

Forecast showed northerly changing to southeast eventually turning to southerly close to sunset, 4 to 6 knots. Actual was quite different. Close to 5pm the wind was 150 to 160 to 8 knots and started building from there. The wind was swinging to 174 and 180 with 170 being the majority direction.

We positioned Ida at Nav mark S initially with Y coming into play with the 150 wind or 2 with the 160. As the wind started shifting right we moved to where the race started last week by Foxtrot but we went closer to SRM C, which allowed for additional right shifts to R of SRM D.

An orange Tet was set up for the windward mark 1.35 miles at a course of 170. The wind stayed there for 35 minutes until the start of the race. The course was Tet to C, twice around.

Due to the outgoing tide, Ida was facing due east; we had to put the flag at the bow. The starting pin was set with a downwind stream due to the current. At the start the wind was up to 12 to 14 knots. Several boats were about to go over the line just prior to the start when 226 went over the line close to Ida, blocking the view of all of the boats. Seconds before the start the wind started swinging right. A general recall was made. By the time some of the boats came back the wind was now 190. This put R and SRM D out of the running, but lined up with Q. Unfortunately cling stone was in the way. Q was closer to 195, but the current would help to push them in that direction.

We set another starting line for the next start and went with Q to SRM C, both to port, twice around, with an I flag. The I flag kept the fleet back, with a clean start. The fleet went into the center of the channel to take advantage of the current. The wind shifted right about 5 degrees by the time they rounded Q. Several jibes for the beginning of the downwind leg, but with the current, the majority of the 2nd leg was a port tack.

A change of course to Zulu was made at the leeward mark, just under a mile between C and Zulu, the wind was now reaching 200 at times. The next downwind leg had much better jibes. Finish was up wind.