

Tasman Double 2022 - Leg 1 - Sydney to Hobart

The first leg of the Tasman Double, from Sydney to Hobart, was too tempting given the strong winds that promised just a couple of days of effort. For us European the start at 2am was not the most comfortable but, after about 1hr it was open sea!

I set a bunch of DCs to get rid of the Australian coast that played “quite” well, not optimal unfortunately, and this I probably paid for at the end.

From that moment, together with Aner, I thought I was in a rather comfortable position and pretty sure we would have finished 1st and 2nd, with the fleet at a reassuring distance. But I was wrong! I did not consider the heavy price to be paid on each gybe. WRMirekD decided for a longer leg during the last night while Aner and I opted for the “perfect” route”. Prior to the first of the two extra gybes my lead was over 1 minutes over Mirek but after the second Mirek, with Freya, was at top speed and managed to get in the lead. There was not much time to recover the disaster, but Freya sailed conservatively and lost second place, letting me through to finish 19 seconds astern of Mirek!

I learned a lot from this race, especially not to be sloppy when setting DCs. 😊

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