

I must say that everything that has happened before Saturday November 15. is unknown to me, because I was abroad on business. I think I was lucky that the best starting window happened on Saturday night. So, (once I had obtained the consent of my wife to stay at home in the Saturday night, 'cause I was tired after a week of working away) on Saturday. in the afternoon, I looked at the race and I studied the scenery: the prevailing wind, from that time to the days followed, blowing from ESE tending ENE (between 123° and 109°), the intensity ranged between 19 and 12 knts. With this wind the path resulted as follows: approximately half against the wind, about half crosswind and a few minutes with maximum vmg downwind.

Famous rule: better the angle than the pressure. End even more in this case with the J30's polar that is very sharp when upwind, flat from 90° to 120°, irrelevant over so small legs, and so muffled from 150° to 170°.

Well, I had to start in the maximum south of the wind (maximum right) so as to cover the slower routes (from start to Orno1 and from Orno2 to the finish) with the most favorable angle.

Thus, helping with sol inspector, I saw that on the buoy Orno1 the most right wind, for a few minutes, it was 123.3° at 21.05utc. I had to be there at 21 'o clock. Then I decided to start at 20:30, or never.

As usual, my pc clock is not yet synchronized with the server sol's one and I figured as started at 20:32. rumskib, was already started at 20:30 utc ... it comforted me on the choice of starting time!

Well, after the start, in fact, I did absolutely nothing in particular: routing rock by rock, from tip to tip on the direct line. Nothing more..... just the fact that ahead of me there was such a perfect machine that is rumskib. To avoid navigating the maximum vmg, he did two jibes immediately after turning Orno2, and probably it was a great job. Well done! I was tempted to follow him, but I didn't trust.

For the rest, up to the day of the final time of the race, I have done nothing but look out for updates of weather and check that the wind, although at 15-18 knots, did not exceed 120 degrees in direction. I was second in ranking! And so it ended.

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