

BA to Rio is always a headwind struggle, and the best general route is therefore not a standard one in my humble landlubber opinion. In the past we had zig zag tack tack along the coast after the first mark, and then smooth up to Rio.

This time the choice to go south east> east north was quickly made due to the low & unstable ws near the first mark.

So there the 'south' group basically left the north group in the back mirror.

The less optimal factor for an outstanding victory was the fact that Dikke was not the only one, with dingo, rafa, beli, happy, kippie, bimmer and the rest of the usual suspects.

And then it was the same old story. Dingo went unexpected rather high at the first mark so that gave dikke a 5 to 10 min advantage...But rafa kept in the middle, and that was the move i was hoping he did not make. But silly me, rafa ofcourse did it, so from the last tack north, it was side by side.

From there on it was rather simple..do i cover rafa, or do i go my own way.. Since one can better have rafa in front of you then behind you (my golden SOL rule) , well, rafa did cover me in the end with a very fine & typical move going a bit more east, and then west, while dikke thought keep it as it is..stay on the minimal twa (38.30) and go for max VMC.
the result came later :)

So, being second after rafa and having Dingo right behind me i consider a very very very fine and good Podium place! :)

Now, also i like to mention a even far more relevant part in this race...the new HTML5 client. This is by far the best thing that could happen to SOL and the online SOL community. It is truely amazing to see what IJ (and Kroppy) did for us all.The graphics are better, we have more options, we can use the ipad, wx loads faster (txs Seb!) and we can sail on for many years to come!

Thxs IJ, Winston, IJ, Bonk, IJ, bimmer,IJ, RC, IJ, GO4, IJ , Renegade, IJ, Kroppie , IJ, and those i forgot (IJ) for making all this happen every time! A big applaus to all of you, and therefore i give my #2 to the SOL committee!

And since DIKKE is a official (non profit) shareholder of this addictive game, if you want to support all this , for 2 crates of beer a year you, me and we keep this alive!

Happy solling!

Best, DIKKE