

Race report Brisbane to Gladstone.

As always, when I start a race, I only have one ambition; to do the best of my ability.

Brisbane to Gladstone was no different in that way.

So, all I wanted was to concentrate at the start of the race and to round the three first waypoints, Redcliff, Tangalooma and NW 4 Red Beacon in a proper way. Thanks to the skills I learned by participating in the Practice Races, it was beyond expectations. Sharp and accurate.

Halfway to Indian Head, I suddenly discovered that I was leading the race, and immediately the two Australians, Dingo and Tyger were there to bully me (of course in a humorous manner): "Do not worry, you'll probably be picked up before Indian Head".

Lying in the first place gave this uneasy feeling in my stomach, but to also get this "threat" from the two aussies, made me even more keen to be sharp, but somehow convinced that they would probably have succeeded line.

I managed to keep them behind me, so I rounded Indian Head, still number one.

Then they said they would pick me up before Breaksea Light, but they did not manage that either. Between Breaksea Light and Lady Elliot Island, I had to sail on DC's to get some sleep and I did a bad job setting them.

I had never considered Sadler's sailing as a threat, but my DC's opened a small window for him and he managed to master (with his amazing SOTP capabilities) to get in front of me before Lady Elliot Island and then there was nothing I could do about it.

Sadlersailing kept his leading position all the way to the finish line, but my primary goal, to keep Tyger and Dingo behind me succeeded.

I embrace Sadler's fantastic SOTP performance, and I am overjoyed with my second place.