

Slide Rule's Christmas to Christmas Report

CHRISTMAS TO CHRISTMAS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

To do the Christmas to Christmas Race is to reflect on Christmas to Christmas Past > what worked before, Christmas to Christmas Present > Good Execution, and Christmas to Christmas Future > What could possibly go wrong.

The early part of the Christmas to Christmas race is a test of deferred gratification and faith in a chosen strategy, sometimes sailing 90 degrees to the rhumb line deep into the rankings. The successful "Polar Express" was there, then gone, and then back again. Congratulations to Pit for believing in the Christmas spirit and committing to a strategy which took many days to pay off!

Christmas to Christmas Present is about grinding out good routes and taking advantage of what you have to work with from each weather drop.

Christmas to Christmas Future is about knowing what to believe and what to be skeptical about. The routing solutions for this race often "flips" then like a ghost of Christmas to Christmas future.

ENJOY THE SLEIGH RIDE

Take the time to appreciate the infinity of solutions that this races produces and the role that creativity and chance play in concert with human behavior. It's pretty amazing that identical boats with an identical goal, and identical conditions; often using the same "tools" routers can produce so many competing and creative solutions. Take in the sights and experiences of a real cruise. I like that many SOLer's take the time to open Google Earth and Wikipedia to research the attractions and features of the race course. This adds another element of learning and entertainment to the races!

Victory, the podium, and even a good finish are elusive in the Christmas Race for the even the best SOLers. Great fun! Congratulations to all that persist to the finish Christmas to Christmas.

Happy holidays and Merry Christmas to Christmas!

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