

If someone asked me to give a title to this race I would say: Sleepless in Canary Islands

I must admit that there were 2 times I had to put the clock alarm in the middle of the night to make the turns around the islands

I had my attention in the race quite often trying to leave small margins in turns to win meters Tacks and gybes happened in the right places and almost all of them were well measured.

Overall I am satisfied with my performance. I made only a few mistakes and that put me on the podium.

From the tactical side, this race was a group of 6 legs and each leg was handled as a different race. Not big surprises during island turns, most of them were straight on course. VMG legs were pretty obvious where needed

My main competitor was rumskib. For more than 800 nm we were sailing close to the same route. And when I say close a mean CLOSE. There were times the crews could treat by throwing cold beers to each other! The distance between us was less than 0.02 nm And then, unfortunately, after 900 miles (it was somewhere near Alegranza) rumskib hit a rock that cost him 4 nm. This distance remained constant between us until the end. I am pretty sure that if this didn't happen, the distance between us in the end would be less than 0.3 nm (and do not know who would be ahead)

Rafa also made me nervous couple of times. He made some smart moves that often made me believe he was going to get ahead of us. He definitely deserved a place on the podium.

Of course I should also mention Wolff's excellent performance, whose breath I was feeling on my neck the whole duration of the race keeping me alerted.

I want to congratulate everyone who finished before closing of the race and helped to increase the amount of the donation to UNICEF.

I also want to congratulate TheHorn for his initiative and hope to inspire the rest of us to do the same.

.... and of course to THANK him for the rum J

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