

Lake Winnebago NNYC Race 2015

This course would prove to be tricky catching a few key sailors out making my life just a little easier.

Light winds veering throughout the race, strengthening towards the end would make this race a tactical one with lots of gybing and tacking around the course.

The start saw sadler leave the line in around 130th position, lots of work to do to get top 10.

A fairly straight run to Stevens Reef the first mark and into 45th, just 0.03 nm behind the leaders, getting better.

Approaching Oshkosh a few slight course adjustments I rounded in 16th, top 10 looking possible. This is where the first surprise came when nacrr missed the mark but made a very good recovery.

Now came the start of the gybing match, I noticed that a gybe in light winds only cost performance 1.5 % so I chose to short gybe my way along the coast. The difference between VMG & VMC were very close so many boats were sailing VMC, I chose to stay with best VMG and rounded Long Point Reef in 1st with atlet and Lou very close behind. A few more gybes to Fond du lac.

At Fond du lac sadler lost the lead to atlet who made a very good tight rounding of the mark leading by 0.05 nm, another surprise at this mark when rafa cut the mark and had to go back, sadly he missed the second time too.

The next leg to Pipe would be the tacking leg, still with a small perf loss short tacking would be the order.

Next surprise would be during the first few tacks sadler took the lead, now I didn't see but I suspect atlet may have hit land handing the lead back. A very close race going on here with atlet, Lou, Tyger, kenza, jhk1980, nacrr who was coming back well and a few others all within striking distance.

Once Pipe was rounded it was a fairly easy run to High Cliff where the next big surprise was when Lou cut the mark and had to turn back losing him 3rd place. I managed to get a very tight turn making the last few miles to the finish worry free and auto pilot to the finish.

A great race with mishaps and surprises all the way. That's SOLing.

I make sure when rounding marks that it says rounded before I send my command, I have been caught out in the past and it sucks, I know sometimes the jump past the mark is big and costly but its quicker than turning back.

Thanks to SOL & SOLers.

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