

Race Report from Pacific NW Inshore 2016

At first sight the race looked like it was going to be a long one, and that was spot on.. After the start I realized that it was a tacking game up to the first waypoint at Port Townsend. Just got a bit of rest at the middle of this leg. Luckily the Young 88 is a good boat upwind in strong winds.

At the next leg it was just two tacks, then I was at optimal TWA – 35 – up to Whale Watch Park. After that waypoint my eyelids were too heavy, I did not see the shortcut between the islands to Roche Harbor and lost a few places..

Next leg to Blakely Island you had two choices of ways to go, the top group including me took the North way that had a little stronger winds but a few more tacks, although the South was shorter and better wind angle, but in weaker winds.

After rounding Blakely Island the longest leg were ahead. Me and Trampantojo were neck to neck, chasing the top group of sailors Lou, rumskib and bonknhoot. At this leg I got some hours of needful sleep. In the end of this leg my eyelids started to be heavy again and I missed a turn and lost some distance..

Rounding Foreshore Park I realized the last leg were the Real Challenge... Steering towards the finish line and just having 4 NMs left, winds were decreasing down to 1 kt. and shifting a few times.

All in all this was a great race where persistence and patience paid off!

Fair winds

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