

## 2018 40' Series Championship Race 6 – Naples Triangle

I've been away from SOL for a bit lately. Work seems to be interfering with the important stuff. So, when I saw this race appear in the itinerary, I was pleased to see that I'd have a bit of time to dedicate to it. The forecast and the course indicated that once again the *Farrs* would have a significant advantage. I only had one left in my fleet, but who knows what the future will bring, so the choice was made.

I love this type of course, the legs are long enough to put a bit of strategy together, but short enough to hold my (very brief) attention span. The only spot of bad news was that the first rounding would take place in the middle of the night here, after the 0430 weather update. I gave myself a wide berth of Ustica, and aimed to thread the needle of Scoglio del Medico. I was pleased the next morning to wake up still sailing, and even more surprisingly, in the lead.

The next rounding at Stromboli would be at a more reasonable time, and then I'd just have to sprint for home. The wind gods had other plans however, and we made a bit of a detour to avoid some blue goo that was forming just West of Italy. We made our way west, and away from the finish for a couple of hours, and then turned north, chasing the boats that took the more direct route. In the end, we were able to catch them, but not early enough to allow me to sleep through a second night. With the finish this close at hand, I had to stay up to catch the 0430 at 1:30 AM, and set some DCs to take me to the line.

Thanks to the SOL team for putting together this series. As I say, that was the last *Farr* in my quiver, so we'll have to see what future races have in store.

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