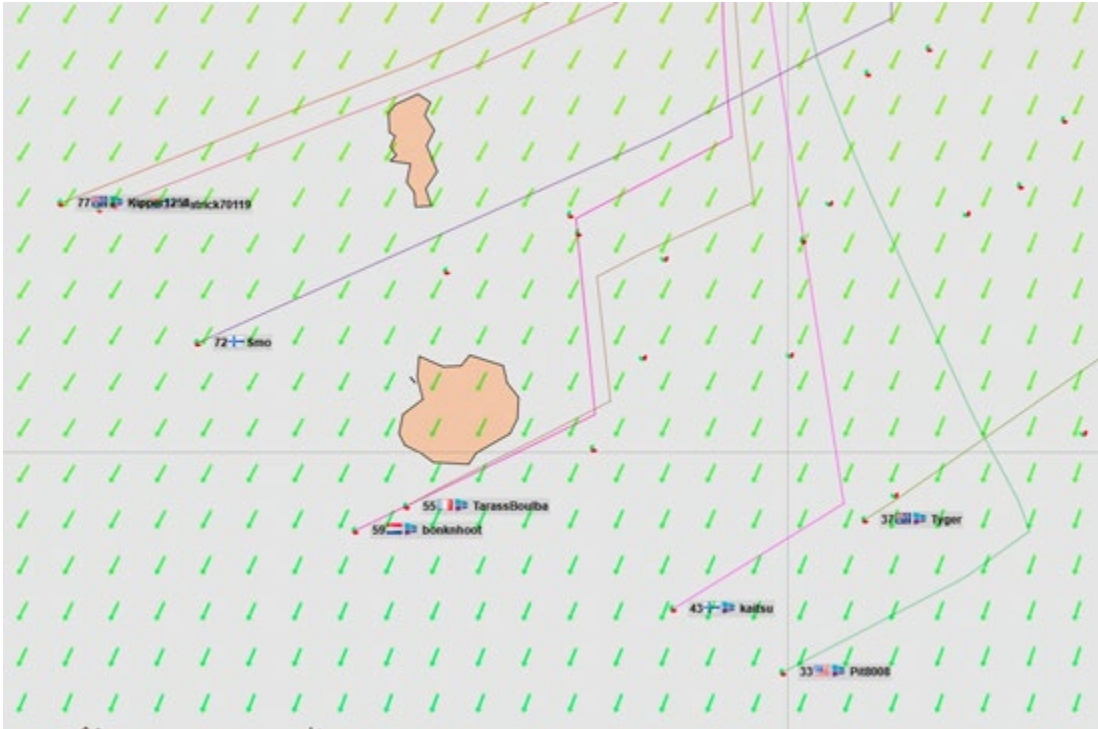


Sol Race Report by Smo

Smo got decent start even if little behind. Sailing shifts at already pretty split fleet using Smo tactic "aim to frontrow".



Later on fleet split even more to western group, middle group and coast group with boats in between everywhere. Approaching ITCZ with weak winds did see a "corridor" there and sailed close to middle group to pass blue winds. Smo was trying to go pretty straight forward and then it was very long straight south with small adjustments trying to estimate how to hit finish area.

Before finish came one more blue that made compression and it was a point of overtake for others but managed to keep lead even if distracted badly by IRL and did not see hole in polar but maintained lead to finish.

Smo was not really prepared to report as even with decent lead pretty sure that router stars will come and steam by. This race was so long, sometimes IRL distracting that it is impossible to remember details without notes so lesson is to make notes during race. Even with pictures generously got from StIngFi did not help but made a timelapse of those anyways, view from boat StIngFi:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WY9Q_MlB8J0sD-8vqllXRw1SCKuX3TnS/view?usp=drive_link

Funny moment of chat was when Tarass who was matching close to the end told:

"Very often I get out of a meeting simulating to go to the bathroom just to go on SOL on my phone :)"

This was probably longest race Smo ever won and maybe biggest victory ever. Race was great succes for Finns too as new-old finn kaitsu finished #2 and StIngFi #9, hope "Team" success will continue.

Soler Kenza (formerly known as Mallikov) created timelapse of older race and some similarities is visible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmnPNziB33M>

Smo thanks all fellow Solers for great company and continues to cruise / race with random success.