

The Freo to Bali 2015

Race report by StIngFI

A race in the shadow of SWR leg 7.

Started on DC Calculated on the previous 22:30 WX. My router told me to go north on port tack. Got to the helm sometimes 5:30 checking out the 4:30 WX. The router (BWR) suggested go out for more pressure, which I did. After 4 hours I tacked again and ended up some 15min behind outlaw, from what I draw the conclusion that I was on the right track:). For the next 2 days there was very little disruption in the fleet. On the 3rd day though there was some split up and outlaw and Kz among others took a more westerly rout. I decided (my router told me) to go east.

On day 6 I did a mistake. I use to set DC:s 12h ahead just in case I for some reason miss a WX. After the WX I edit my remaining DC:s, adjusting course and time if necessary, and set some more. Before and after a gybe or tack I usually set TWA DC:s to avoid pinching or running. One DC must have been a TWA and I edited it changing to 50° mistaking it for a CC, so instead of going 50° I ended up going $TWA + 50^\circ = CC\ 330^\circ$ as TWA was about 20°. I did not analyze the impact at the time, but with the results on hand I reckon this was to my advantage.

The final reach to Bali was much strait forward and for a while I was certain to avoid the podium:) The western fleet was ahead but with a much tighter angle, so I was sure to overtake outlaw, Kz and jkniemni.

Bonknhoot was ahead of me and seemed to be able to take third place, but when I realized I was gaining a quarter of a NM/h on him I was sure to overtake him.

Congrats to peskasail and especially to Wroblewo who won, despite going the wrong way for a while! Beginners luck or...?

And sorry bonknhoot for taking your podium place!

BTW hmm:s datacenter is very handy recalling your efforts in a race, trying to present reports like this (or better).

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