

The main choice for this race was whether to run Hook Island from the North, looking for better pressure, or directly to the south, shortest way but with dropping wind.

As usual it was difficult to choose when race starting is half an hour from the next wx update....

Well, I decided to go south because toward the Australian coast there was a good wind shift, more than 30 degrees to the right, although a little lighter, but too, too good not to grab it.

Then my strategy was to reach as quickly as possible the coast of Australia sailing into the “right shift”, doing as few tacks as possible and never forcing the twa but, on the contrary, letting the boat go fast and happy.

So it took only four tacks and a little attention to avoid shoals and reefs scattered a bit everywhere!

Once passed Cape Rock Reef, Android’s app (again thank you so much Zappe!) even gave me the chance to go for a pizza with my wife.....thus saving the peace of the family too!

Returning home, I found myself on the final leg going for 125° closely engaged with Nacrr, Rafa and Winston\_4, with a cheerful 52°/54° twa.

At that point we just controlled each other, and who would get the best points for the last 2 tacks would have the advantage over others. So Nacrr did a great job and had the better respect to Winston, while rafa was a bit “longer” and gave me the 3th place that, in fact, was already his.

Beautiful race, very tight and technical. Congratulations and thanks to all.

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