

## **NEWPORT BERMUDA RACE 2022 – DOUBLE-HANDED DIVISION**

Reports of the real life start strongly indicate the SOL sailors had an easy time of it, reclining in their gaming chairs. A route to the east of the rhumb line was suggested by routers and most followed that track. The fleet quickly divided into the four divisions, although the leading Sun Fast 3300 Double-Handers often traded places with the tail of the First 44.7A fleet in front. The R/P66 fleet streaked away.

Approaching Bermuda, some five Double-Handers were vying for the podium and as far as I can recall a north-western approach to the north end of the island was recommended ahead of skirting the outlying rounding marks. At that time Go4iT was lying 1st or 2nd with SailFast (USA), and I needed to time my gybe to clip the last mark (Mills Breaker buoy) to hit the favoured starboard end of the line. I played it too safe while I gained some bunk time and SailFast beat me by about 2 minutes.

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