

Caribbean Eight 2024

I didn't make any brilliant route decisions in this race, just aggressive lines rounding the islands, so this report will be as much about getting to know me as the race itself.

This landlubber from Colorado who's never been on a sailboat in his life was bitten by the sailing bug while watching the Tokyo Olympics. I happened to find another sailing game online around the end of October and then switched to SOL right around the first of this year.

This race started at 5PM local time for me, so I was able to take a tight line around Martinique and set my DC's for a somewhat aggressive rounding of Guadeloupe overnight. I happened to wake up early (a little before 6AM) and had the race on my mind so rather than try to get another hour of sleep I logged in as I was rounding Guadeloupe West. I hugged the coast as tightly as possible and chose to tack right away at the south end of the island, made sure not to stop for a BBQ on Dominica and then it was off to carry my mail route. At this point I had no dreams of a top 5.

Home from work again, I eagerly watched my position rise to third as we closed in on Martinique again. I have handbell rehearsal Tuesday nights, so I had to set my DC's and hope for the best. I came home to find I had achieved second place by 3 seconds! My first podium!

I'm looking forward to many many more races with this wonderful community. Thanks to the admin team for making it all possible!

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