

Race Report

Dyer Dhow Derby 2022

By Vida_Maldita

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This was a short race in the waters of Long Island Sound in New York. The race was a tribute to the Mamaroneck Frostbite Association that sails during the winter months out of Mamaroneck, a city in New York State. We used the same Dyer Dhow 9' boat the association uses.

I was excited about this race since it was announced. For two reasons, although I've never sailed a Dyer, I have sailed extensively in Penguins when I was young. Second, I've sailed JY15's off Mamaroneck often, back in late 80's till mid 90's when I was regularly at Derektor Shipyard, located just inside the Mamaroneck harbor. So, this race brought me good memories.

I was always afraid to cross the sound due to the heavy traffic of large commercial vessels, so I sailed mostly along the shore in the Mamaroneck side away from the shipping lanes. Only once I ventured to cross the shipping lanes to see a friend in Oyster Bay. It was an adventure to do that in a 15-footer. So, you can imagine my excitement in doing the crossing on a small 9-footer, even it is online. Gotta love SailOnline.





Not a good sight if you are bobbling around on an open 9-foot dinghy doing 0.75 knots. These barges need 3 nm just to stop. And commercial vessels, by law, always have the right-of-way, no matter the size of your sailboat. (I had my share of close encounters, but that is another story.)

Ok, let's go to the race.

The race was all sailed in light winds, my average speed was 1.71 kts. There was a big wind shift an hour or so after the start but then the wind direction stayed pretty much constant with slight rotation west.

The key to the race was not to venture too far from the rhumb line but just enough to get a better angle on the approach to the next mark. And so, close to the end of the first leg I found myself in front of the fleet with "WRmirek" on my side slightly behind. Then disaster happened.

I went to the chat to tell Mirek to go to bed (it was a lame attempt to distract him). Karma came right back at me, and I missed the mark, I turned too early. Immediately I tacked back and rounded Execution Rocks properly, but by then I had fallen to 11th place. I recorded my pain in the chat and added a few DC's and went to watch TV disappointed with myself.

Vida_Maldita 🇧🇷 02/02 22:53:26
Mirek it was a good leg. Good fight.

Vida_Maldita 🇧🇷 02/02 22:52:17
No "Right-of-Way" rules here. Simple game, really difficult to win.

WRmirekd 🇷🇺 02/02 22:51:50
End of race Good night Vida

wsguerin 🇺🇸 02/02 22:51:29
Haha. A pixel at scale!

Vida_Maldita 🇧🇷 02/02 22:51:15
Was thinking about how fast Mirek is and jumped the gun :
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GerardSava 🇺🇸 02/02 22:50:22
do I have to leave room?

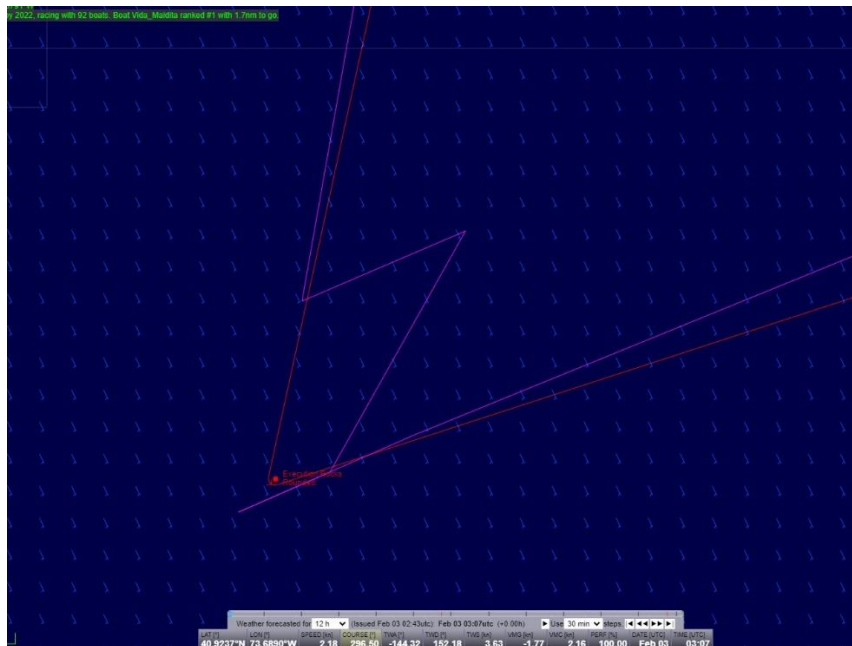
Vida_Maldita 🇧🇷 02/02 22:49:44
AAAARRRRRRRRRRGGGGHHHHHHHHHH

WRmirekd 🇷🇺 02/02 22:45:39
Yes Vida :-)

Vida_Maldita 🇧🇷 02/02 22:41:14
Mirek, don't you need to go to bed? :))

wsguerin 🇺🇸 02/02 22:29:29
then click save

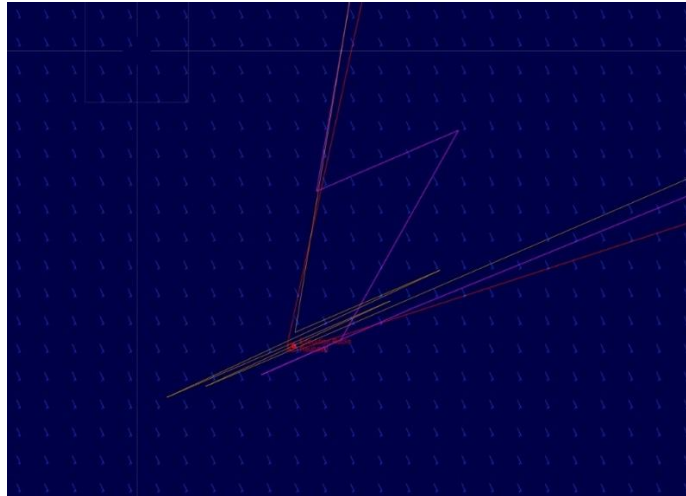
wsguerin 🇺🇸 02/02 22:29:17
All, to round a mark, I suggest using the extra zoom setting
under Misc/Settings/General



I tacked too soon and had to go back to properly round the mark. 😞

After I finished a show on Netflix, just before retiring to bed and forgetting about the race I decided to take a last look at the mess I did. To my surprise, Mirek had also missed the mark, even more so than me and was now deep down

on the leaderboard and also to my surprise I was 5th or 6th place but the boats ahead of me were clear on a bad angle to approach Gong Buoy. I had a good chance to be back at the top at the rounding. And so I forgot about bed and was full on concentrating on the race again.



“Vida_Maldita” and “WRmirek” (in yellow) missed the first mark. 😞

As predicted, I rounded the last mark back ahead. Now my competition was “Smo”, “AndyS172”, “Taffarazzi” and a bit back “rafa” and “sailj29”.

We all went south of the rhumbline with “Taffarazzi” most south and “Smo” less so. I was sailing in the middle watching both boats. There was a smidge more wind south but the wind angle at the end of the leg (finish line) would be less optimal. So, at the beginning of the leg “Taffarazzi” was given me heat but at the very end, close to the finish line it was “Smo” that started to close in fast. My heart was pumping.

At the end, “Vida_Maldita” crossed first, 7 seconds ahead of “Smo” in second, then “AndyS172” and “Taffarazzi”. One more gold for the history books.

Thanks for the behind-scenes work of the SailOnline administration, and Scott Guerin a.k.a. “wsguerin” for the race design. This race could be a permanent addition to the calendar.

Sincerely,

Antonio Ferrer (Vida_Maldita)