

Ahoy Sailors !

I'm delighted to write this race review !

So - this is how it went:

Looking at the J-80 Polar it is like a cruising boat polar, so 180 downwind gives you best VMG. So the shortest possible way is the fastest, given no big differences in windspeed on racetrack. Because of this my main idea was to concentrate at any turn, as this was the key to either win or get 20th.

Right at the beginning Nacrr offered me a bet who would be faster at finish. As Hmm was off for IRL sailing, it was my turn to defend the honour of the engine room. I knew I had to sail better than I could. So supplied with a few cold beers, I counted at every single turn to get it as close as possible. The most time around the racecourse Nacrr, Kroppyer, Outlaw and me were in the top 4, divided by 0.01 to 0.02nm. Very close to say the least.

Last 4 turns my competitors were ahead of me. So the very last turn would bring the decision. From last mark to the very end of finish line the angle was a touch too small to be able to sail there with max VMG. Nacrr and Kroppyer decided to sail max VMG. Outlaw, Rafa and me decided to pinch a bit as the distance to finish was short. I set my course to the very last pixel of finish line. This might have been the trick that got me a fabulous lead of one second over Outlaw.

Thanks very much to Nacrr, without his permanent pressure I would not have sailed as fast.

And thanks for the race, short races are fabulous !!

Cheers,

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