

## Santorini Sprint 2019

This race I first thought was going to be a follow-the-leader race but I was wrong..

Due to the fact that sassy63 was in the lead I had noone to follow. Although it looked quite easy to sail it contained a few tricky parts.

Starting at Osmos Bay and further on to Tirasia it was just straight and then follow the shoreline.

After Tirasia I had to calculate where to gybe and the fleet gybed as well. bonknhoot and Sadlersailing chasing sassy63 like two fast sailing shadows.



Going round Parados was just keeping close to the island without beaching. After Parados it was heading a bit more upwind than straight course due to the slight wind shift, and less wind coming up.

Ahead was the waypoint Monolithos where the tricky part began. Seeing a big wind shift coming up, I decided to gamble a bit going TWA -50 until the wind angle turned to -42. It paid off and sassy63 was still in the lead.



Then calculating again where to tack outside Parissa wp and set straight course to Exomitos. From Exomitos to Akrotiri nearly straight line, as well as to Aspronisi wp. Finish coming soon and I have some doubts whether to go South or North of the islands in front of the finish.

Stronger winds at North side but wind shift from the wrong way.. I went for strong winds. Now reflecting over my second gybe it was not necessary, should have stayed in the stronger winds.. Well well, lesson learned.

Approaching the finish line bonknhoot still chasing sassy63 and he sailed very well as usual.

At last I crossed the line with sassy63 and the battle was over!

Thanks SOL Team for yet another challenging and fun Sprint!