

Atlantic Circle Timed Race 2014

The Gunboat 90, what an awesome cat to sail. Sipping tea from a china cup at 25 knots without spilling a drop :-D Once again massive performance hits on tacks and gybes.

The key to finishing well in this race was having a 90 degree run out to circle WNW and the same back to the finish, having 30 knots of wind helped though.

svein had set the target with 1st & 2nd fastest runs, surely a SOL first ?

I set off around 10:32 on the 2nd of October, paying full attention to my boat (while sipping my tea of course.) atlet started 10 minutes later and karriv 18 minutes later followed by hmm and svein.

There wasn't much to do other than get round asap, no wind shifts just a steady 30 knot blow so as close to the marks as you can and be on the ball at the marks.

After perfect roundings of all the marks using agage & hmm's wind inspector I managed to steal the lead from svein, a short while later SOL timed race superstar karriv took first by 11 seconds, atlet got 3rd missing 2nd by 15 seconds. Hmm & svein also set good times.

By now WINSTON_4 and Rumskib the SOL legends had started their runs, a very nervous wait showed they had missed the slot.

This early pressure system proved to be the only chance to set the fastest times.

I find the cats very interesting boats to sail, dealing with the performance loss is an issue for all, Tactical manoeuvring is a must.

Well done karriv, atlet, hmm, svein and all.

Being at my pc when the wind was right was pure luck for me.

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