

On Saturday April 30th 2016 the Head Barman of Sailonline prepared a new version of the well-known cocktail called "The masochist SOLer ". By offering a stronger taste than the usual one the Barman made sure that it could not be refused.

INGREDIENTS:

- 23 miles in 7 hours
- ALL Upwind
- Start time for the most masochists = 0100 AM
- Slow boat in absolute terms
- Light winds and shifting
- No naps allowed due to rocks everywhere

How one can refuse such an intriguing cocktail? ;)

The technical report for this race is not going to be long:

Leg 1 : tacking and tacking, staying on pressure and shift side.

Leg 2 : an almost direct upwind leg, allowing some footing in the beginning for speed (well ...sort of speed)

Leg 3 : The race result turning point : whilst my main series ranking competition opted for the standard balance between pressure and angle , I noticed that a pocket of 6+ Knots of TWS was building in the west part of the course. Quite courageously I footed to pass south of the island in the west , losing an amount of height , but speeding , and , what was more important, entering soon the better pressure , that was also offering much better upwind VMG.....When WIN and the rest of the fleet met again later on, my move had paid its dividends.

Leg 4 : only matter of resisting to rumskib, Sprint Legend Lou andfatigue

Leg 5 : matter closed

Finish line = VICTORY ;))

I mentioned rumskib and Sprint Legend Lou because they were my immediate opponents, but needless to say that within the usual few cents of a mile there was an entire pack of brave SOLers. I think that this time the entire fleet has to be congratulated for the attention and endurance that was required.....not only the TOP TEN !!

There will be other Sprints in 2016 starting at 0100 in the morningI can only hope for faster boat....better winds....lesser rocks...and ...some annual leave for the Barman. ;))

Ciao ALL !!WIN