

Think is 'cause, more than for other races, I'd love to be sailing this in real life...I really like this race.

Routing few wxs before the start date a possible best course east of Great Barrier Island showed: and immediately after the start the fleet split from west of the rhumb line to east of Great Barrier Island. I chose to stay just west of the Island and, as I found myself together with outlaw and nacrr I started to feel my choice was a good one, also because pretty soon was clear that those gone east of the Island would not have been rewarded. and those leeward even if gaining initially an advantage they had to hope in a change of the weather pattern... which luckily didn't come. From then on: outlaw, as has already happened to me, pretty soon during the long, pretty straight, run to Fiji, took a little advantage that, even if being upwind I hoped to be able to recover, turned out to be decisive on the finish line (showing me where I have to improve...); more or less what happened, the other way round for my pleasure ;-), with nacrr tirelessy trying till the line.

Second time I run this race, second time I'm ...second after outlaw, but the distance on the finish line this time was shorter :-))

Thank You all, and especially to SOL team.

Ciao

Andrea :-)