

Total noob. First real SOL experience.

Totally misjudged best sailing angles for a Riptide 50 after the start.

Also, didn't notice the high-pressure favouring courses to the South. I eventually got my game together and felt a bit better when I passed Bimmer after he missed the mark at Bishop Rock, but the joy was short lived after I messed up all my overnight DC course changes and he ate my lunch, passing me back in short order.

Once again, took some small pleasure when I passed WRmirekd after he blew the mark rounding at Flannan Isles but admit that I was a bit flummoxed when he chose to auger into the shore rather than re-round and continue. I suppose that it's an "all or nothing game when you are at the top of the rankings.

Gained ground during daylight hours but then once again gave up a ton of ground and places with poorly thought, late night DC choices around Copinsay.

After that, there was very little to be done other than follow the fleet. Though I did feel sorry for CollegeFund, who might have finished 40 or better but instead sailed around the end of the finish line and grounded himself for 60+ places.

In any case, satisfied with 45 out of 224 for a first-timer.

Never missed a mark, never ran aground. Lived to sail that Riptide 50 another day!

Fair winds!

Lawless.