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Good morning -

Glad you have had a good start to the passage after departing Ascension Island yesterday.

Conditions through the next few days will not change much. ESE winds in the 13-17 knot range will continue through tonight and tomorrow and Thursday. Winds may veer a bit more toward E on Friday with slightly lighter speeds as you near the 9S/25W waypoint. For the weekend, winds will back to ESE again with speeds running 12-16 knots. Early next week closer to Brazil winds will veer to E again with lighter speeds.

Seas will change little through tonight and tomorrow, then tomorrow night very long period swells from the south will spread north over the route which will push combined seas up to 5-7 feet, but much of this will be the swell, so not much change in the ride.

The current route still looks good, at least to the 9S/25W waypoint as this heading will keep the wind from being directly astern. It may be that once reaching the waypoint that we decide to continue on the same heading, continuing to edge a bit farther south to keep the good wind angle, then at some point gybe over and take a hitch to the north before resuming a more direct route to Recife. There is still time to consider that.

Feel free to make any adjustments to the heading at any time to make the wind angle optimal, but best not to move north of 8S as that would get you into lighter wind.

Call or email with any questions.

Ken