

# Getting Closer To New York

**May 11, 2010 @ 12:00 21:21.1N 062:17.4W**

*GPS Position: 21:21.1N 062:17.4W*

*Sea Miles (previous 24 Hours): 146nMs*

*Sea Miles to date: 266nMs*

*Present Course Over Ground: 348°M*

*Present Speed Over Ground: 6.5kts*

*Average Speed Over Ground (previous 24 hours): 6.1kts*

*Average Speed Over Ground to date: 6.0kts*

*Estimated GPS Position in 24 hours time: 23:31N 063:30W*

*Sea State: Calm*

*Wind Speed and Direction: 12kts NE*

*Barometric Pressure: 1008mB*

All's well. The beautiful sunset last night was only exceeded by the beautiful sunrise this morning. The night was squall-free, punctuated only by a couple of incoming flying fish, one right on top of the bimini! The crew are beginning to settle into the watch pattern, which sees individuals awake and asleep at peculiar times of the day. The creaking of the woodwork, the thrum of the generator and the occasional whirring of the auto helm are starting to resemble lullabies, as sleep deficit forces the eyes closed. The night watches are rewarded for their efforts with a goody bag of chocolate treats and other sweets, an Oboe tradition carried over from the E-W crossing of 2 years ago.

Frustratingly, we are no longer able to make any progress east. In fact all the progress we made on Day 1 has been cancelled out as a result of an adverse wind shift. Regardless, we are eating up the miles northward and that is our primary aim right now because the winds we really need to allow us to turn for home are still 500nMs+ north of us. The instruction to the helm remains "best course to windward matey!" and the sails are firmly close hauled. Let's hope we don't end up in New York!

Nigel

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