

Some Questions.... Answered by DIKKEHENK

Pre-race:

What preparations did you make?

Simple, i routed the track a few days & times before the race started. See what the different programs come up with...

Have you ever been to the Pacific coast of N America at all?

Oh yes, mostly for work purposes. Mostly Lalaland, North of Mexico and n the Mojave area.

Did you spend any time looking at maps or charts of the race course? At background information?

Nope, i sailed from mark to mark.

During the race:

How frequently were you revising your course?

Way to many in the first parts, but that had to do with going mostly upwind. Half way was more easy, running on most Max TWA

What did you enjoy most about the race?

Racing against those in front & behind of me !

Do you use a second boat list? What benefits do you see of doing this?

Not really..Sometimes i look who's doing what course after a mark but in general i'm more interested & looking at different gribbs and what's happening in 12 to 24 hours.

Did you take time out to find out about gray whales at all?

I had my share of Whale watching in Island, and i definitely know that Whales don't sail. If they would, they would take another route!

Did you make sure to be awake for each weather update?

I missed a few in the beginning, but after getting a better #, the disadvantage is that you try not to miss any wx. Bad for health, and this race should not take 1 day longer. And another big advantage was that i was chasing rafa, instead of being chased.

At what point did you know you had the win?

5 gybes before dingo wrote that he had lost a mile on me..that was the gybe after Sedros. There i got Java, Franci decided to go west of the isle, and dingo was my main 3# fear.

Afterwards:

How do you celebrate a victory/podium place?

I went to bed at midday and slept for 4 hours. i was knackered !
This track is very hard & The end was a chess game :)

And it is StIngF1's very well deserved first #1 !!!

Thxs SOLteam for this fab sailsim!