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1st Day :

Oscillating wind, more favored towards the right in the beginning of the day, then more of an open course at the end. Decent swell with medium-sized chop. Waves were at an angle where you could maneuver over them to gain windward leverage on the upwind. Very light current, slightly pushing up, but became none halfway through second race.

1st Race : 4-6 knots

2nd Race : 5-8 knots

3rd Race : 8-10 knots

4th Race : 12-15 knots

Results : 1, 1, 2, 5

1st Race:

Start: Clean start at the unfavored side, boat, but crowded pin, so it paid off.

First Upwind: I sailed on starboard until about the middle of the course, then tacked onto port, so I could head off to the right side of the course, which was favored. I played the small shifts on the right and soon was able to cross far ahead of the people on the left, and I had gained many boat lengths from the second boat from the right, so I went for a speed mode until I rounded the mark. I rounded in 1st.

First Downwind: I stayed towards the right side (looking downwind), since the fleet had the tendency to go extremely low, since the marks were quite far, and hard to see.

Last Upwind: I played the shifts on the right, since the right was still majorly favored. I didn't lose nor gain, and rounded the mark in 1st.

First Reach: I sailed straight to the mark, but constantly felt as if I was slowly drifting up, whether it was the slight current or wave direction, I couldn't tell. I gained a few boat lengths.

Last Downwind: I sailed straight to the gate, since I had enough space between me and the second boat, so I wouldn't be covered even if I sailed directly under them. I didn't lose nor gain distance. I would occasionally ride the waves when I got enough pressure, and then keep my boat at a consistent angle of heel when there wasn't enough pressure to ride the waves.

Last Reach: I sailed straight to the finish line, trying to ride on as many waves as possible.

Finish: 1st

2nd Race:

Start: Clear start at the boat, which was unfavored, but less crowded, so it paid off.

First Upwind: I tacked onto port immediately, so I could be the first boat to the favored side, the right. I banged the right corner, while going on an extremely high angle since I was able to work with the waves well enough to get more pressure than the boats around me. I rounded in 1st.

First Downwind: I stayed towards the right side (looking downwind), since the fleet still had the tendency to go extremely low.

Last Upwind: I stayed more towards the middle right, since the wind started to shift left, but the right still had good shifts. I gained a few boat lengths.

First Reach: I sailed about 1 - 2 boat lengths above the rum line, since the angle was faster than going straight to the mark.

Last Downwind: I sailed on a higher angle, since there was a big puff on the right side (looking downwind) of the course. I would occasionally ride the waves when I got enough pressure, and then keep my boat at a consistent angle of heel when there wasn't enough pressure to ride the waves.

Last Reach: I sailed straight to the finish line.

Finish: 1st

3rd Race:

Start: Decent start at the boat, but quickly lost my lane, so I tacked out after a minute or so.

First Upwind: I banged the right corner, since I wasn't able to go to the middle-left. I thought that if I wasn't able to get any shifts from the left, I would have to work with everything I could get from the right. I crossed in second, right behind 208752, Alders, who played the shifts at the most left of the fleet.

First Downwind: Alders sped ahead while Hailey, who was in 3rd, stayed glued behind me for the entire downwind, so I wasn't able to go as fast as possible, causing me to lose boat lengths against Alders.

Last Upwind: I sailed on the middle-right side of the course, tacking on medium-to-big sized shifts, while trying to gain on Alders, who had gone all the way left. I gained distance from Hailey little by little as I kept tacking on the lifts.

First Reach: I sailed straight to the mark, riding the waves, since the wind had picked up enough to the point where I could hike out and plane.

Last Downwind: I sailed straight to the gate, surfing the waves downwind and gaining lots of distance from Hailey who was about 4 boat lengths behind me. At the gate, I wasn't able to gain much on Alders, but I had about 15 boat lengths in between me and Hailey.

Last Reach: I sailed straight to the finish, trying to plane as much as possible, but the angle of the reach was a bit too low for the angle to plane.

Finish: 2nd

4th Race:

Start: Bad start at the boat end, because the boat end had become favored, and I lost my hole at about 15 seconds till go.

First Upwind: I immediately tacked out, barely making the rc anchor line, and headed straight out towards the right. I tried to play the shifts over to the left side, which had become favored before the race, but only made it until the middle of the course, before the left side started crossing over. So, I tacked back onto port and tried to play as many shifts as possible and rounded the mark in about 9th.

First Downwind: I sailed low, which was a mistake, since the bad air from the fleet behind was directly hitting me, so I lost about two boats.

Last Upwind: I sailed on the left side, playing the bigger shifts, then tacked on the port lay line of the mark. I gained about 3 boats and rounded in 8th.

First Reach: I sailed straight towards the mark, but most of the fleet also sailed straight, so I didn't gain any boats.

Last Downwind: I went high and surfed as many waves as I could, passing 3 boats and gaining a bunch of distance from 6th place. 4th place was still far ahead with the rest of the top boats, since they crossed by far on the first upwind.

Last Reach: I sailed straight towards the finish line, giving no chances for the people behind me to pass me.

Finish: 5th

2nd Day :

Oscillating wind, with an open course the entire day. Decent swell with smaller chop. The waves were longer than the previous day. No current.

1st Race : 6-8 knots
2nd Race : 9-12 knots
3rd Race : 12-15 knots
Results : 1, 2, 2

5th Race:

Start: I started at the boat, about a boat length behind the line, with no boats around me.

First Upwind: I tacked out right after sailing a few boat lengths on starboard, since I was on a header, and the people on the left were crossing by far. So, I played the shifts on the right side and tacked back when there was a righty. I rounded in 4th.

First Downwind: I sailed high on the downwind, since there was more pressure on the right (looking downwind). I gained a boat. The top two boats were spread out and quite far from me and 4th.

Last Upwind: I sailed on the middle-left side of the course and gained a boat when I crossed on the port laying of the top mark.

First Reach: I sailed straight to the mark and gained a few boat lengths on first.

Last Downwind: I surfed the waves on a by-the-lee angle the jibed and surfed on a by-the-lee angle back to the mark, and passed 1st, and also gained about 8 boat lengths in between me and 2nd.

Last Reach: I sailed straight to the finish.

Finish: 1st

6th Race:

Start: I started at the boat, behind a pack of people, got stuck in their bad air, then tacked out right after about 1-2 mins.

First Upwind: The left had started to build, so my start set the race off badly. I sailed out all the way right, knowing that in the fleet in front of us, there was a 420 who made it out in the top 5 when they banged the right. I was able to tack onto a decent righty just above the lay line, so I tried to sail on the tight reach as fast as possible. I rounded in about 6th.

First Downwind: I tried to sail high, but the pack of boats right behind me kept sailing higher, so I sailed low, but the bad air of the fleet behind was directly on me, so I rounded in about 8th.

Last Upwind: I sailed on the left side of the course. Although I played the bigger shifts, I tried to sail to the left as much as possible, since the left had much more pressure than the right. I rounded the top mark in 6th.

First Reach: I sailed straight to the mark, surfing the waves and planing. I passed 3 boats. 2nd place was superheated from the rest of us, about 10 boat lengths away.

Last Downwind: I sailed on a high lane, and surfed as many waves possible. I would trim before getting on the wave, pump as soon as I was on the bottom, then trim in onto a broad reach, and sometimes a tight reach. I was able to ride more waves using this method. I passed 2nd place and put a separation of about 5 boat lengths in between us.

Last Reach: I sailed straight to the finish.

Finish: 2nd

7th Race:

Start: I started at the boat end, with no one around me, and I continued onto the middle-left.

First Upwind: Once I got to the middle-left of the course, the people on the left side of the fleet tacked, so I tacked before I would fall in their bad air. Then, as soon as a medium-sized righty hit, I tacked and crossed everyone except for the pack of boats who started at the pin (favored side) and sailed on the left (also favored side). I rounded the mark in about 10th.

First Downwind: I sailed on the right side (looking downwind) and used the same technique as the previous race. I passed 4 boats.

Last Upwind: I was the most left boat, and I played the small shifts on the left side of the course. I passed 3 boats. I rounded the mark in 3rd.

First Reach: I sailed straight to the mark while planing, since there was plenty of wind. I passed a boat.

Last Downwind: I sailed straight to the gate, since the boats behind me sailed extremely low, so I had clean air. I sailed as fast as I could, and put about 20 boat length difference between me and 4th, and I caught up to 1st and 2nd.

Last Reach: I sailed high, and passed 2nd place from above them just before the finish line.

Finish 2nd

Conditions Overview:

Both days had light breeze as we towed out, medium breeze as we started, and medium-heavy breeze halfway throughout the day. Also, the breeze would start right-favored, then clock left throughout the day. Both days there was swell and chop, while the first day was more choppy, while the second had more swell. Both days had no current.

Results: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/oR1xqTYHBs/results>