RC: *Pre-Race did you spend any time investigating the Homepage introductory blogpost and the links? What did you particularly like?*

Kenza: Always read the pre-race information on the main page.
Very interested in the historical aspects of the competition.
If there is an opportunity to explore the information on the network, I find it.
As a result, sometimes I subscribe to news channels.

RC: *How did you plan to race The Vineyard this time? Did you see it as a race of separate legs or as a single track?*

Kenza: This race was marked "!!!" in my calendar.
It was an opportunity to solve two problems at once (SYC rating and SYQ3).
Weather before the start upset me a little as a few predictions gave just a gentle breeze. Over two days of the race, probably many swore the same as I did, and then the weather took pity.
The forecast before the start of the strategy clearly indicated two stages to the first mark, but after the start the first stage conditionally divided into three (fast to the northeast; zigzagging along the northern coast, then gently approach the first mark).
The second is also divided into two distinct segments.

RC: *Did you find that the HIRES weather made a big difference to your planning? If it did, please explain what you had to do differently*

Kenza: At the global level, at the level of preparation of the strategy of the race, the difference is not great.
But at the level of tactics, solving current problems - a huge difference.
For those who are using routers, it becomes very relevant affecting technical (software) characteristics.
For those who will calculate the course itself, it demands diligence and care.
I really like the race with the weather high resolution.
But so far I have not fully adapted to this (need to plot routes more effectively).

RC: *Did you pay any attention to local weather conditions? Did you consult any websites for information about Long Island Sound?*

Kenza: Yes. To add a mood (atmosphere), I use data from http://www.worldweatheronline.com/
Very nice sitting in Moscow, to see in real time the real data on the temperature of the air/water, the wave height, clouds, etc.
For a virtual tour of the route I am using Google Earth

RC: *The Sailonline weather grid is always quite small for each race – do you ever look for information on wider weather influences?*

Kenza: Sometimes it's really useful to see the weather around (or a little further in time).
The last time I take the data from http://www.squid-sailing.com/
They have a very convenient client program with a variety of options for Wx.
To view, usually using QtVlm or zyGrib

RC: *How did you sail this race? Describe what you were doing for each leg and how you managed to take the lead overall.*

Kenza: In this race I sail not very good. Can be better.
At the beginning I lost out to kroppyer and rafa. Zigzagging not my strongest trait in Sailonline.
I tried at least to refrain from errors. HIRES weather - it's great.
Once thought that went ahead, I saw aner59. He brilliantly conducted the first phase of the leg and he went on to win on tacking along the northern coast.
When we came out on the direct road to the first mark, several rivals started multiple BBQs.
Then I took care of Dingo and bonknhoot.
Weather forecasts have been successful for me and there were no surprises.

What more i can say? My ambitions in SailOnLine is satisfied. :)

Now can concentrate on solving the quests of the long ocean races.
And is very interesting to understand how to win in the sprint races. :)

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Thank you to the staff at Sail0nline !

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