

Brisbane to Gladstone

This race was my choice for the funny setup of marks at the start. I decided that I had to practice marks rounding with DCs as the 2am start was impossible for my time zone. The strategy was to setup some DCs and pick up the boat in open water early in the morning. The DCs fired ok but the route I choose was very wrong so I ended up a couple of minutes behind the top, sitting around 10th place.

I knew that the long stretch before the final approach to the finish line did not offer much space to recover, but the foreseen gybing duel few hours before the finish was the only option to gain some position. Mirek, Dingo and some others were heading N so the only opportunity was an early gybe toward the left rotation. I knew... less wind but a slightly better angle.

The next update was in fact confirming the shift, giving me (and SAX) the possibility of gaining enough to be on the podium. The final stretch was also on DCs. Mirek was out of reach but I was more than happy to wake up in a solid 2nd place.

P.S. The crucial gybe was performed with the phone app, while sipping a good glass of wine on Sorrento's main street :D

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