

Valletta Sprint

Races in the Mediterranean tend to have winds variable in strength and direction and wind holes appearing now and then. This race was a clear example of that pattern.

When we arrived to Punta Faro in a middle of a wind hole I was in podium position with rumskib and Alexandria, but nothing to be said as the fleet was not widespread, and in these light conditions many things can happen.

The leg between Stromboli and Favignana was difficult to sail due to the changing weather conditions, and the outcome was that the three boats in the lead even sailing different routes, arrived very close together, and with a significant distance with their followers. Great chances for these 3 to be in the podium at the end, but nothing to be said in which order.

The next leg to Pantelleria didn't give many options so the tight fight among us three continued. After rounding this island Alexandria had a small lead and started sailing directly SE to Lampedusa, while rumskib and myself aimed more to the south towards the windshift coming from that direction. Our course proved better and Alexandria went to third, but still close.

Turning Lampedusa rumskib was in the lead by a small fraction of a mile. It is very hard to beat rumskib in a boat to boat situation, it is not by chance that he is the top sailor in the ranking, but this time I had an advantage over him as the last part of the race happened in the middle of the night for him but 7 hours earlier for me, and I believe for this reason I could overtake him and cross the finish in first.

Congrats and thanks to rumskib and Alexandria for the tight competition and thanks to all who participated and were not as lucky with the changing weather conditions.

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