

Usually I do not enter races where a lot of steering is needed. Fortunately the exit from Antwerpen Start was during "not-so-busy" office hours so I decided to give it a try.

The start was very tricky, with little wind and a very fast rotation to the right. With a round polar like the 47.7 99.9% angle is more important than windspeed, so I pointed toward the shift sailing at max VMG to the angle of the jibe. This gave me a short lead at the when exiting to open sea.

The trickiest part was about to come.

Temptation of sailing the shortest route was strong, but again, I preferred angle in the approach to Land's End, so I decided to sail low (as my fellow Neuroman did). The reward when leaving the Channel was big. Lead was increased and the final leg to Belfast was an "easy" upwind beat, only a couple of tacks and a good rotation to ease the sails to Belsfast. No passing lanes, no tricky shifts, all it was needed was a steady covering of the competition, to the finish line!

Looking forward to the medal ;)

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