

BA-Rio is one of my favorite races in SOL; the three times I've raced this almost the whole race has been beating. Lots of tacking, timing the tacks to take advantage of wind shifts is the key.

For myself there were three key moments in this race:

1. Start of first tacking bonanza along the coastline: This year the coastal tacking was bound to take place in the middle of the night (Mrs. karriv was not particularly happy about this, she called me a lunatic, to which I have to agree). I had an alarm set for 03:30, with a calculated margin of ten minutes. When I woke and powered my laptop, still rubbing the sleep out of my eyes, I saw my boat hitting the shoreline at position 1. Talk about timing! I did some emergency steering and in the end I think the BBQ cost me just one minute!

2. Rest of the first coastal tacking stretch: I short tacked along the shoreline and as my closest competition went more off-shore, I managed to overtake the few boats who had passed me during my BBQ. As the performance loss for tacking was quite low (about 0,01 nm per tack), keeping the tacks short paid off. When heading off-shore, I was leading the race.

3. One of the tacks off-shore on Thu morning: I had somehow miscalculated the tack time by one hour and was an hour early to tack. To make things worse, I was in a meeting away from my laptop, so I got to correct the situation too late. I was into 22 kn winds and in poor TWD too. I lost almost a mile and outlaw overtook me. It is worthwhile to notice, that VMG of Class40 polar starts to decrease at winds above 20 kn.

All in all, another exciting race, thanks for everyone.

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