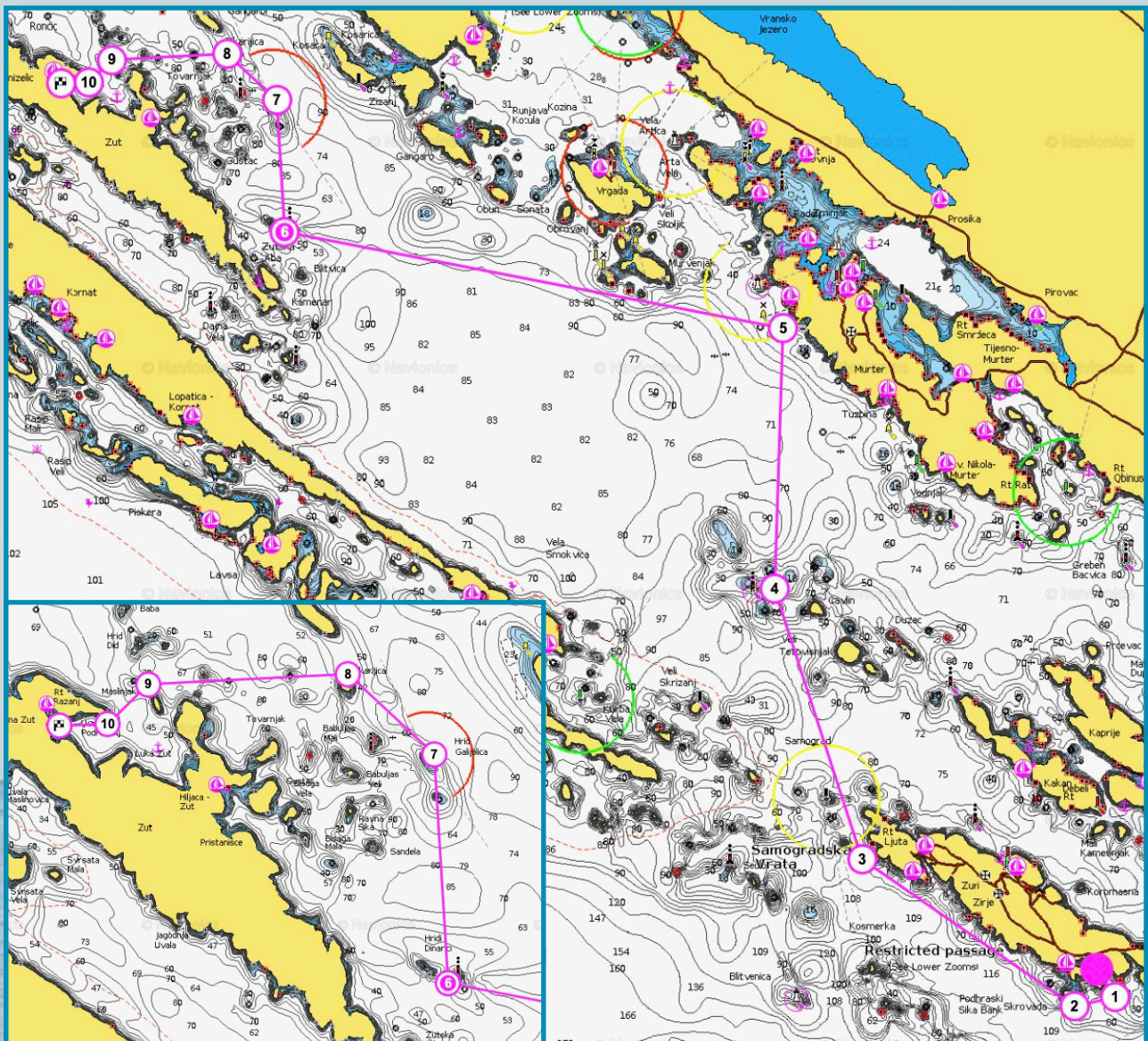


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## Wednesday, 22nd



## September

The breeze was a strong northerly, frequently over 20 knots and, delayed by the curious anchor incident, the start was moved from near WP4 to use Hrid Misine at WP5 as

our upwind mark. This made WP6 manageable on a close reach and we had decided to make WP6 a possible finish in case the wind died.

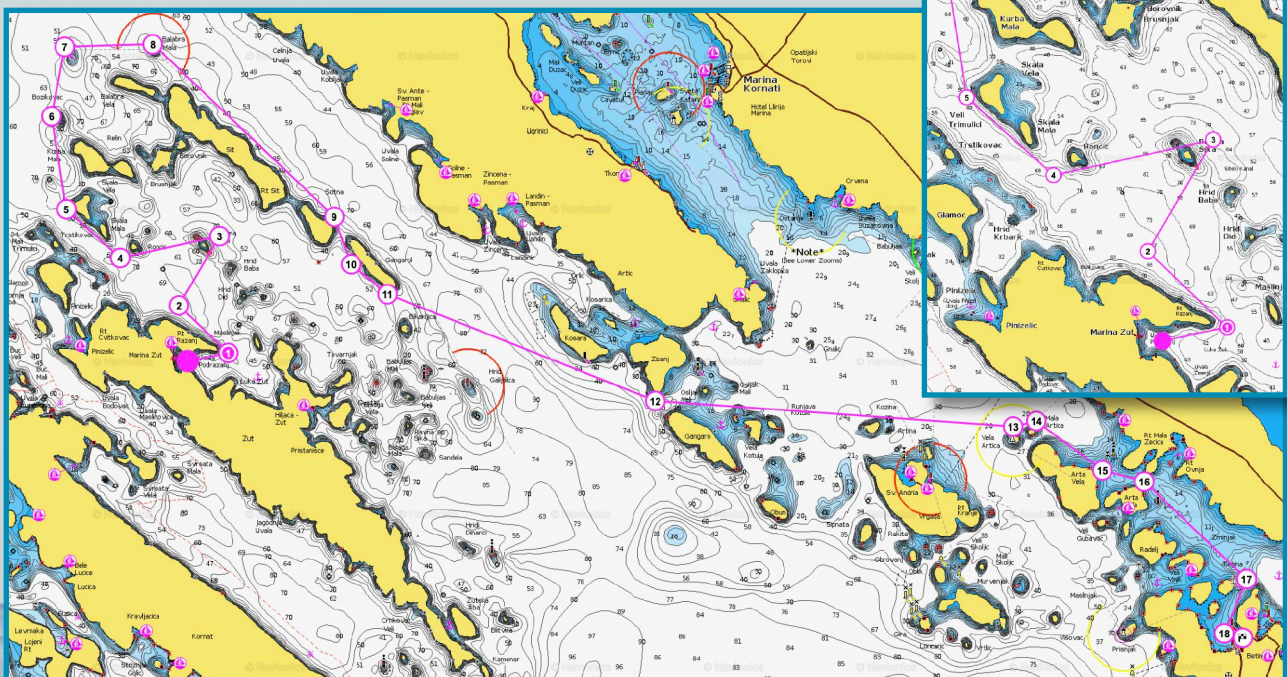
Abena was well ahead round WP6 but then the wind died and the fleet order completely changed. We decided to finish the race at WP9 and amazingly, after almost four and a half hours, there were less than 10 minutes between first and last places.

## Thursday, 23rd September

Again we had a decent wind from the N-NNE, blowing around 10 knots, increasing later. Sasha (the yacht) had bent her steering gear gybing her rudder whilst manoeuvring out of the Festa pontoon and couldn't join us for the race.

The course took us past WP3 as our upwind mark and followed the course right to the end at WP13, Veli Artica.

Despite the fleet being spread out early on, we all came together in the end with Her Majesty in front then the next four yachts finishing less than a minute apart on corrected time after over four hours. By that time the winds were



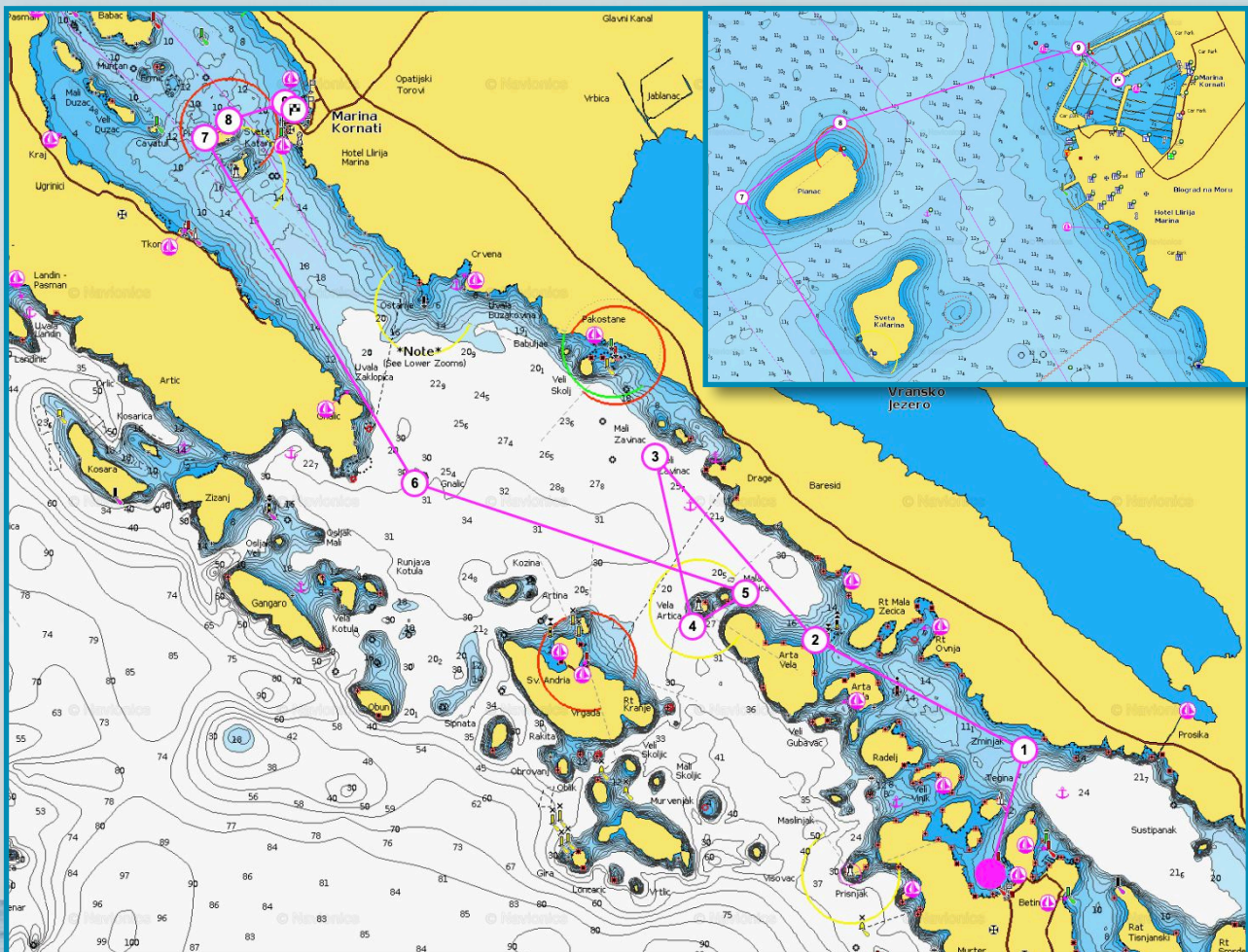
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getting stronger and were not forecast to drop until 7pm. We made the decision to go to

the Marina Hramina on Murter where it would be safe for our gourmet night. It would also enable us to refuel easily in the morning.

## Friday, 24th September

For the last day light southerly winds enabled us to start using WP4 as our upwind mark rounding the two Artica islands before heading NW past Gnalic and finishing at WP8 very slowly in the lee of Planac. The wind was quite variable and favoured those on the NE side of the course. Denis was the most lucky (or skilful) one, claiming a glorious victory.



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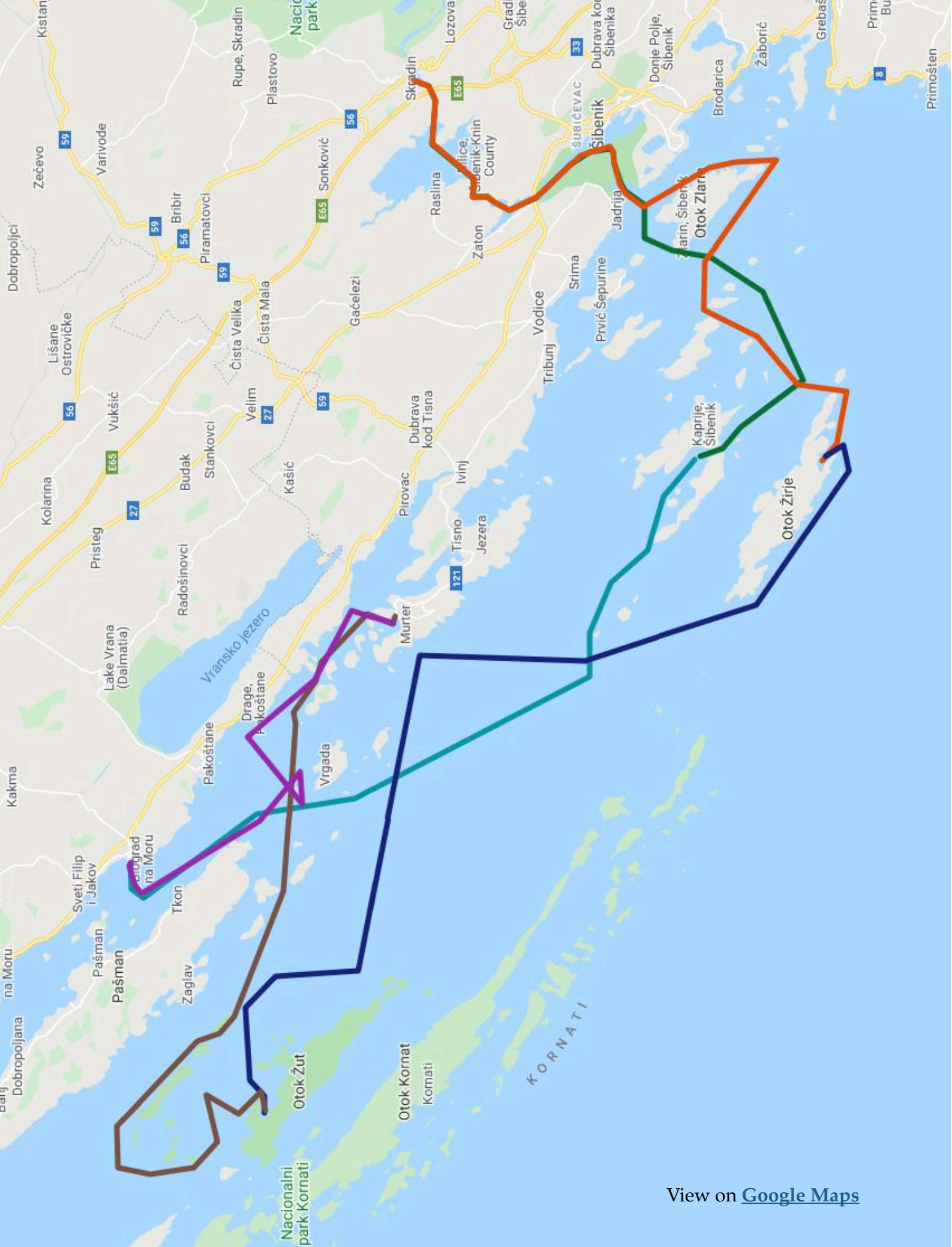












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