

## Sail Around Turkey 2014

This is one of the most demanding race in SOL calendar.

The first part, from the start to Riva mark, is very difficult to route since the winds are light and changing in direction. Each wx has to be studied carefully to adjust the strategy.

Rumskib got it right. He took a southern course close to the shore and when he arrived to Riva he was about one hour ahead of and Scotsman and myself who sailed a more northern course. Strange enough the boats that were sailing close to Rumskib on the south were still further back. I presume they found some closed window.

The second part of the race comprises both straights and the island slalom up to Tekir. This part is a nightmare and requires constant attention day and night to avoid grounding. There is little chance to gain over other boats since there are no strategy options , except if boats ground. I didn't see Rumskib go aground but probably all the rest of the fleet did at least once.

The last part of the race from Tekir up to the finish is more "normal", but still tricky. Nevertheless Rumskib kept control and had an impressive and comfortable win.

Congrats to him, and Scots, and really to all who finished this difficult race.

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