

# Tasman Double 2022 - Leg 2 - Hobart to Sydney report by ita10267

The second leg of the Tasman Double had a more reasonable starting time for us Europeans. But very light winds!!!! The sailing between the WPs was quite easy but the last WP happened to be just at dinnertime. So I threw in few DCs but I was late to gybe north along the Tasmanian coast which gave a favour in terms of angle and future pressure. I managed to recover but, after the 2230Z update I was clearly in 3-4 place. At that time I was doing everything I could to control WRmirekd and I had decided for a long leg with only one gybe toward Sydney. But WRmirekd gybed early and:

- 1) I had to finish in front of him
- 2) I needed to hope that one of the front boats could be between us for the final ranking.

I routed the line 100 times, maybe more, to check if there were some points where one could take advantage, but that was not the case. So I went to sleep. I woke up at 4am Italian time to discover that I was (surprisingly) in a comfortable lead. That was really a big surprise for me, but I was already beyond max VMG angle. This time I did not want to gybe so I decided that a couple of degrees lower, given the small distance to the line, could be tolerable. And that was it. First on the line, victory in the series!

A marginal note. I never won the Tasman Double series. One year, with WINSTON, we shared the top two spots but he gained the series since he won the last race. This makes the victory in the series very much appreciated!

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