

Lisboa Timed Race 2014

Firstly what a fantastic boat to sail, massive speeds but very tricky to sail with big performance loss on tacks and gybes.

As with all timed races success is all down to when you choose to start, wind speed and direction is crucial.

I chose my start time when wind was increasing and max wind speed was around halfway through the run. There was a slight shift in the breeze which would benefit any boats leaving slightly later but the breeze was dropping quite quick at that point.

I was quite surprised that so few boats had started when I did, rafa was just in front but I was expecting many to come soon. Around 15 minutes after my start karriv hmm and JakeS started there runs and about 30 minutes after that svein kropper and Rumskib started there runs, now I thought my choice was maybe to soon.

Few tacks and gybes as possible would give me a fighting chance but I had gybed to early on one leg forcing me to gybe 2 more times I thought I had blown it then. I noticed rafa had trouble at the midway point and Rumskib had a bit of trouble at one of the marks, maybe I'm in with a chance now but still many boats following to worry about.

I finished my run in 4H 30m 23s now it's the waiting game. Superstar karriv smashed my time by 2 minutes now I think I'm going to drop down the ranking but as the rest of the boats were on the home run I could see by checking the race leaderboard they would not make a faster run 2nd was secure for now.

The next possible opportunity would come while I was sailing IRL, I just had to hope the conditions were not favourable. A nice surprise when checking after race closed to see 2nd was mine.

Well done karriv great sailing.

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