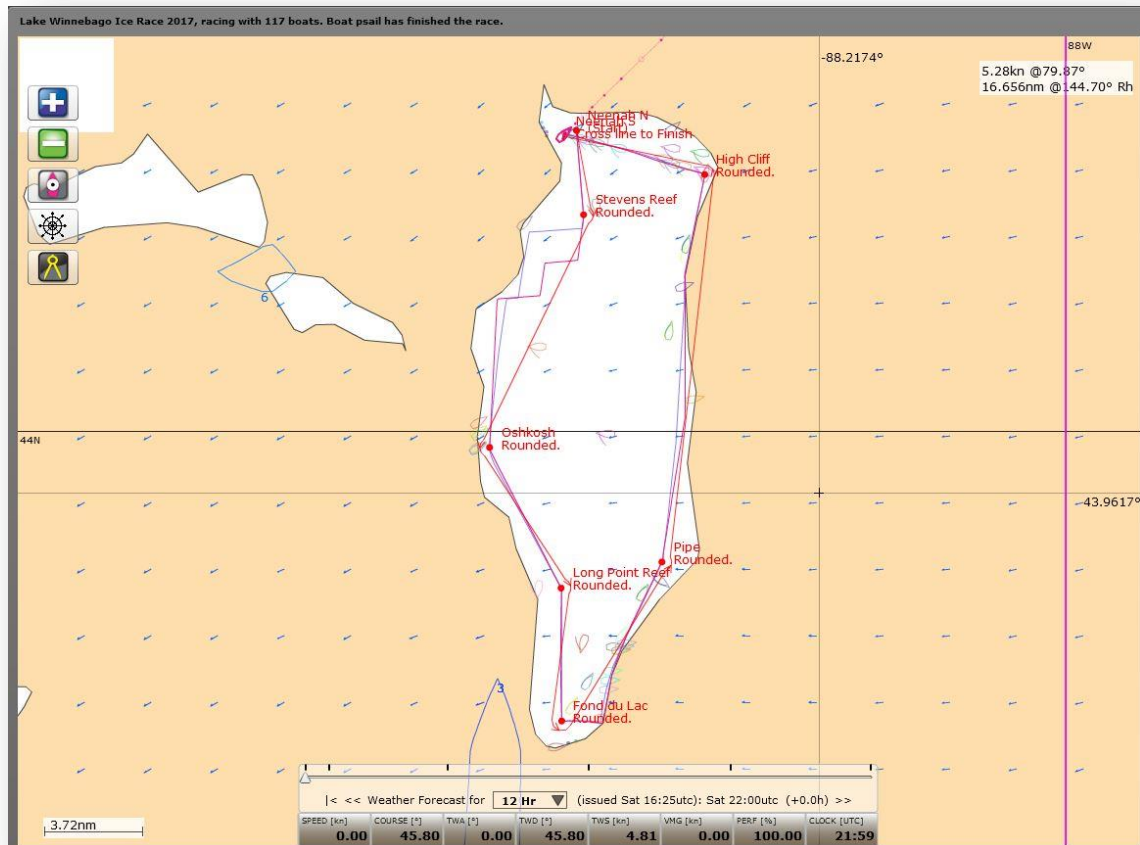


The 2017 Lake Winnebago Ice Race was the first time I sat on the DN “ice rocket” or something similar.

So, my curiosity was a lot higher than my expectations.

The Race.



It is brilliant, the same for the Polar - one more from Jan's “shipyard” - and the WRF Grib use. I can only recommend all SOLers to do it.

In the last hour SRC made a justifiable shortening to the overall course cutting the programmed second round. The reason: lack of wind.

I imagine with a little more blowing.

The course layout is a typical N-S-N path with 5 middle rounding marks.

Downwind in the first half, till le Fond du Lac (very informative this French name) followed by an upwind leg to the High Cliff mark (NE). Even the clockwise wind rotation made this race the perfect sailing dream, leaving room to finish it, again, in downwind mode and a little above the VMG, Down. Couldn't get any better.

Fasten seat bells and... we are fired to the white funnel closing in front of us.

At some point during the race I recall looking the dials: BS around 21 Kts coming from a TWS aprox. 5 Kts.

Absolutely bonkers, *bonknhoot* Jan!

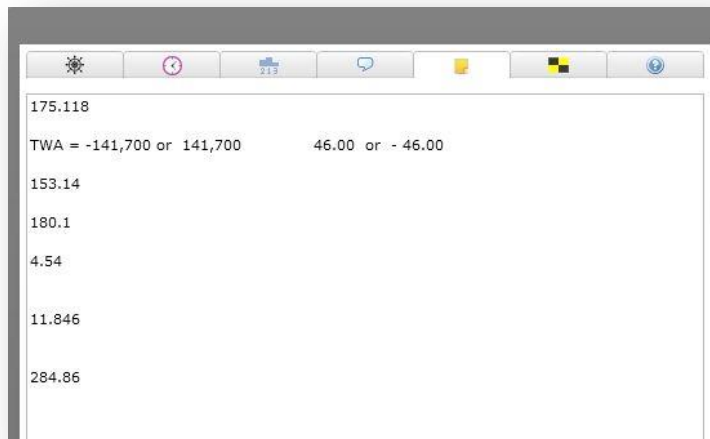
Four aspects.

No routing on this one. Only the quick SOL notepad.

With WRF Grib's, fine sail trim always pays.

Every turn timing is crucial when you are seated in a "rocket".

The binomial Speed/Angle is above critical, some extra distance looking for angle is quick recovered by latter pure brute force speed- example on the next paragraph.



Last miles and the "slingshot" lesson.

As mentioned, a good turning is extremely important, here more than with other sailing device you might know but, it isn't enough.

*Psail* went for the last corner in the top 5 with *rafa* close or, even in front of her.

The turn made in High Cliff, without being perfect, allowed *psail* to gain better position for touching the FL.

*Rafa* then responded very well but, on the windward side, in theory I had control.

Well, I thought I had.

Wrong.

In the last 0,5 nm or so, *rafa* made the perfect "slingshot" maneuver leaving for *psail* the last podium position.

Again, congratulations *rumskib* and *rafa*, you earn it very well.

Thank you SRC and Jan for this race and "solid boat".

For all SOLers applies the slogan:

"Come fly with us".

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João/*psail*

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