

Inhaca Sprint Race 2015

I set my start DC for this sprint race just before I bunked down for the night about 8 hours before the gun, the forecast was for a TWA of about 50 degrees straight down the rhumb line.

I awoke at around 08.05 to see Sadler just to tight to the wind, I thought I had blown my chance so I adjusted the course and set about making a cup of tea.

Back at the nav station a short while later I was in fairly good shape #17 and just 0.05nm behind the leader.

The next few turns were straight forward, point towards the tips of land around the island. I was lucky with my boat jumps landing right on the marks allowing me to reach inside the top 10 by 60% of the race.

The final turn was also a good one putting me in #2 just 0.02 behind Lou the winner. My choice of run to the finish was maybe not the ideal choice as Rumskib just passed me at the finish but with the same elapsed time.

This was quite a straight forward race with very little in the way of wind shifts, but small adjustments here and there do make the difference in such close races. #2 to #10 split by just 7 seconds.

#2 and #3 same elapsed time, #6 and #7 same elapsed time, #8 #9 and #10 also same elapsed time. WOW.

Well done to Lou who had a huge lead of 13 seconds and everyone who raced.

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