

The View from Phoenix

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Despite dinghy drag and being filled to the brim with water, food and fuel to sustain a small army, Phoenix scooted first across the start and maintained a neck and neck position down the harbour with Shingebiss. (Radiant Heat soon to catch up in Captains Passage With seemingly sufficient pressure and wind angle we optimistically set the spinnaker near the Channel Islands, only to be greeted by an unwelcome hole. So much for the spin... back to white sails... Radiant Heat had found favourable wind and current above us, leaving the Channel Islands to starboard, then slipped out of sight, while Shingebiss chose the Ruckle Park shoreline, ne're to be seen again. (Alas, Phoenix was on her own once again!) Radiant Heat aka “red stripe” and Shingabiss caught current and wind to the east of the Channel Islands and were gone.



