

De la Rosa covers 40 km in extreme day and consolidates his Northwest Passage advance

Gusts of 50 km/h, two falls into the water and a rollercoaster of wind and tide

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Spanish explorer Antonio de la Rosa completed this Tuesday, July 22, a 40-kilometre journey in six hours of navigation under demanding weather conditions, after resuming the Northwest Passage crossing the previous day. With this progression he consolidates his advance along the planned expedition route and confirms that he seized the favourable weather window ahead of the wind shift announced for the weekend.

It was an unpleasant day, with rain, cold and very strong wind, with gusts close to **50 km/h**. Conditions hindered the eastward departure to continue the route into the Northwest Passage, but the final tally is a solid navigation time with the tide pushing in his favour.

The toughest crossing to date

The hardest stretch came in the middle of the crossing, when the wind struck sideways and the swell turned complicated. During that phase, De la Rosa **fell into the water on two occasions** due to the force of the wind on the board. His **top-performance dry suit** kept him dry and warm despite the **water temperature of around 2°C**. The explorer resumed progress on both occasions without further incident.

Once past the central section of the crossing, the wind shifted to a more favourable stern position, and De la Rosa also took advantage of a rising tide. With these two factors in his favour, he maintained a high pace for the remainder of the day.

A difficult landing

The **coast is abrupt and offers few safe landing points**. Although he had intended to continue for a few more kilometres, De la Rosa chose not to take risks and to seek shelter as soon as he located a viable sandy beach. Landing was not simple—unloading the gear took longer than expected—but the explorer judged it a less risky option than reaching a rocky area. With camp already set up, he confirmed that the beach is highly exposed to the wind, which strikes hard and makes rest uncomfortable.

Explorer's condition

De la Rosa communicates normally via Garmin inReach Mini, has pitched his tent, has eaten, and remains in solid spirits. In his latest voice dispatch, he summarises the day with the characteristic composure of an experienced explorer:

"I arrived calm and I feel very good. I could have kept going without any problem, but I decided to stop because the coasts are very complicated for landing."

His coordination team trusts that Wednesday's stage will allow him to find a more sheltered stopping point, ahead of the wind shift forecast for the weekend.

Date	July 22, 2026 · Day 5 of expedition
Distance covered	40 km in approximately 6 hours
Current position	72.865°N · 78.526°W
Wind	Gusts close to 50 km/h · predominantly westerly
Water temperature	Approximately 2°C
Conditions	Rain · cold · moderate to strong swell
Incidents	Two falls into the water during the crossing (no consequences)
Key gear	Top-performance dry suit
Pace	Pushed by favourable tide and stern wind in the second stretch
Current shelter	Exposed sandy beach · tent pitched
Communication	Garmin inReach Mini · voice dispatches via satellite
Explorer's condition	■ Well · fluid communication · no health incidents

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