

## **Intro**

For me it was the first time I have done the real Vineyard race. Conditions were great for a lovely sail but the weather contrived to make every leg a fetch so without being able to use my spinnaker my little boat was stuck with the hull speed constraints of a 21 footer. So it was a long, long race for us.

## **Race**

The wind started out Easterly then clocked round to the SW over the two days which made every leg of the course a fetch. But sailing conditions were lovely, clear blue sky, nice 10-15 knots and no waves to speak of except for a squall that blew through just after we got back into the Sound. That was very rough for a few hours and then the wind slowly died to nothing before we got to the finish.

The last 4 miles took us 3 hours.

Fortunately the current was carrying us in the right direction but it was a frustrating end to the race.

The dying wind preceded some very heavy rain so the boat hasn't been packed away and cleaned up yet.

That's today's job.

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