

REPORT

The first impression about this race was about the polar, roundish shape, a lot of hopping opportunities and an impressive top speed above 35 kts.

The arrival was within the weather forecast capabilities so almost everyone started on a similar route.

As usually life interferes sometimes so I had to skip a wx update now and then. This resulted on the first split, and the second, with ita10267 always on the very from side.

At the beginning a western approach was more favourable, then it was eastern and I always found myself out of phase. The shape of the polar helped a lot :D to recover some distance and after the gybing bonanza on the north boundary, I emerged within sight of the top group with StingFI, rumskib and some others within less then 1hr.

At this point it was almost certain that the arrival was going to be decided by the blue bubble lingering exactly on the finish line. I decided for the southern approach and kept my decision till the very last night when I saw some of the top guys suddenly change idea. Being on the right side of the fleet I decided that it was not a big gamble to switch, so I did. The next wx totally obliterated that route and went back to the southern one. I was fast to react and put me in a comfortable second position.

No regrets, I was a couple of minutes behind SCARABOCCHIO before the route change and I ended up still in second position!

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