

## Tall Ships Races 2023 – Den Helder to Hartlepool

And so, the 2023 European Tall Ships season opened with the first race starting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class B ships.

The start time conflicted with the running of the Austrian Grand Prix, thus Sebensa started under preset DCs, I having judged, with the aid of the weather slider, that the wind was going to swing Westerly.

These tall ships are unable to point well, so approaching from the South into a North North Westerly could be difficult, and I thought to just sit on Maximum VMG of about TWA 57 deg.

I noticed that a number of the usual podium campers either did not enter or did not start, for some reason.

I had to jibe South twice, as Sebensa was heading too far away from the finish. I noticed Sax was sailing a similar course but a bit “higher” which proved superior in the end as he could sail SW to the line, where I had to jibe back to cross the finish, just beating rafa to second place.

Thanks to the SOL volunteers who keep the site running and allow us all to enjoy sailing.

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