

BALI Race

I did a very bad start on the Leg 7 Newport to Lisbon because the route was NE through the land and my boat was unattended.

So I ended up 25 miles behind the leading fleet.

That was the main reason why I decided to run the Bali race.

It was the first time I ran two long races at the same time and I did not find it easy at all.

The first part of the race to Dirk Hartog Island waypoint was quite normal but immediately after, the race became very interesting.

Soon I was forced to take a decision on whether to go east or west and the wx wasn't helping me much.

The eastern route seemed to have a little bit smaller pressure but a much better angle so it became my choice.

At that time, it was not an option to me to keep in the center, near the straight line to the finish. I must admit that I didn't think that Wroblewo was a threat by choosing to stay close to the center line and I was pretty confident that I was going to see him behind me in a few hundred miles.

But that was a big mistake and when I figured it out it was already too late to recover.

The western route turned out quicker than I thought since many boats came from the west finished in top 20.

The brief of this race was stated by Wroblewo: "in light wind polars of 40' are quite round so conservative straight line sailing was effective"

Bravo Wroblewo and top finishers !!!