

The Lake Winnebago race, is an extreme race, like a 40m sprint field event. First you consider the weather to decide the paths to take beforehand and work out the angles to set at each change. Find the turns which will not impact you if you overshoot. Sometimes it is preferable to overshoot. Work out the turns which will be advantageous to hit the sweet spot. Then isolate yourself from everything, No cell phones, No family, No power outs, No interruptions. No toileting. This is a 3 - 4 hour race. You will be glued to your seat, if you blink you are out. No errors. The turns are important. Once you set the angle, zoom in to the next turn and set it so that you touch the mark with your predictor. Then set the next angle ("ctrl C") it into memory. In case you need to correct your angle as you get closer to your turn, set your predictor to just touch the mark again. Don't forget to "ctrl V" your turn angle again for your next turn. As you get closer to the turn zoom in all the way until you are fully zoomed in and concentrate. When your boat moves at the last hop, Make sure you have passed the mark and hit the "Send Command" button (within milli seconds). Wait for the reaction and repeat the process till the end.

Don't get excited about not getting a good turn, you don't have time for that. All of us are under the same software parameters. Don't try to pre-empt the jump there is NO time for mistakes. You can play later but not in any Sprint or Timed races. That's how I do it. If I get a couple of good turns that's it, if not that's also it.

When it is over enjoy the adrenalin rush.

Ok, MY race:-

Three factors played important roles. The first is that I set my start and did not take into account the effect the wind had on my plan. As the race started I went east and used the predictor to turn to the next mark, but the wind cut the angle short and I overshoot about one hop. Normally that's ok but when you sail against WRmirekd, you immediately recognize a mistake. My angle was better but the distance I travelled was too far. At the next turn I was still in the pack. (remember NO mistakes). The next was the turn around "Neenah N". I turned west at "High Cliff" to use the little wind advantage. When I turned North to "Neenah" I set the predictor on the mark and did my jump turn to 190deg immediately and it was a sweet spot turn. This turn gained me ten positions. The last factor was on completing the last round I overshoot the turn and wasted distance and time. However I was far enough ahead of the next five boats so wasn't an issue.

It was a great race and I enjoyed the rush.

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