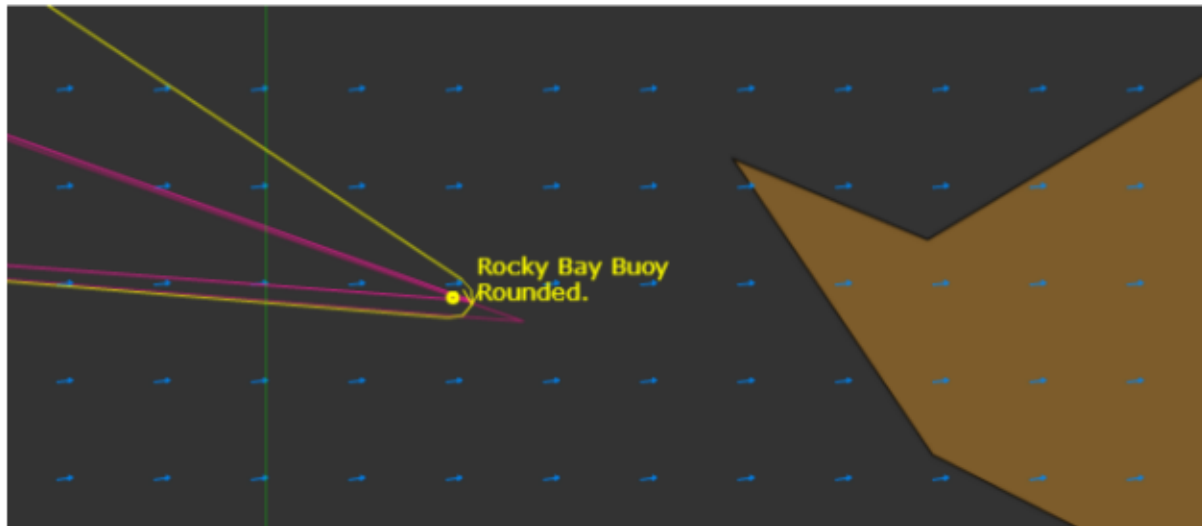


Log Hauraki Gulf – 2016

“It’s all about getting around the Rocky Bay Buoy efficiently :-)” said Longreacher, as he came away from the mark on an excellent run, some six minutes ahead of me on the course. Those self-same six minutes later I had to agree with him when bonk overshot it badly. Below please find the evidence (fainter pink track), and how it should have been done (brighter pink track; also by bonk, but when it didn’t matter).



Fortunately, as always it was also about picking your slot. There had been excellent TWD as soon as the race opened, and quite a gaggle of kahunas, big and small, were out on the course straightaway. It was worrying, but having put some study in, I felt that, barring a WX surprise, the conditions would improve further after 17:30z that evening. Starting later than 18:00z though, the best would be gone again. With a bit of luck, the early birds would rest on their laurels as well. The former proved to be the case, but, unsurprisingly I suppose, the early birds had spotted it too. And indeed, when I went to start, I was more than a little dismayed to see Longreacher, rumskib, kenza et al were already out again. Was I too late?

Well, turned out I wasn't and there was enough advantage in starting 10 minutes later to make up for that poor rounding. “wowers!”, I shouted on the chat “quick to bed, sprint tomorrow!!!”, but that turned out to be a bit of a disaster. You can't win'm all!

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