

I am particularly fond of this race since it was my first one in SOL back in January 2008 (I finished around 100 at that time, brainaid won as far as I remember).

The starting time of this race was again terrible for the Europeans. In fact by first few hrs had been basically sailed on DCs and with (too much) alcohol in the bloodstream. Fortunately, after leaving the Tasmanian coast the route brought us far away from dryland and dangers so I could sleep few hours. I resumed serious racing around 10am and I found myself behind the first row so the struggle was to gain positions and positioning before the first tack which proved to be the race decision point.

Most of the races was at max VMC with some eyesight on the stronger winds first on the right side of the field and then on the left when crossing the Strait.

During the upwind section I managed to gain quite well on rafa securing the podium but the hunt for rumskib and Lolla (and for the Series victory) was still open. Again I was pushing 110% trying to anticipate the wx forecast with early/late tacks. My choice to close on the shore pin was not the best but it was the only opportunity I had to attack rumskib and his second position. Congratulations to him and Lolla.

The series finals is a tie between all the three boats but, according to ISAF rules, final winner breaks the tie and takes the victory!

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