

## EASTER COASTAL 2022

After a very early Sunday morning start, I managed to stay in the front pack, while sleeping for the first 3 hours of the race. Roundings at the northern marks weren't good for me, and after arriving close to the podium places, I lost two or three positions before we were free to head south.

The way down was better, the routing software was very sharp and I jumped to 4th place again before the next mark. After that mark the fleet split, rafa and Sax, the leaders set a south-westerly course while the rest were pointing to the next tip, heading more westerly. I doubted them a lot and kept with the northern group for a while, but later decided to go more south-west to join the leaders.

That was the key to the race for me because the three of us in the south were clearly ahead of the rest after tacking north-west, arriving at the western mark with a decisive advantage.

Since then, while the wind was shifting, tacking north-east as much as possible seemed to be the best option because the shift when heading south-east was worse than the one on the other side, so that's what I did, and it paid off. I managed to get second and almost first, as rafa and especially Sax decided to do longer tacks to the south-east, which clearly harmed them, allowing me to finish second, very close to the winner rafa, who did, as usual, superb sailing, and ahead of Sax, with sassy and Tarass chasing us very close as well.

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