

Shetland 2020
there and back again

It has been for a while when Šime set sail in short race. While in Ocean Races set course 4 (even 3) times a day, after WX, can be enough to stay competitive, Short Races ask for more presence. And with so much such excellent competitors even more. As I had few days off, decide to give a try.

Furthermore, I had 2 of 2 consecutive gambling on East lost (Migaloo and Newport-Bermuda), so clear westbound course seemed suitable to stop that behavior before turns into problem...

On first leg of Shetland race it was all about going West. But I have followed router suggestion and did swerve South a bit. After next WX it showed up that those stayed on rhumb line were right. On finals, I have set up Šime's course and went to vet (not per se, with my dog :-), and wasn't near when race ended. Thus this way I'd like to congratulate Sax, seeULater and McFrenzie on the Podium and batatabh on great race.

On return to Korsfjorden there was no easy way East, and the question was how much close hauled to sail. Many skippers have followed the same path with little variations, and I have luck to find the fastest one. For a whole second in front of outlaw, and a few more on Dikke and nacrr. Congrats on fierce fight.

It's always tough to win any SOL series, while there are so many great skippers racing, and to achieve TOP10 rank in consecutive races is more question of luck than skill.

And it becomes even harder with many new names that from their first races sail like hard-boiled SOLers. Ladies and Gents, where did you hide till now? Welcome! Have many doubts on courses. Have many sleepless nights. But... have many new friends, and most of all – HAVE FUN!

Fair winds!

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