

The Inaugural Quahog Cup 2020

I am a skipper from Long Island, NY and this was my first virtual race. Like a proper one-design race, mistakes are punished and punished hard. But sometimes those mistakes are unavoidable. At the Rumstick rock rounding I was waiting eagerly for the "Rounded." to show up and suddenly I was 15 spots back. It was all in good fun, though, and I guess anticipating those leaps comes with experience. My dad, Twist Again, had it much worse and jumped the gun (missed the mark) at Hog Island and dropped ~40 spots. It was great fun comparing our screens and progress throughout the race

There's definitely an art in balancing the pursuit of more pressure and conserving speed by limiting tacks, and I applaud the leaders for seeing these patterns in advance. I figured this out for that final beat and my 4-tack leg gained me a few well-earned spots. I loved the course we sailed both IRL and online. I think it gave everyone several chances to improve their position and allowed for a variety of strategies.

Overall, it was a good experience. I think I will be competing in more races in the future. Good job to everyone who competed!

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