

## San Fernando Race 2017

I'm almost embarrassed to be writing this report, given the comedy of errors that somehow got me to the finish line. Even before the start, I had pretty much written off my chances, as I was going to sleep through the 0430 weather report, and count on a very conservative dc to take me around the TCS3 mark. When I woke up, I was a bit to port of the rest of the fleet, but not in a terrible position. From there, it would be a relatively straight shot to just before the finish.



Day 2 was when any planning went totally out the window. I again slept through the 0430wx, and had to be on the road when the 1030 one came out. No problem, I can pull off somewhere and check it. Nope, dead battery, so I missed that one as well. From there it was straight into a meeting which caused me to miss the 1630 update.

When I finally got back to check, I was in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>, but with a better angle than the rest of the leaders. From there, it was a matter of making the gybe at the right time, and hitting the preferred end of the line.

When I was a kid trying to fix stuff, my dad would offer helpful advice like, "Stop fiddling with that, you're going to break it." I think this might have been one of those situations. In any case, I'm not going to be so worried now about missing a weather update.

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