

Tokyo to San Francisco 2022 - Report

Smo was not prepared for a report, as it was unlikely he'd perform well.

Started 90 degree off the great circle line on DC set for PR, as had been cruising on PR. With a long night sleep it was immediately clear that it was not the best strategy. As I was so far behind did try to keep speed up, find good winds and possible overtake route sailing always different direction than leaders. At some point tracks were interfering and distance not impossible so continued sailing shifts and using performance loss tactics at 35 kn sometimes close to main fleet. At some point did fall again to around #119, was so far behind that just decided to forget perf loss and take the hit in cruise mode. Later on Smo was suddenly close to leaders, blue weak winds were close north, leaders gybed south to escape and Smo decided to go wind edge as I saw it's possible to get through and managed to overtake. Did keep lead for some two days (?) and decided to use router some time before finish (which I placed to wrong place LOL) to check my route.

Happy lucky winner, what a ride.

Smo

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