

This was a pretty exciting race for, it is only the 2nd time that I have made the podium. Plus it seems everyone is getting better, every race- so the good finishes seem harder each race.

The first question for me was which way to go at the start. There was room for a short tack to shore, which would put you on the inside of the lift- always a good place to be. However, playing the shore and staying there, required several tacks, in a very short leg. The other option was to make it a 1 tack leg, and not suffer the speed loses of the tacks. I choose the shore, and when I saw Rafa going the other way, I was very concerned my strategy would fail and it would be difficult to make up places in such a short race. It turned out the shore was not the best place, but it still left me within the top 10 so there was hope.

After the first mark it was a matter of stay vigilant and marking the turns right at the marks. Since I had 2 races going, I had 2 timers set going when maneuvers were required.

Congrats to everyone in the top 10- all sailed very well and any could have easily displaced me on the podium. Special for me being on the podium with Rafa, he is clearly one of the best and we all chase him.

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