

Race report for VanIsle 360 2015 from number1.

This was a looooooong race! And a lot of tacks! And very little possibilities to sleep. Once I had lost so much sleep the first night I did not want to throw it all away by sailing on DC the rest of the nights. More than one DC in these tight channels never works for me. So some of us kept going (Smo, StIngFI) while others with good positions (Jepson, Henrys) could not spend enough time at the computer or phone. The Android app saved me a number of times both at work and when spending time with my family.

The first night I sailed the longer route around the area with light winds and that turned out to be a good move. The second night we made an endless number of short tacks but I finally had to get some sleep and put in a non- optimal DC just to get one or two hours of sleep. That made me drop from second to third place. When rounding Cape Scott Henrys and I sailed a wide turn keeping us in the stronger winds. The wx update came in the middle of this turn and favoured Smo who had sailed closer to the coast. From this point Smo never let go of the lead. During the next day Henrys could not spend time with sailing and lost a number of positions. The following day one of my few DC:s fired too early resulting in a bbq and StIngFI sailed past me. The last night I tried to catch Smo and StIngFI by sailing the shortest, narrow, route. After a bad vx this just resulted in very little sleep and lost ground. I managed to keep ahead of the rest of the boats though and could, extremely tired, claim the last place on the podium. If I had known during the first night how many hours I would need to spend on this race to get a good result I would probably have given it up. But once you get into a good position it is difficult to just let go.

Congratulations to the Finnish top finishers!

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