

LAKE PEIPUS ICE RACE 2024

First of all please join me in thanking all the people who actively contribute to SOL!
THANK YOU

I really enjoy racing in SOL! It's a pleasure to spend some time in SOL with such a great community!

For this race I started, as usual, with a couple of seconds of delay. Notwithstanding this delay, after the first few miles (or better a few seconds) I found I was in a fine position so I took the helm and kept focus on the race. With the speed of these incredible machines, the DN, I had no chance to use DCs so I just kept the helm. Rounding marks was a nightmare! A delay of just a few seconds and you could enjoy a nice BBQ! No time to think, just go go goooooo! My boat was moving so fast I really needed to send commands in the right moment for rounding marks, not too soon, not too late. Too soon and you miss the mark, too late and you waste a lot of time!

From the beginning I kept a close watch on the usual great SOLers. In this race I saw brellis going really strong from the very beginning and we all saw what a great finish he did!!!

At the end of the race something strange happened, I expected to have finished the race but for some seconds the boats seemed not moving and since we were all packed in a few meters the outcome was not certain for me. I was just a few inches ahead of the amazing Pit fighting for the podium and everything was frozen. I kept refreshing the page until...

YESSSS I DID IT!!!!

I conquered my first podium!!! THIRD!!!

What a great start of the year!

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p.s. sorry if I am so noisy about my podium but I started sailing in SOL at the end of 2011 and I never finished on the podium before. And I am not sure I will have another podium soon! So if any SOLer steps in Livorno, Italy where I live before the end of this fine January just call me and we can celebrate together IRL!!! 😊