

## The hard life of a SOLer....

I don't like to participate in a race, particularly a "short" one, as in long ocean races sometimes you can "survive" even with few moves in a day, if I know that I don't actually have the time to follow it properly, and in my mind I didn't have it. But, as we all know well, this game is also a sort of an addiction: so I started.:~). Followed till we left the land and then found a comfortable fixed twa bringing the boat six hours later in the right place, aware that it could probably be already enough to start losing contact with leaders; which, in fact, with my surprise, didn't happen and I rounded the mark just some 0,0 something behind nacrr an rafa leading....and so I spent the evening/night playing, But, when it was 3 a.m. I said to myself again that it was enough, that I needed to rest and that I could never arrive to the finish as the course was demanding presence and attention for the next day...so I set two dc for the two tacks without calculating too well, didn't set the alarm for morning wx and went bed pretty sure to find the boat bbqued next day....which, again, it didn't happen and when I opened the machine around 07:20 utc I was just in time to stop the boat from following max twa and managed to turn around that sort of lagoon already pretty far from nacrr but not far from tenth...Damn!! nothing to do, I had to play! :))

Now, for not making it too long, after that a couple of boats went straight at Langeland, I had a nice battle with Mistli, she was doing very well, with Wolf just behind and I went inside Svendborg channell fighting for sixth place, but inside the channell I had at least a couple of bbqs due to the bloody telecom line which sometimes is so bad that a command takes even more than half a minute to take effect...

Leader was not making mistakes and was already out of reach almost half a mile away but I could still fight for a good position.

Approaching Lyo mark nacrr and Dingo ran fast towards the rotation while other boats went for max twa losing contact and so after the mark I was fourth behind nacrr, Dingo an rafa. And with that I was happy and sure I could never catch nacrr and Dingo, too far, but not even overtake master rafa that was closer but surely not going to make mistakes. The biggest of the surprises I had during the race...he made one! :-); We never know what happens to other players IRL and I don't even know whether he was at the helm or away, but he let me run again towards rotation and when he, first, gybed had to gybe back and was behind! :) Then, I "just" had to be very careful covering his moves to "win" an unhoped place on podium :-))

With the usual heartfelt thanks to all of you playing but above all to the great team that make this game possible

Grazie!  
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