

I started this race with the only intent of controlling my direct opponents for the SYC-OCCH, namely Dingo, Rumskib, outlaw and Rafa. With surprise I noticed that outlaw was not starting the race.

At the beginning two clear options were present, dictated by the pressure pattern 1000nm W of Cabo San Lucas. These options were separated and no wayouts were present so I decided to stick with my direct competitors on the N route.

Rafa and Dingo went for an early tack and I followed but few hours later we all decided to tack back, giving rumskib a significant lead. Nothing much to say until we merged with the south part of the fleet (splitpen & co) which had gained a couple of hours of advantage.

I was well behind rumskib but with a comfortable lead on Dingo and Rafa. From that point on, I switched to a less conservative sailing mode, trying to reduce the gap from rumskib to the smallest possible.

I managed to be a couple of miles behind rumskib 12 hours from the finish line when a significant change in the final approach appeared. I took advantage of this last opportunity to pass the two german boats and to finish in the third place just behind splitpen and StingFI.

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