



Race Report Around Bleaker Island Sprint 2015

LEG 1 of Sprint Championship 2015 (24 legs)

LEG 1 of Quarter 1 Sprint Championship 2015 (6 legs)

LEG 1 of SUPER-SOLER Championship 2015 (56 legs)

Short , fast , BUT tricky : This is IMO the best definition of this quick race . In Sprints "tricky" normally means plenty of corners and therefore risks for those who use chronograph on server jumps. This time tricky meant VMC all the way (almost) due to fast shifting and increasing pressure.

The first leg to North End was no history : straight on .

The second leg was the beginning of the VMC best track fight. Staying not too north and not too South was the key . Karaoke , Lou (the usual maverick of Sprint races) Solaris and myself were the ones who made the right choice there. After the single tack between the North westerly corner and Bleaker South it was clear that Karaoke and Lou were going to fight for victory and I was going to fight for podium.

Three quarters of the last stretch were either straight through corners (relaxed mode) or manual micro VMC adjustments to optimize speed through the bays . I did choose the latter (unusual for me in Sprints) as I saw something that may become the key of the entire race on the very last stretch to finish ahead : the possibility to attack !!!

On the last 2,6 miles of the race the pressure was to increase quicker , and the downwind VMG was to increase dramatically , whilst the shift was remaining quick but not brutal . This gave me the possibility to attack staying upwind and running fast , footing only at the very end , when the VMG was allowing it . It nearly worked !!! ;)))just too short . I must say that when I saw karaoke , Lou and the entire pack footing after the last corner I felt the race had become extremely interesting at once .

Lou the Sprints Maverick and karaoke are to be congratulated for their superb fight and for resisting to my fierce attack on final ..LOL

We have a say here : " who begins well is already half the way to the goal ! ...that is how I feel after leg 1 of this Year Sprint Championship , where I have decided to do as best I can from start.

Till next few corners to turn without counting seconds on server jump (me) !!! ;))))

Ciao ALL my friends.

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