

I was again considering whether to start at all, knowing another ocean race was awaiting and thinking maybe I should rest a bit, but eventually in went the start DCs. In the morning I found myself in a very nice position and that was it, no giving up.

Up to Middleton things proceeded pretty much business as usual, I was around position 7-10, pretty normal for myself in ocean races, especially since there was a lot of reaching, in which I suck, so to say. After Middleton I put in my night DCs in and in the morning found myself in a very nice position compared to the fleet. Sometimes it pays off not to interfere by steering your boat. On went the race till Rose Spit. After that things got interesting.

At some point before Rose spit javakeda made a comment in the chat that angle always beats pressure. I disagreed, and to prove my point went for pressure while rumskib and rafa took a more westerly route for angle. I will probably remember this decision for a while, as before it I was trailing the boats about 0.6 nm and when we crossed routes again, I was 2 nm ahead, a rare treat;)

Thereafter we met a couple of spots of that blue goo we all love, but still I felt pretty safe with my lead. But then, towards Monday, rumskib did what he does best, just sailed to a better position before the last gybe and I did not stand a chance. Again.

I have to say that this was a memorable race, plenty of competition from rumskib, rafa, Franci, Matoto, Garagiste, and a lot of other boats, thanks to you all. And a special thanks goes to javakeda, your commentary on the weather and strategy in the chat is always very interesting to read!

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