

The initial weather leg of this race, like many, started the separation in the fleet. It seems that there were 2 options that worked as the top handful of boats to round the point did not all take the same route. I had to be away for part of this early section and had to use a DC early on but it seems it worked well. So I found myself in the thick of it.

During the next section I held my ranking but lost distance to rhoderunner. I don't really know what he saw that I didn't, but now I was playing a catch up game. I can keep up my optimism in these races, but I know first hand that catching a good sailor in a short race is not easy to do. This was the case here.

The last portion of the race seemed very straight forward. Many just set a COG for the mark. It appears that this is how rhoderunner began. I saw a chance at gaining on him by using the bulge in the polar curve and sailing a TWA curved course most of the way. But like the tough competitor he is, rhoderunner bore off a little to cover me. I did gain, but not enough as this move assured his victory. I don't know that I would have caught him anyway, but he made sure I didn't.

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