

Round White Island 2016

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The key part of this race was precisely to round White Island.

The route towards White Island was quite obvious, but approaching the island sailing downwind was a first challenge as choosing the right time to gybe was a critical decision.

Then rounding the island had to be done precisely to avoid grounding or sailing extra distance. So being able to stay on the screen during the whole rounding was very important; fortunately timing was good for me.

After rounding the island I was in the lead, and it was very tempting to sail directly towards Channel Island. But a windshift was coming from the west so I decided to tack to the west and then tack back in the windshift. I lost some positions in the process but it paid well and after a few hours I was again in P1 and in good position to cover the fleet until the finish.

I appreciated very much the competition from Alexandria, Ricotina, Kipper, Rumskib and many others. It was a nice race; thanks to the good competition and to the fine work of the SOL team.

See you next time

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