

How to Brave the Bay of Bengal

Determination

I was sailing in a regatta in False Bay last weekend. I was the skipper of a little 20 footer. The forecast was for the wind to build from an already gusty 25 knots to 40 knots in the afternoon. Anyway, I take my laptop with me everywhere, so I took it with me racing. During the first race the wind started to gust over 30 knots. The race finished and the 10h30 weather update was only 15 min away so I went below and got my laptop out. It was rather rough and uncomfortable. My next challenge was my data on my phone ran out. Fortunately I had a second sim in my phone which had a bit of data. So finally I got to download the weather update and ran my route. It was very difficult but I managed to get it done while dodging the water leaking through the deck fittings, ONLY to realize I hadn't loaded the weather into QTVLM, so I had to repeat everything. I was really relieved that they cancelled any further racing as it was now gusting well over 30 knots. After we arrived back ashore I went straight to the club house and did my tweaks to my route.



Luck

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@bonknhoot - LUCK - we must be prepared for opportunities, take risks, and persevere in the face of challenges. I look forward to seeing you on the course in many more races into the future !!!

WRmirekd



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Kipper, Maybe it's not luck but some sixth sense? Either way, you deserve some recognition :-)

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Mirek, I think I got lucky. I was going the same way as you, and then the big change in course came. I decided to stay with the new course for at least one Wx and see if it hung in there, and it did. To start with, the S course was only 20 min quicker, so a bit of a risky call. But you can' overtake boats by following them :)

Preparation



Cheers!

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