

## Aleutian cruse TIMED RACE 2015

This TIMED RACE was largely a matter of choosing the right day and time. After having sailed the trip a few times during the week, the weather began to show that it was Sunday morning, the wind strength and direction was perfect. This was approximately the race 30 nm, my routing system said I could make the trip at 1:41. It was about 20 min. faster than my last attempt. I turned off the router and decided to sail south of the islands.

We had a wind speed and direction in which the boat reached its max. speed 24 knots. The thing was to draw the most out of the polar all the time. On the long strip along the islands to the north point, I lay and shifted between TWA and COG to keep pace at max speed (24.09 kn).

The last stretch up to the northernmost point, I sailed so deep max TWA, but still with good speed. In this short piece wind turned, so I had to constantly adjust the boat's course to keep the best speed for the direction. It did that I did not manage to get prepared my jibe. So I gybed in a hurry and got a HUGE performance loss out of it. (A lot of ugly words tumbled out of my mouth) I made a few adjustments to the course and headed for the finish line

On the trip to the finish line, I could rejoice that speed would be rising all the way, but I was annoyed also my emergency gybe, and thought that the chance of a good result, was gone. To my great surprise, I got a super good time. So now there were only waiting for the boats that had started after Wolff came in goal, so we could see the end result.

Was it time to try one more time? no ... wind was no longer favorable to it.

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