

## RAJA MUDA SELANGOR INTERNATIONAL RACE WEEK 2023

These were three very demanding regattas and with decisions always in the last minutes, a great parity of the competitors.

With the first regatta I was already very happy with a fourth place, then first place came in the second. The third and last one I thought would be very short, making a mistake would be irrecoverable and it would be my turn at night in Argentina. The competitors said good morning and I had to go sleep for at least 5 hours, until the next update; I checked my route several times, adjusted the arrival and went to my bunk.

When I woke up, I saw that I had a chance to fight for the podium. I held on to the bit of windward I had (further east than the first ones) which would give me more speed in the last sections. I waited for us to advance and I saw that I was on the podium.

When I reached the lead WRmirekd was steering very precisely, I had rest to accelerate upon arrival, I timidly adjusted the rudder, I didn't want to risk too much. I fell short!!! with the adjustment (I had a little more). The second fatal one was grabbed by WRmirekd and he beat me magnificently. My honours to him.

I had two options, get angry with myself for being too conservative in the finish, or learn from the lesson that WR gave me. It hurt but I preferred to learn the lesson!!!

And then I learned I won the overall, and any anger I might have suppressed turned to wow.

Thank you all again.

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