

At this early stage I did not have a clue about how much the error could cost and jeopardize the championship for Freyja, but as soon as I had a moment, I went to the rankings to assess the possible scenarios and found that they were:

WIN finishes ahead of Freyja by less than 9 spots = Freyja takes the championship

WIN finishes ahead of Freyja by 9 spots = Freyja takes the championship at tie break because best score

WIN finishes ahead of Freyja by 10 or more spots = WIN takes the championships and possibly faints in front of the puter thereafter in the middle of the night !! ;))))))))))))))))))))))))))))))))))

This was also a HIGHLY technical race, with double VMC legs one behind the other because strong shifts in light winds round polarSO.... simply NEED to be perfect at the till (and blind as a bat as to instruments !!!!!!!)

It was soon clear that the error would have affected Freyja quite significantly, although the SOLer is an excellent one and could come back and close the gap quite easily before the finish

WIN was fighting in the front pack, still making some minor mistakes specially during the final run, and Freyja was JUST 10 spots behind (just...enough !!!)when I checked this for the 1000th time the race was almost over , and I started to BELIEVE to the fairy taleto the extent that I spoke at this time (04 am local) to the one who was my company during the entire race ...WINSTON_5 ...laying relaxed in his fully black fur and yellow eyes , watching me all the time(2 years old and 8 kilos of fully black cat)and I told him : “ my friend ...you , me and your earlier bro are going to do an unbelievable miracle tonight !He did not get excited maybe he knew something I did not know

PRECISELY a minute after WIN arrival (6th), when Freyja was definitely 16than old friend of mine, rafa, with whom there is a loooooong and never-ending story of respect and friendship between the two boats and skippersjust missed the finish line in his 7th position and gave Freyja a magnificent gift of a quarterly championship at tie break

Talking now to YOURafaold friendno one else would have been allowed anything like that with only a smile on my side as resultI still have huge respect for you and consider you as one of my most important friends at SOL No worries ...you only owe me a Dinner !!!!!

Besides, as I wrote in chat, Freyja fully deserved victory because his overall performance during the three events. Sport is often matter of luck and bad luck and sailing more then other sports is solid confirmation of thatwhen justice wins over luck ...the true sportsman is happyand I am

I Shut the puter at 04.30 am ...and went with WINSTON_5 towards the night quarters noticed that he wanted to say something soI closed up my eyes on his yellow ones and he said

“purrrrrrrrr.....From what I have seen tonight.....I guess you are still good at itOLD MAN !!!!!!!.....”

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And FOR YOUR EYES ONLY (NO permission to post in social media)

WINSTON_5 salutes you all from his majestic approach to true life.....



Ciao ALLhope you enjoyed

Piero (aka WIN)