



**Queen's Ransom III
in Sands Harbor Marina
Pompano Beach, Florida**

**She is a 52 ft Najad 520
returning from cruising the
Caribbean (2009 – 2012) to
her homeport Gosport (UK)**

**owners:
Ulric and Imelda Almqvist**

Queen's Ransom's III crew:

**Sven: sailing, mechanics, cooking,
electronic navigation, photographer ...**

**Ulric: performance sailing, medics, cooking,
electronic navigation, meteo, short-
range (VHF) radio-communications ...**

**Hans: electronics, sailing, cooking, food
supplies, traditional & electronic
navigation, meteo, all-range
(VHF/MF/HF) radio-communications ...**





daily brunch at Jukebox Diner
Pompano Beach, Florida





hammocks prevent veggies from bruises

foodstorage





**Night before day of
departure: Miami Beach**

June 3rd nightly departure under full moon





underway to Bermuda



**nice rollercoasting:
8 Bft gale at the Atlantic Ocean!**



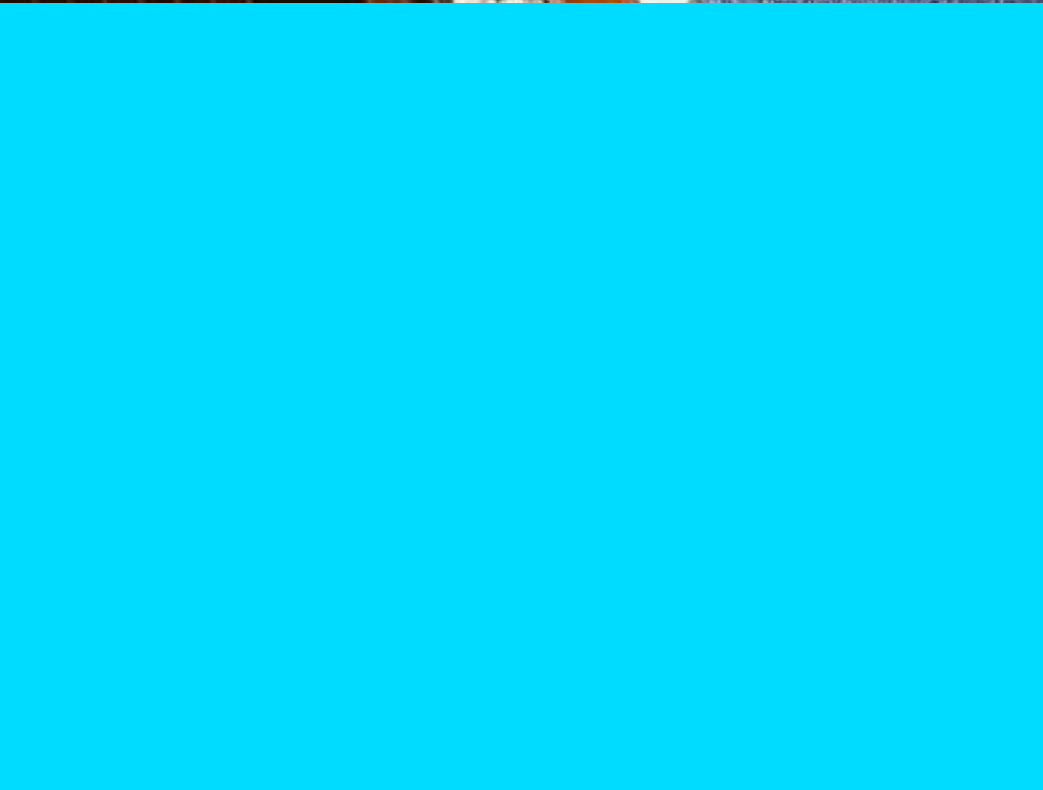
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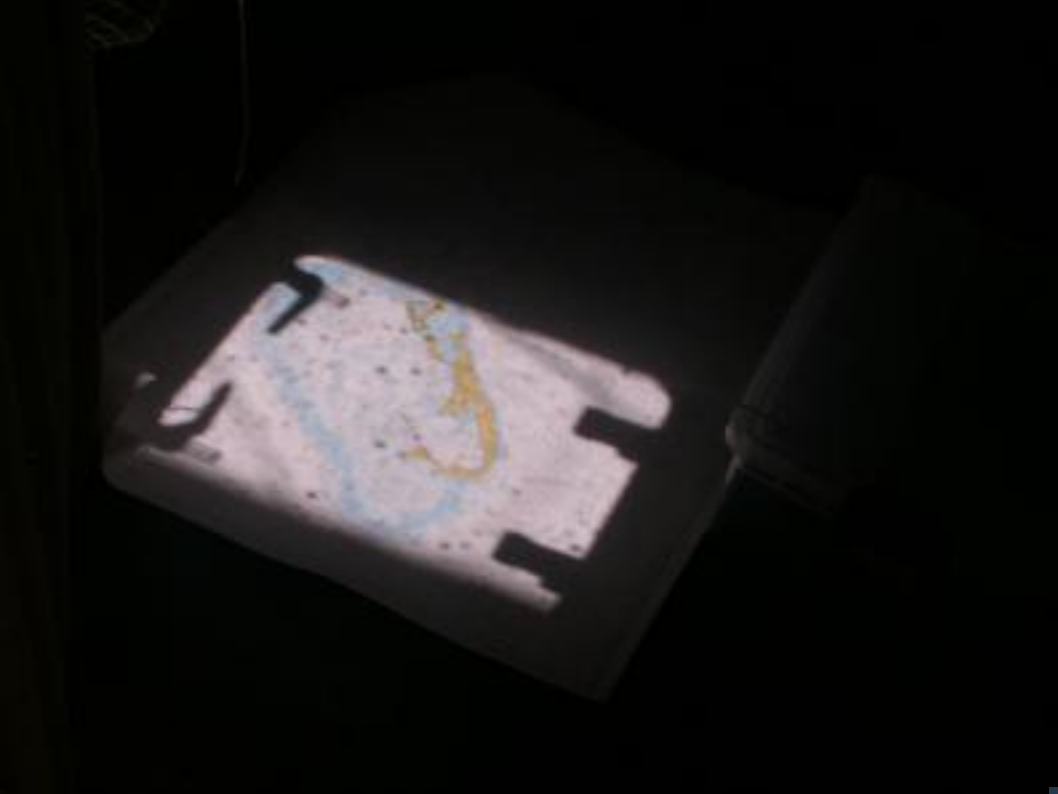
stove

and view from

forward hatch on mast

and reefed genoa





**sunlight cast over Bermuda
through hatch**

**arriving at Bermuda at
sunset June 9th**





**Bermuda: coconut palmtrees
even so far north!**



**Wahoo's bar-bistro-patio:
the place to be
St. George's, Bermuda**



**St. George's, Bermuda,
Unesco World Cultural Heritage**



Bermuda, Port of Hamilton: sunset

**Evening before departure:
dinner in Hamilton, Bermuda**





**leg 2: St. George's, Bermuda
to
Horta, Azores**

departure June 12th

genaker preparation in daytime ...

... and at night





cockpit instruments:

radar (the big orange pattern indicates rain ...)

speed through water

true windspeed and direction

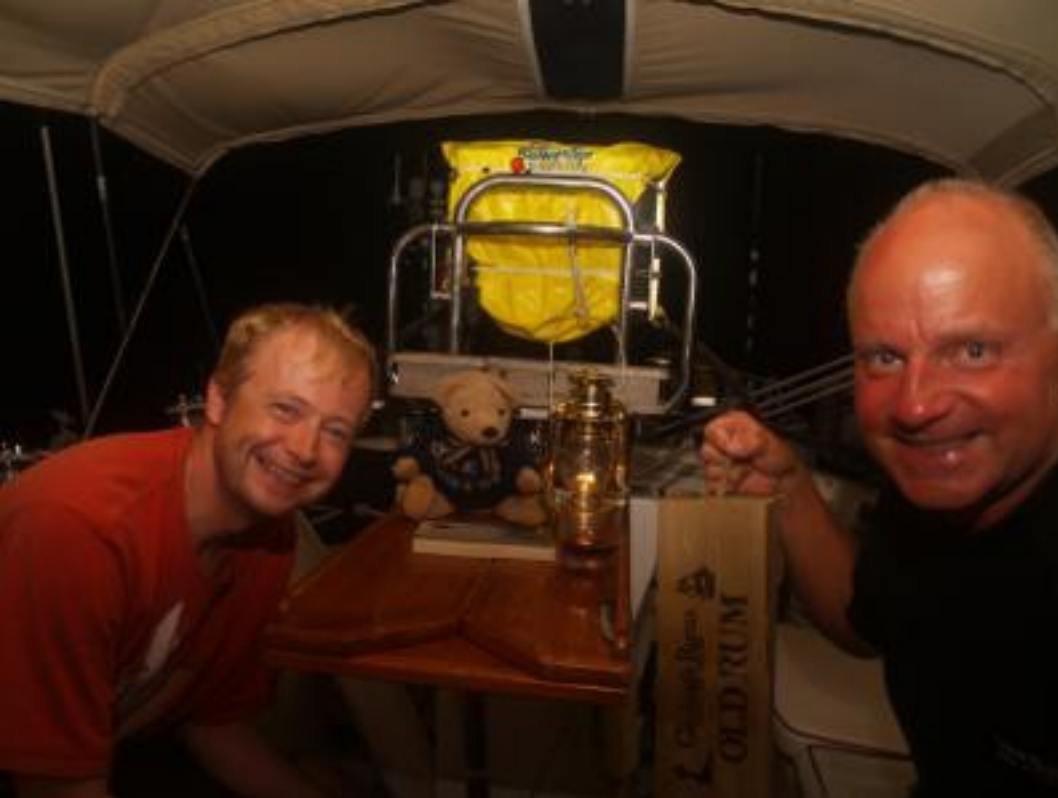
relative windangle with respect to vessel

relative windspeed and direction

true windangle with respect to vessel

magnetic and true course through water

in a pitch black night, with cloud covered sky and no moon this is all there is to see ...



celebrating geographical halfway
with Coslings Old Bermudan Rum
about 700 NM (1300 km) from
nearest shore ... (New Foundland)

Queen's Ransom's III
shadow crew:

Captain Hastings &
Dr. Diesel





**low wind (< 15 kts) from behind:
spinnaker flying !**



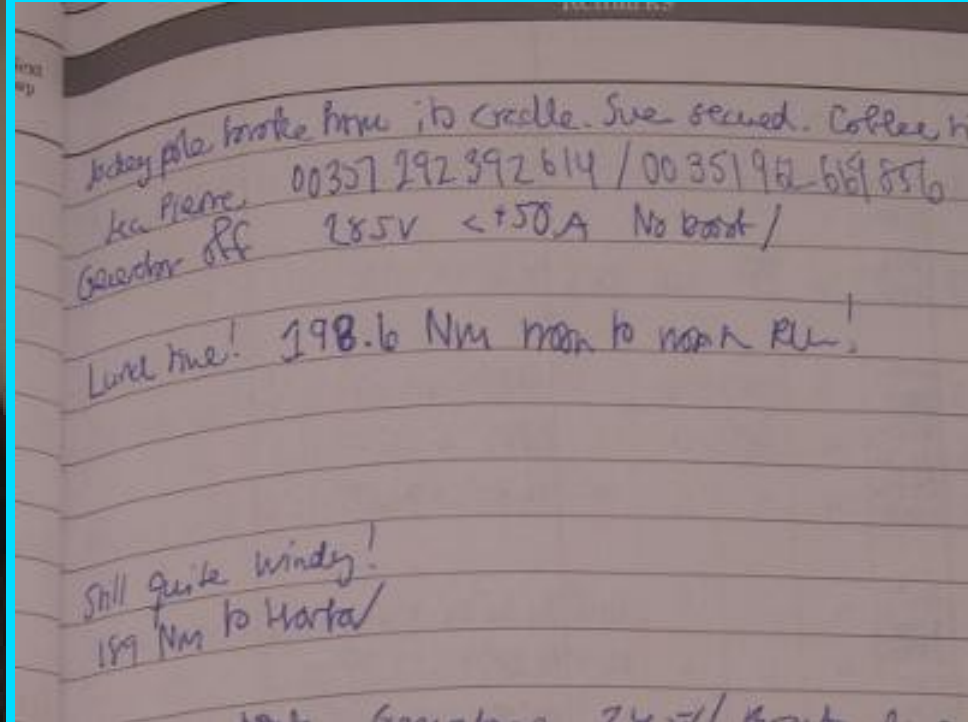


reefed sails with gale (> 35 kts 8 – 9 Bft); life goes on with mushroom-soup





hour to hour logwriting ...

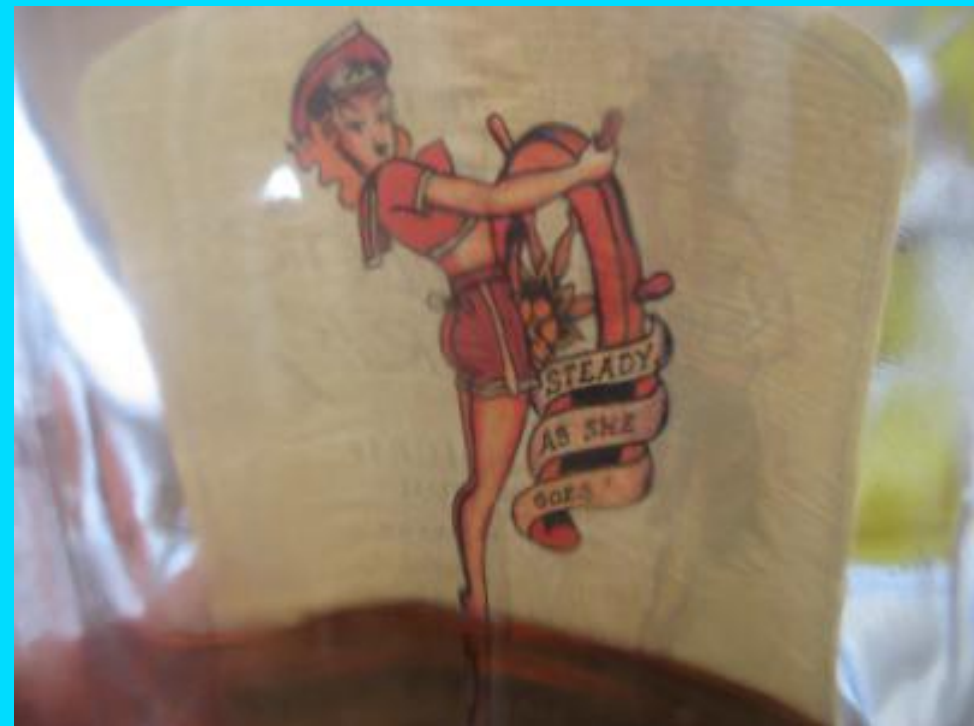


... gale = speed!
noon to noon record:

198.6 NM (avg. 8.3 kts)
367.8 km (avg. 15.3 km/h)



eye-sighted Faial (Azores) at June 24th after twelve days at sea celebration with Sailor Jerry's Rum!





west cape of Isla do Faial

**port of Horta
Isla do Faial**





**breakfast at Peter's Sports Bar: where all cruisers, North – South,
South – North, East – West and West – East meet ...
it's about the first building after the customs**



**sunshine in Horta after
passage of the coldfront ...**



dive Azores !





worthwile !

2 dives:

**Horta Caldeira: 20 m / 55 min
light slope underwater, lots
of parrotfish**

**Horta Radares: 23 m / 55 min
under water “canyons”,
lobster, grouper, snails
above water “portuguese
men of war” (jellyfish)**





June 26th:

**dinner before departure to
Falmouth with limpets, meat, and
shrimps for self-cooking (stone-grill)**

**last discussions about meteo,
navigation and route**

departure time: 23h30 ...





observed ocean wildlife:

lots of birds (e.g., Bermudan Longtail (down left), lots of dolphins (left), flying-fish (south of Bermuda), spermwhale (surfaced too short time to be photographed) and pilotwhales (down)





**lifevest folded
and inflated:**

**contains: laserpointer, sprayhood, knife, strobelight, whistle,
and AIS-SART (VHF homing device with 40 – 100 NM detection range)
folded: only knife and sprayhood are visible outside the vest's red protective cover**





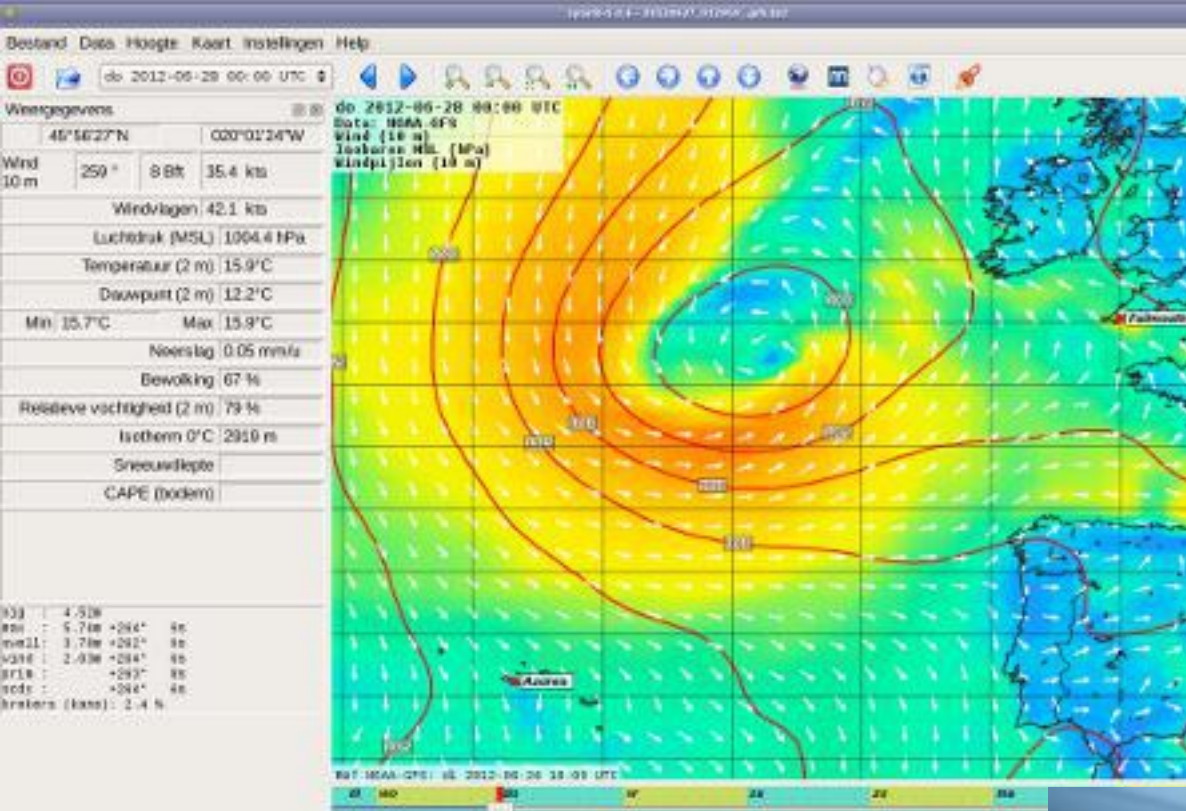
dropping winds: spinaker sailing!

performance sailing to Falmouth,
will we make it in seven days ??)





mosaic of navigation-corner with: (1) remote for autopilot, (2) autopilot console, (3) windforce and direction display, (4) navigation PC screen, (5) gsm, (6) radarscreen, (7) MF/HF handset, (8) inmarsat-satellite telephone, (9) AIS-transponder, (10) SSB (MF/HF) radio, (11) MF/HF-receiver, (12) barometer, (13) SeaMe radar-reflection enhancer, (14) home and kitchen weatherstation. Not visible: Navtex and VHF-radio.



using NOAA gribfiles with wind and other meteo-data ...

cloudlayers indicate upcoming warmfront ... and a Nantucket Sunrise, i.e., drizzle and fog in the morning, persisted the day of arrival at Falmouth!

Finally arrived at Falmouth July 4th: 02h30 in the early morning ... in thick fog ... almost exactly one month after departure from Pompano Beach!

