

I feared the worst on this race as I was traveling on business and our schedule had been planned very tight. I was afraid I would not be able to complete one single run properly. Well, this time the WX gods were on my side, as our program changed a bit and gave me an opportunity to do one single run on Fri morning.

I did a quick-and-dirty analysis of the race and ended on the following three factors that would in my opinion decide the race:

1. Timing of the run
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The run seemed very straightforward. Basically a couple of turns, none of which very critical, and one gybe, timing of which should be easy and again not very critical due to the nature of the polar. Thus, timing would be decisive.

Looking at the polar, you only get little benefit of wind speed exceeding 25 knots. After that wind direction would be decisive, so I tried to base my timing for the Fri run on that. In the end I had to start a bit earlier than what I would have wanted to be able to finish the run before other commitments would require my attention.

I managed to do my run pretty much error free, and got the lead when I finished. I was afraid the later starters would beat my time, but apparently my timing was quite good.