

Cape Town to Rio 2017

Before the start I hesitated to participate in this race, Ocean races can be a little bit tedious for me. Anyhow, I started and let the qtVlm show a proposal for the course. Didn't follow qtVlm to the number, I just have it back in my mind and compared it to my own idea where to steer. After three days at the ocean I had a good position and kind of begun to enjoy ocean racing. Checking qtVlm twice a day went well, but unfortunately I chose the wrong polar after a couple of days. In the evening I found sassy63 in the lead, and I thanked my lucky star for the mistake! In the middle of the race I had to choose whether I should go North for a more safe course which most SOLers took, or gamble a bit to South. Of course I went for South.

In the middle of the race Jaws chased me, we were leading the South group. Had a bit of bad luck with few WXs but still thought I had a good chance to be top 10. When approaching Rio and the finish I saw Lou and RICOTTINA diving down towards Jaws and me. Steering the last bit from work using the mobile client I managed to hold on to a podium place.

Thanks SOL team for providing all us SOLers with great races!

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