

SUPER MAC RACE

At the start the wind promised to be light and subject to a lot of changes in direction. I decided to go for the west coast, and at the beginning it seemed to be OK, but after a couple of wx I realized I was on the wrong side and with many boats ahead, so I decided to move towards the middle of the lake and try to play the shifts and avoid the wind holes, but without getting too far from the rumb line. This worked better and when we got to the northern part of the lake I was in position 10 or so.

Up there at Mackinac we found a new situation with more stable winds, but still shifty. It would be a long upwind leg to the finish, but the more predictable winds allowed to develop a successful strategy.

For the first part of our way south a permanent wind shift favored to stay close the west coast, and this demanded a lot of tacking. This was a critical part of the race. Then, at a certain point the wx showed that stronger winds and a convenient wind shift were developing on the east, so I went that way. When I got to the windshift and tacked back south I realized I was in podium position.

The rest of the leg didn't leave too many strategic options. TarassbBoulba and Javakeda played the shifts better than me in this last part of the race and got gold and silver. Congratulations to them for their fine racing and thanks everybody for participating.

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