## New Hebrides Slalom 2021 – Report

Originally I was supposed to write completely differently, but there are so many races and so much going on that I have already forgotten what it was like.

The direction of the wind and the stability in the subsequent changes of the WX meant that once again the entire fleet sailed on almost the same trail.



In such a case, it is difficult to gain an advantage over your opponents.

Despite leading most of the route, I lost to the **nacrr** who sailed perfectly in this race. I was also afraid of **Rafa** and **Rumskib**.

In this theoretically simple race, many of us have made critical mistakes. In this report, I would like to focus on their presentation as a warning for the future.

## Rumskib



Obvious BBQ, too much confidence in pre-settings and no real-time control of the situation.

I don't judge, he probably had more important things on his mind at the moment. Usually he is a very difficult and precise opponent.



It is hard to interpret. It looks like a "**rumskib**" situation but the reaction was much faster. Last minute bend of the trail to the left looks like firing DC too early. Or was it supposed to be an SLI jump?

## Rafa

## WRmirekd

This is a hopeless case. The last loser.



It looks similar to the "rafa" situation.

It is difficult to say whether it was a deliberate action of "**nacrr**" or just a coincidence. I used such psychological tricks in my sports career.

Before this sharp cape "nacrr" he got me into a chat discussion. I lost my concentration and vigilance. That's how it works.

However, I allowed myself to check more carefully what happened? See the next diagram. I added extra lines to help explain the incident.



The course to cross headland 326.48 passed it safely. The green line. And then on course 307.96.

For many races, despite the previously entered DC, I control all such transitions manually. Busy talking to "**nacrr**" I forgot to delete the entry in the DC and it fired too early at point "A" packing me on the BBQ. So I lost the lead and the first place on the podium. Fortunately, the quick reaction was enough to be ahead of the third in "**bonknhoot**". It could be worse.

Greetings to all,

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