

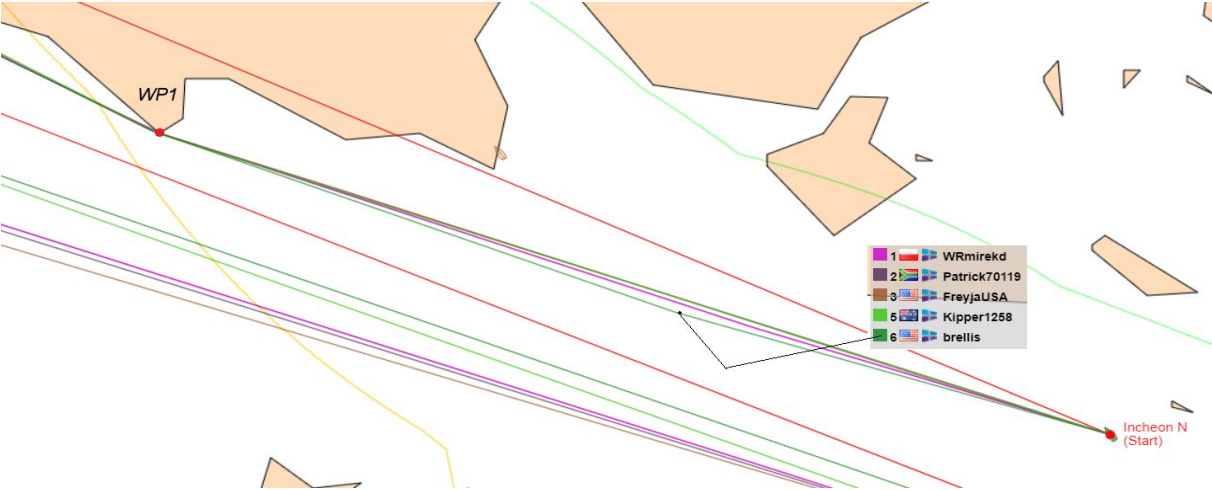
# Seoul to Seoul Sprint 2023 – report by WRmirekd



Sprint races are not my favourite, but sometimes I take part in them, spoiling the ranking of this category of races for some competitors 😊.

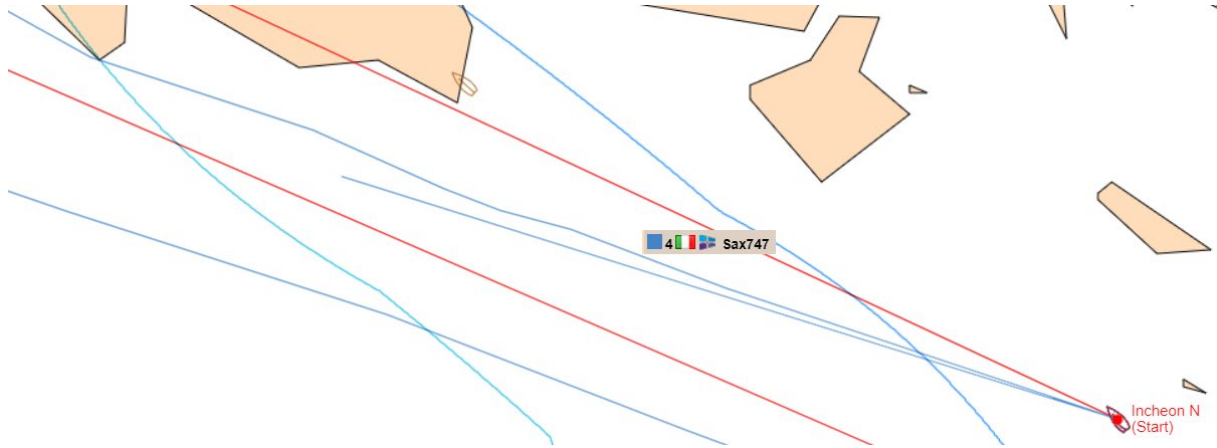
I'm almost sure that our beloved SOL server often treats players in an incomprehensible way. While in longer races it ceases to matter after some time, in sprints it is quite noticeable and often determines the win. I once had the opportunity, of course legally and with the consent of the SRC and OPS, to start two yachts in the same race. For both yachts I set exactly the same DC from the start. To my surprise, the positions and ranking after the first hour of the race were quite different. I guess this is due to the nature of the server's work. The initial, even minimal differences deepen over time and begin to be visible. Often in sprints, the first minutes of the race and the position assigned by the server at that time determine the victory. Maybe I'm wrong, I guess only the tech department can clarify this. On the other hand, it's just fun and if it gives us the joy of participating and contacting other participants, then OK. But let's get back to the race itself.

The start is scheduled for Saturday, January 14 at 0300 UTC. WX from the previous day at 2230UTC. Devoting the night I had a lot of time to consider all variants of the route and make their tuning.



To the first headland (WP1) **Patrick70119**, **FreyjaUSA** and **Kipper1258** sailed practically one straight course. I planned a slight SW course deviation in the first phase. **brelis** went even further SW.

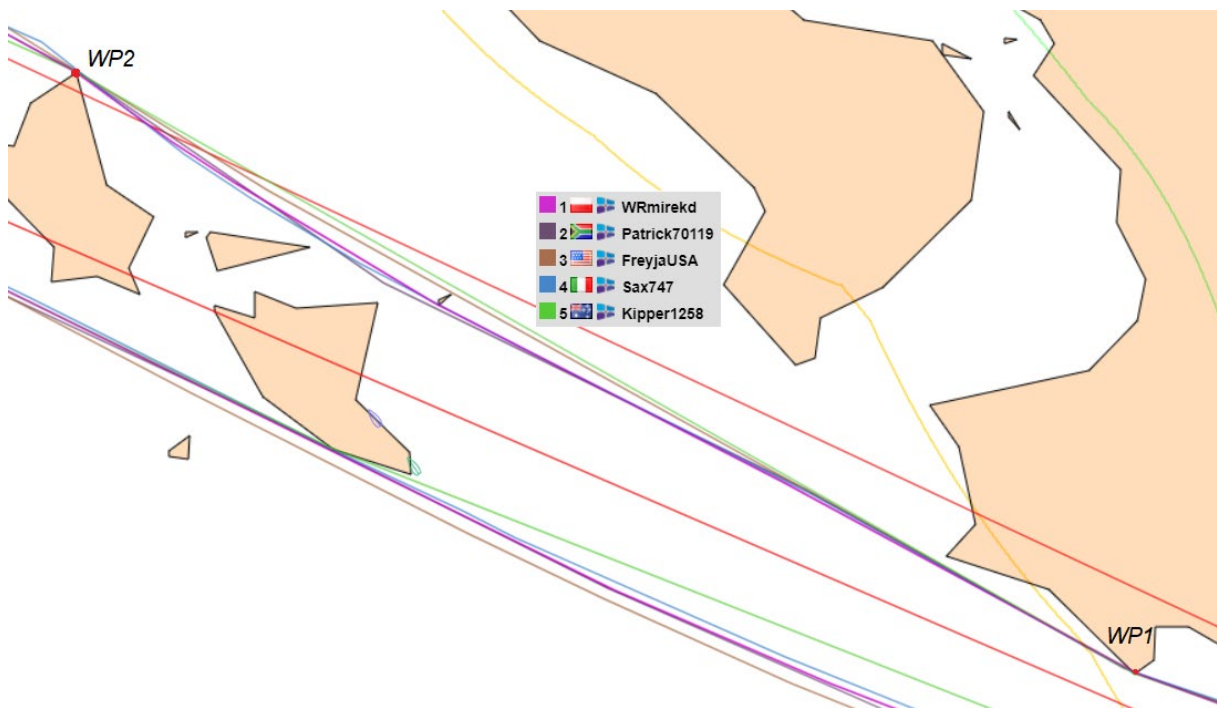
A little incomprehensible track left here by **Sax747** !?!?!?



At this stage, it is difficult to assess which choice was better. For me it always remains a mystery why two yachts starting at the same time as me, one on my starboard side and the other on my port side, are in front of me after a while. IRL it is possible. Yachts, however, differ, different sail trim, etc. But here in SOL? Server magic.

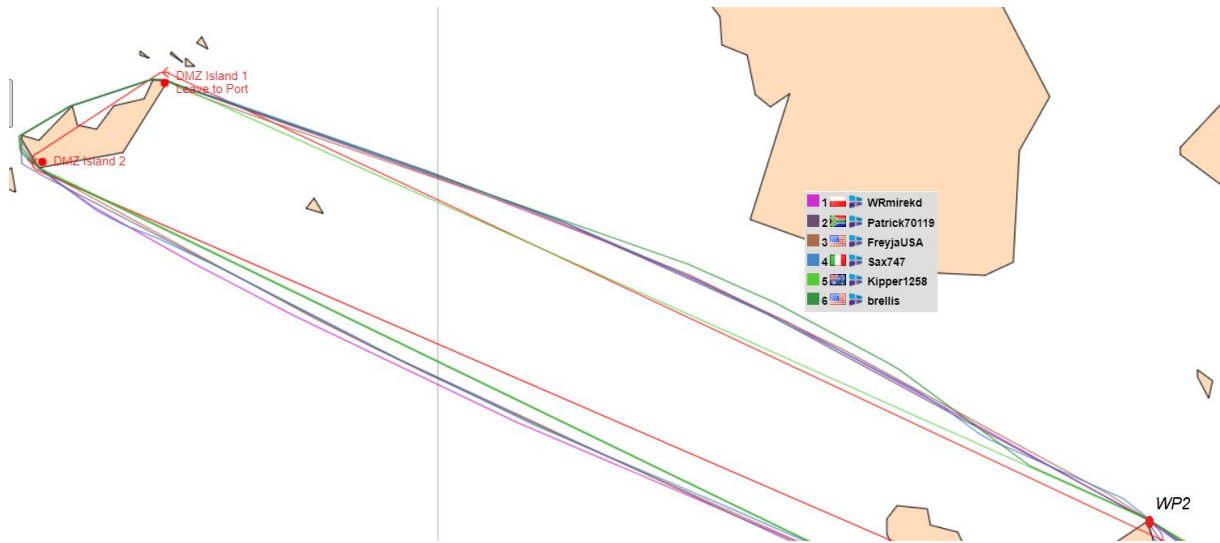
Another episode from WP1 to WP2.

I had originally planned to pass a small island to starboard. QT after changing WX pointed to the port side as **FreyjaUSA** and **Kipper1258** did. I did some simulations and the original starboard variant turned out to be slightly better. The same choice was made by **Patrick70119**, **Sax747** and **brelis**.

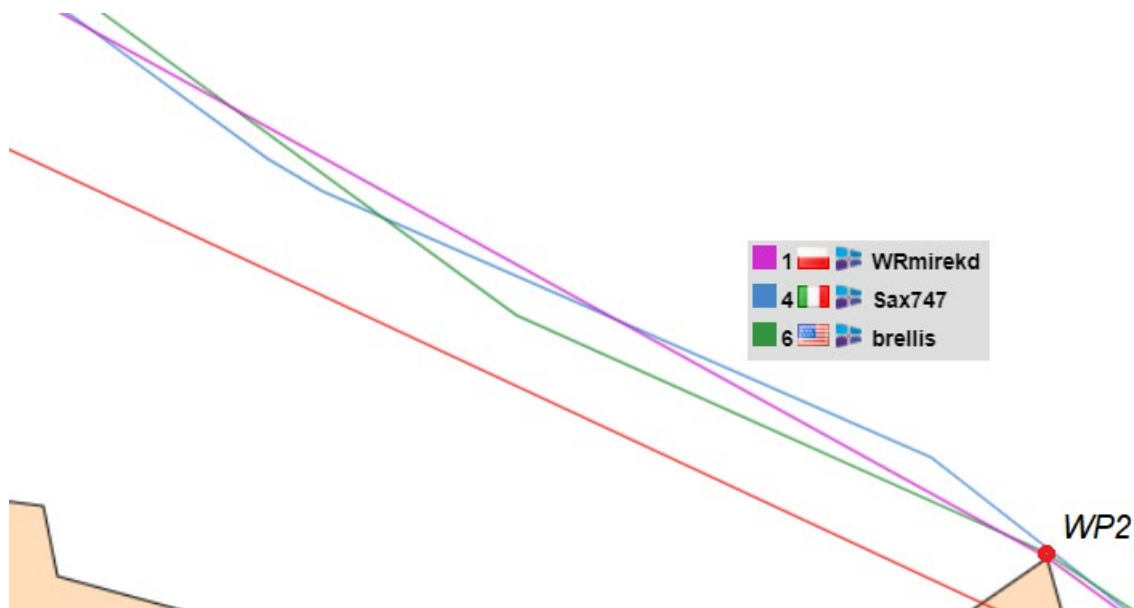


Third episode from WP2 to DMZ Island 1.

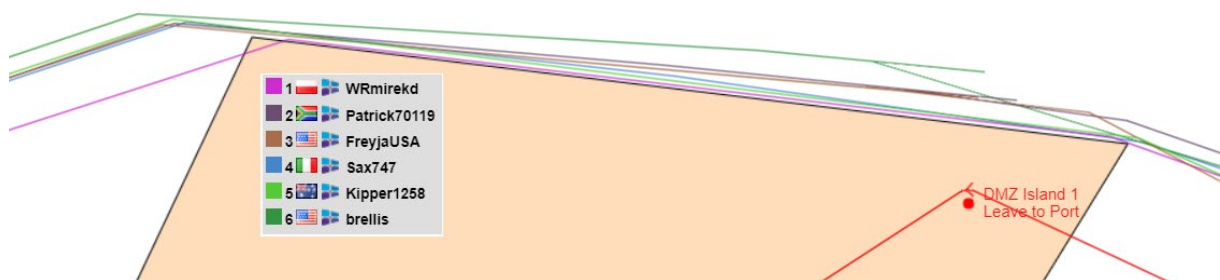
Kipper1258, as before, headed straight for DMZ Island 1. The rest sailed NE arc.



Sax747 and brellis probably didn't know how to sail further 😊.

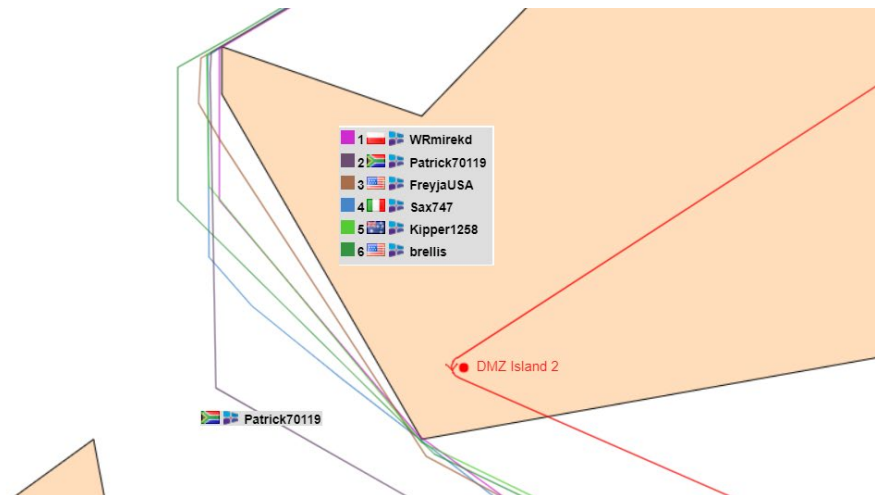


The most difficult and last section of the route remained, which could bring significant changes and practically determine the final ranking of the race. The accuracy of the turns at DMZ Island 1 and DMZ Island 2 was critical, but...



**WRmirekd** beat the DMZ Island 1 almost perfectly and took the lead by a minimal margin. Now was the last moment to work out a turn at DMZ Island 2 and choose a route to the finish line.

It seems to me that I have chosen the time and course for turns perfectly. Almost identically, **Kipper1258** did it, but he already had a loss to **WRmirekd**. As for the other opponents. I think **FreyjaUSA** turned too early and went too hard into the wind, losing speed and a chance for second place on the podium. **Sax747** and **brellis** had lost a lot before and were not a threat.



**Patrick70119** chose a decidedly different route to round the mark. It is difficult to assess its effectiveness, but the most important thing is that it allowed him to defeat **FreyjaUSA**.

**WRmirekd**, after passing the mark, gained a small but significant advantage and calmly finished winning the race. This last, almost straight stretch to the finish line gave practically no possibility to change the order at the finish line.

Anyway, thanks to my opponents for the sprint and congrats on the fantastic fight.

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