

This race can be summarized in two pieces of news :

GOOD NEWS:

The SOL fleet ,thanks to strong winds primarily from the stern and blowing on most of the race course ,managed to sail 500+miles in first24 hours into the race.

BAD NEWS:

Everybody knows I am intellectually open and honest : the new business of performing jibes in a way that counteracts the performance loss algorithm and reduces the loss impact IMO recalls the old days of “tilting the flipper” to steer the ball with bumps and shocks .As I dream a SOL closest possible to IRL sail simulation , I of course do not like it ,and am far away from being a “perf loss pro” (tried once and lost two places LOL!!).This obviously (cat125 and strong winds)came into the equation heavily during this race. There is a development team who is studying a new algorithm , therefore my dreams are still valid;))))))

THE RACE

The race has never been a lot technical ,except for last leg ,when fading away and shifting wind called for max VMC and constant reduction of twa approaching the shores of the Emirates, and consequently a short period of tacking . Here perhaps is where Rumskib made “half” of a mistake ,overstating the layline for the offshore tack . He did not lose out for this half mistake . His lead was already consistent and he fully deserved victory .

My race was far more relaxed than any of the previous SYC Championship legs. The CUP was already in the safe , so I sailed with100% commitment ,but without stress;)))).....The night was difficult , as the cat was fast and the WPs were within two or even less hours from one other, so I had only a few naps .

One special word needs to be issued for LOU: He raced very well , and I must say that his commitment to keep me behind was superb , and rewarded by the 8 seconds of final lead . BRAVO !!!

ANDas mentioned in chat , another boat who made a fantastic performance was STIngFI : he led the pack for most of the race ,and was the only one who managed to counteract the powerful sailing of gryphon, a boat who did extremely well through half of the course and disappeared after turning a mark.One simple mistake took the podium away from StIngFI half through the race, but this did not take away what he showed to us before then .This race belongs to STIngFI !!!!

And finally ,(subject to numbers to be released soon) thanks to this victory Rumskib succesfully closed the Championship with silver medal ,whilst nacrr ,who has been fighting till the end , ends up as bronze medalist. WELL DONE BOTH !!!!!

Final rankings in a few days when race closed down ...It will be a nightmare to run behind the100 solers who are entitled to Award certificate ,but the100 number was my idea, so I will pay for it!!LOL....If anyone reading this and then after checking if in TOP 100 of final SYC Championship rankings sends an

Email to coord@sailonline.org with boat name and flag , and personal name and surname ,for certs filling it will be most appreciated.;)))).....(those who are aware that I already have the information are of course exempted ;))))))))))))))))))

Sorry for having been a bit longIt was the end of a full year Championship !!

Ciao ALL my friends !

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