

Sailonline's Tall Ships Asia 2020 – Series Report

The Tall Ship Class B has been a kind boat to me. First time used it, some 8 years ago from Cadiz to La Coruña (where I had the opportunity to sail offshore from my hometown Oporto), I got a podium finish - 2nd place behind PetrM. The thing I remember from that race was that very long and very slow - over 7 days on the sea for 500nm and an average speed of 2.76kn(!). Patience was required.

Therefore, the outlook for these series couldn't be very different taking into account the difficult and slow polar of this ship.

On the first race, I managed to get a fourth place behind Kipper1258, Cippalippa and knockando60. This set the goals for the second race and the boats to watch.

As always, I was unlucky enough with the wx (I like to think that the wx is always responsible for my mistakes...) and the Pulau Mida island got in my way making me sail far from VMG and loose a lot of time. Fortunately, I made the decision to tack early to the finish and follow Ricotina, the winner of the race.

This was key to keep ahead of knockando60 and leave Dingo and Sax747 between us securing the series victory by 2 points! It was nice follow up on the European Tall Ship series where I was beaten by 2 points by him. So the challenge is set for the next Tall Ship race - I hope knockando60 doesn't chicken and show up!

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