

How the pioneers struggled across the Atlantic behind Francis Chichester in 1960. The times taken by Jean Lacombe and Val Howells show immense persistence and today would rule them out of the results owing to time limit. They took southern routes, but these were not what the organizers had in mind when arranging a course across the North Atlantic. Chichester braved the headwinds and wisely sailed the shortest distance. Lewis did the same, but had a small slow boat. Hasler went far north to look for the easterlies on the northern sector of depressions and finished second. Yet all were blazing a trail and it was always easier for all those who came after to know that the Atlantic had been raced single-handed.

