

How to reflect upon an eight month saga across the world's oceans? Well firstly it must be said that I've achieved my result in the series through dogged persistence! :))

Out of the nine races, I managed to be in the top 10 six times ( four 6th places, a 7th and an 8th ) , and in the top 20 eight times. I had one real dog of a leg racing from Sanya to Auckland where a stubborn resistance to listen to my routing results left me eventually stranded in a wind hole and I dropped down to 38th for my worst result.

Though I missed out on a podium in the series I managed to be within 2-5 minutes of the podium in three races. That's not too shabby in these month long legs. I heartily admire those with the skill and tenacity to achieve a podium finish in these hotly contested races..hats off to you all and congratulations!! The secret of my result is undoubtedly in my avoidance of any really bad results combined with a good number (66%) of top 10 placings.

My biggest thrill of the whole series has been the big learning curve in ocean racing strategy and in learning more about the tools I use. In a long series like this one, one can learn a lot from the mistakes of previous legs and improve in the next. Certainly for me I have got well used to pilot charts and the lessons and knowledge of weather patterns they hold. I've also learnt more about how to assess a full ocean crossing and how to set long term distant waypoints, for without them, the routers can become dangerous tools! :)

The other great enjoyment has of course been the online friendships, banter, wags, limericks and all the rest that comes with sharing a passion for ocean racing and navigation, with just a touch of competitiveness thrown in.

Thanks to all for a great race, thanks to the hardworking committees and individuals responsible for putting the race on and keeping the servers up and running, and here's to the next one!!!!

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