



Tracy Edwards Log Book

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Apart from the problem with the Main Maiden seems to be in good order. Leg Five was always going to be a problem though. The course we have to steer along the coast of S America until we are able to bear off through the Caribbean is the worst point of sail for Maiden. She hates beating and so do we!

So, we fret and curse whilst I try and work out a course that will take us out of these frustrating days as quickly as possible. The combination of disasters of Leg Four, the knowledge that Patrick Taberly on L'Esprit was inching ahead on both distance and, crucially, time nagged like an inch we couldn't scratch.

Then, this morning we noticed a crack had developed in the boom, just behind the point where the Vang joins it – an area of maximum stress. Bearing in mind the number of yachts in this Race who have broken their booms it is a source of concern. Michele meanwhile has set to work to make a jury repair.

