

Race Report

The Vineyard Race 2022

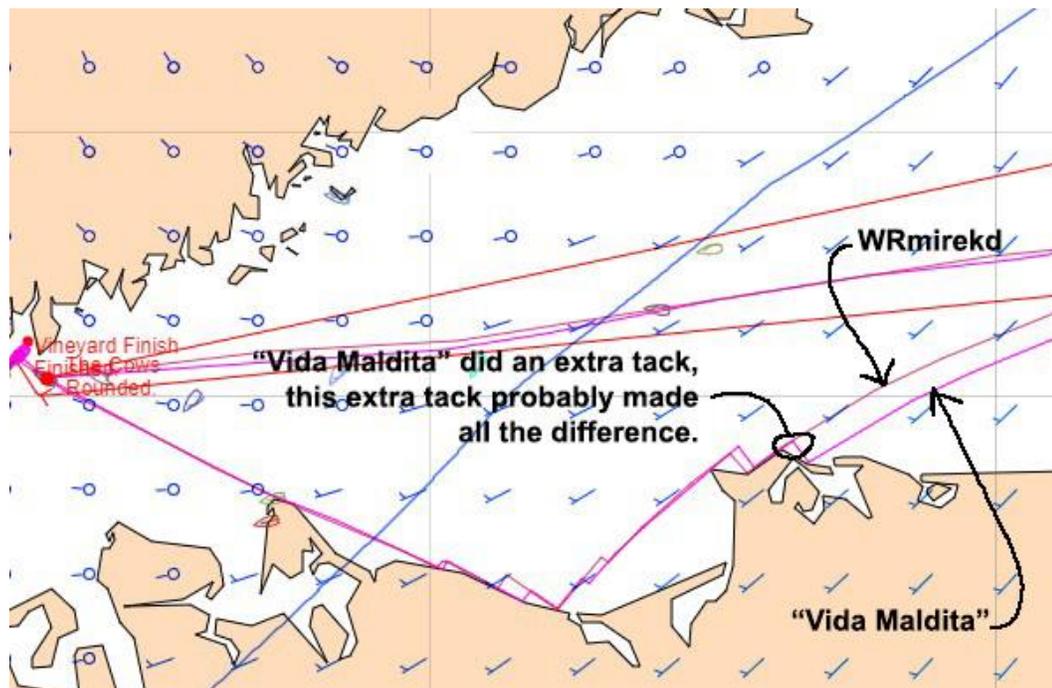
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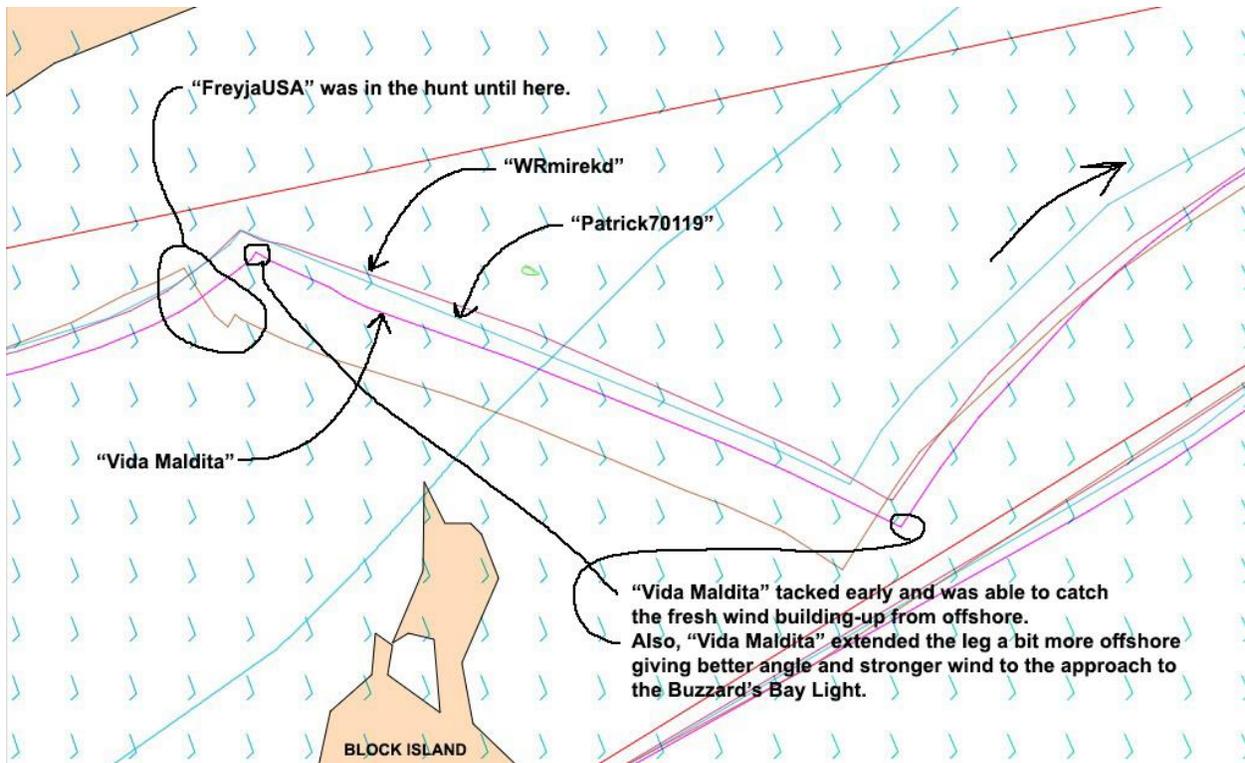
This is one of my favorite online races. One reason is because I know these waters well in real life. Another reason is because here on SailOnline the race is not too short and not too long. Also, due to the changing winds you need to be constantly on alert.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so here are a few pictures to illustrate the race report.

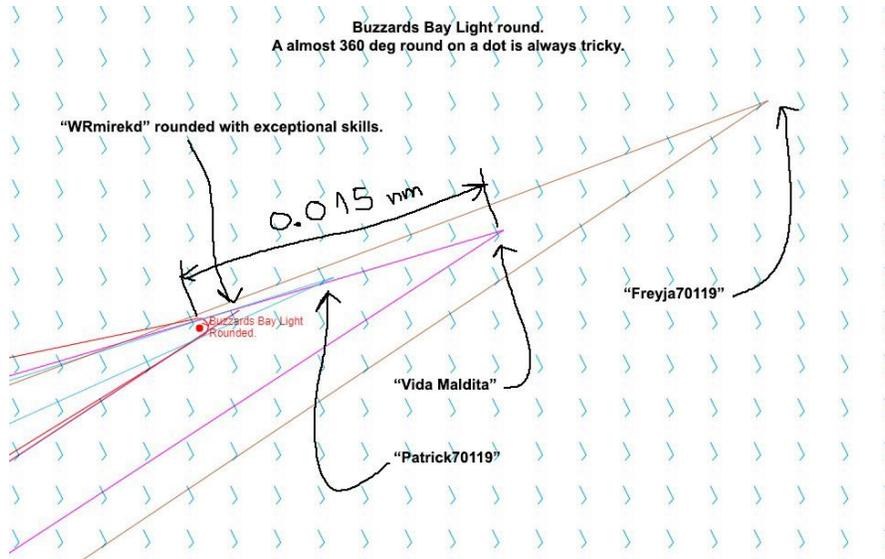
1. A few hours after the start, the leading group was hugging the north shore of Long Island when "Vida Maldita" did an extra tack which I think made all the difference in leaving the Long Island Sound with a better angle and more speed.



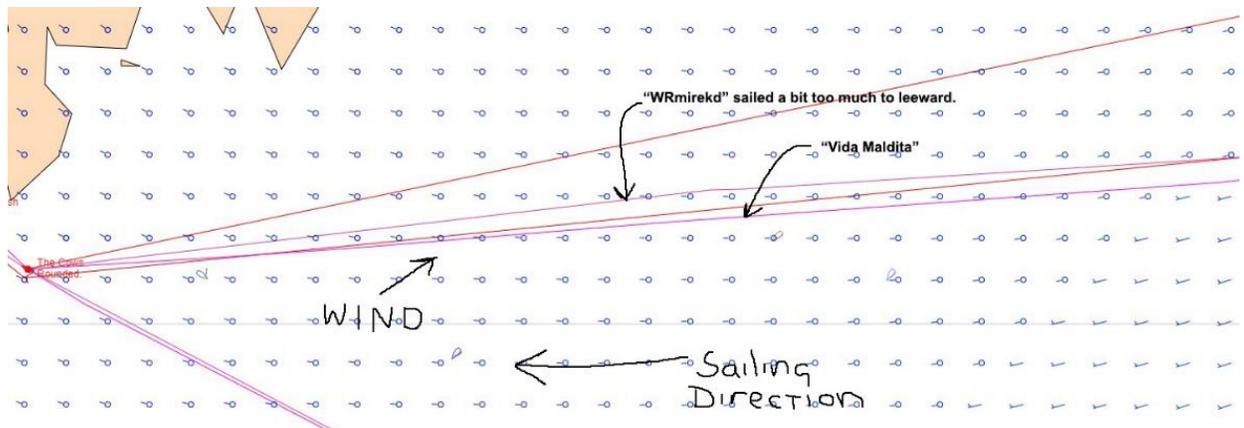
2. When we left the Sound, the wind was diminishing fast, and a fresh breeze was developing offshore. With the early tack and sailing with the sheets open at about TWA 55 degree, "Vida Maldita" was able to get offshore quicker and earlier than the leading group, cementing the lead.



3. To do a 360 degree on a dot has always been difficult for me. And this time was no exception, I really thought that I would lose the race at the Buzzards Bay Light. Because of Mirek's brilliant rounding he got within an arm's reach of my transom, and I had a sleepless night. It seems like if one wants to win on SailOnline, they need to become zombies.



4. The long leg back to the finish line was sailed on a close-hauled with the wind ever so slightly turning on the nose. "Vida Maldita" and "Patrick70119" were sailing to the mark, "WRmirekd" sailed a bit off wind and almost lost his second.



At the end, "Vida_Maldita" was able to extend the lead by about 3 minutes, a rarity these days in SOL, "WRmirekd" crossed the finish in second followed by "Patrick70119" in third.

Thanks for the behind-the-scenes work of the SailOnline administration.

Sincerely,

Antonio (Vida_Maldita)