

First I want to give thanks to the organizers for all the time they spend working on the races, making possible we get such a good fun.

For me one of the keys of the race was making a good choice at the start about the way to follow. There were two options, go west, or go south, and I chose to go west, and I was right.

Another key fact was to find a good way to cross the tiny islands area to get open waters, where I had a mistake and crashed with land. It was only some seconds being stopped, but the lost in performance made me lose a good distance with Petrm.

The third key for me was to make a good interpretation of the boat polar, which it had a complicated part, specially in downwinds

I had to do a great effort to interpretate correctly the big changes in vmg that the polar had between 14-15 knots windspeed, during the night from monday to tuesday

I also want to mention the complex approach to the low winds area on monday morning when we were getting towards Bornholms, where possibly the race was decided because it was there where the race changed from an upwind race to a downwind final, and its complicated polar

At the final leg of the race, I had to choose between cover Petrm, being conservative (to avoid risks) that was a tired work, cos it meant to be at the computer all night and day, with the consequents family and rest problems, or doing your own race. By that moment there was a shift on the winds, around 3 degrees, which I didn't learn to interpretate correctly, and Petrm got a bit of advantage there, but I could recover what I had lose by working hard the rest of the day.

To me, it has been a very tactical and thecnical race, and very funny as well

I want to make a mention about rafa, who was on the third place, but had a crash with a mistaken dc and lost there all his podium options. I also want to mention the great final leg of the race made by OCAOCA II, who was 2 1st at the last mark, and finished 8th.

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