

South China Sea Classic 2020 – Report

Outlook

I love SOL for this... a major typhoon on the South China sea, a yacht race departing Hong Kong heading straight into it and yet the race committee doesn't cancel or postpone it. Off we go! On a more serious note, nobody in his right mind would sail out on these conditions!

The race

Simple one this was (from the sofa...). Head out into the storm and one gybe to the Yalong Exclusion Zone SW buoy. Meanwhile, sailing always with wind above 30knts and boat speeds above 20knts... nice online and crazy IRL.

This thing was so fast that the only thing left to handle was the last leg between Yu Lin Chao mark and the line. Surprisingly, the winds were gone and the fleet was left with a very light upwind to the line.

bonknhoot sailed the storm better than anybody and, reaching the last leg, he was unbeatable and had an easy victory. However, behind him, a drama unfolded - again WRmirekd and me were head-to-head to have the 2nd place on this one.

This finish was happening just a few hours after my defeat on the PIC race, giving me extra motivation to keep awake (around 02:00 am my local time) and beat WRmirekd this time. This one went down to the choice of the finishing point on the line, WRmirekd chose South and I chose North. North was the good choice!

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