

ASTO SSR1 2020 – Race Report

It was truly an intense and amazing race, with many boats very close most of the race. For me there were two key moments, the first one rounding NE Ryde Middle, where a very good rounding took me to the first place of the race. I have been using the shift a bit before that, to go faster, but it seemed that boats following the race line were doing better, so I set a direct line to the next tip just before East Lepe.

After this rounding arrived the crucial moment for me, we were sailing the shift doing NW, but in the SE side there were more pressure. My first thought was to sail the shift till the end, as nacrr and others did, but atm my main rival was rafa, and he tacked towards SE well before I had planned to do it. I had some moments of doubt, but finally tacked to protect my position from him, allowing nacrr, ChallengeWales and others to get advantage of the better angle going southeast getting full profit from the shift.

Next rounding was Salt Mead and there nacrr did a superb one, getting even more advantage to add to that he got with the shift, I was 5th by then, but hopefully could retake two places in the last two roundings and fight with ChallengeWales for the second place till the end, nacrr was strongly positioned ahead, and as a SuperSoler, very confident of his win. We couldn't do anything to get back that disadvantage and he won, and ChallengeWales won in our particular final round, which deserve a special remark cos this was the first race with SOL for him.

Very happy with the final podium place indeed

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