

As I've started taking these timed races a bit more seriously I did my homework well in advance by logging in as the sol-boat and taking a look at the race and especially weather before the race was opened. I identified three factors that would decide the race:

1. Timing of the run
2. Rounding marks and corners
3. Managing the polar hops in the Mini 650 polar

There was a nice window open immediately when the race was opened and then another the following night. I decided to do the first run immediately as I was not sure whether I would be doing the run over the night. In the end the window for the night seemed so much better, and Mrs. karriv was visiting her mother, so I had no distractions, so I decided to do another run immediately after finishing the first one. That run gave me a nice early lead.

The deciding window came on the Tuesday, I was anticipating a busy day in the office and was afraid I could not concentrate on the race enough to do well. So I decided to put in safety DCs every chance I got, and that was a good decision as already at the first mark I was saved by my DC, unfortunately only partially as I had by mistake entered the COG as 253 when it was supposed to be 235. Probably lost some seconds there. After that it was pretty smooth running and towards the end I started calculating how I was doing. Quite quickly it was clear that hmm and bonknhoot were the boats to watch. I missed the nail biting of the final stretch as I left the office after setting my course to the finish line after the final mark, although I was worrying whether I would make the line or miss it as I didn't play it particularly safe;) Fortunately I hit the line, and scored a valuable second place after hmm and a single second ahead of bonknhoot.

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