

The group split in three different strategies at the start, the coastline option, the wide option chosen by the guys who were aiming for a wider turn around the WP and something in between which proved to be the best one as Dingo rounded the Mauritius WP ahead. After the WP there was the huge split, the east fleet aiming for a shorter route and the west fleet aiming to the Monsoon circulation around the high pressure developing in the northern Indian Ocean, just south of Oman. It was a very difficult decision because the strong wind was confined in a tiny strip across the coastline. My estimation at Mauritius WP was 12hrs lead for the E fleet!!! Nevertheless, we turned to be in the right position with Henrys coming well ahead after the passage inside the High. I pushed hard and managed to gain the first place which I managed to defend till the finish line. This was made easier by the lack of passing options from Somalia to Abu Dhabi.

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