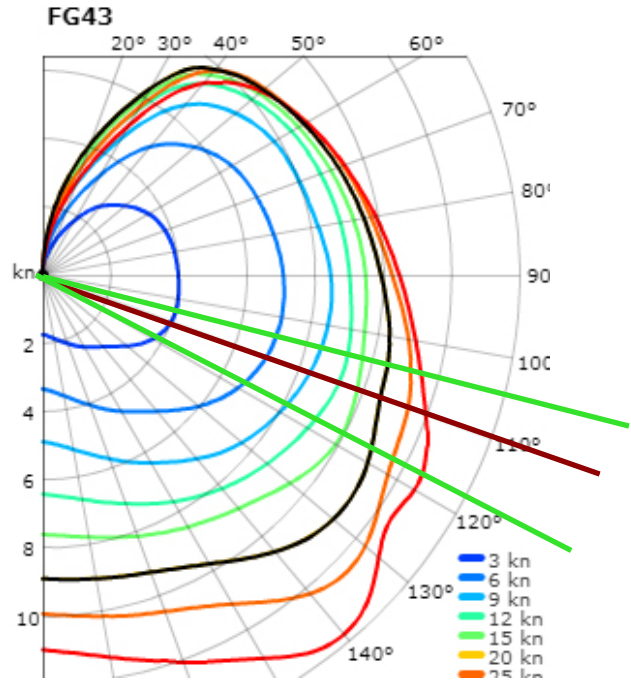


PEP Sprint Smo

Smo decided to sprint. Noticed small gap in polar so thought polar hopping would be good idea, avoiding slower speed and sailing wind angles between hole as in picture, gap was maybe even deeper at race. Made first more downwind then up as that way got more wind, some boats went other way, less wind but little better windshift.

Boat had DC for rounding, boat movement update interval in screen seemed slow, maybe 30s so decided let DC do rounding. might have done that sharper by hand though. Some people reported connection problems, but at least Frangipani who rounded by manually steering was #1 after waypoint. He went lower after mark trying to optimize performance and managed in that. I turned straight to finish line trusting waypoint being only one pixel wide and being higher in wind overtook Frangi just before line finishing same second and beating Bonkhoot by just two seconds.



Being very nice boat FinnGulf 43 was supposed to be flagships of FinnGulf but ended as flop and at those times boatyard went bankrupt. Boat was too expensive and did not sail into the performance ratings making it little unattractive for handicapp racers in ORCi and IRC classes. Combined that to general economical depression did not end well.

But company is now registered again, hope to see some new production.

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