

## Report of the race Macias Nguema Sprint 2024, by KaSToR

During the night from Saturday to Sunday, we were offered a trip around the island of Bioko aboard our 60-ft trimaran. It was clear that we had to reach an area where wind could be found as quickly as possible, this is why I chose to go around the island to the north. I had joined a wind corridor that I followed by tacking upwind.

The end of the circumnavigation required getting closer to the coast at the end of the night. However, there was a zone of less wind around the finish appearing for me to require bypassing from the west then from the south. When I woke up, I found my position bad, flamingo and ALP317, having made an additional tack, seemed to me to be better placed. However, I pursued my idea and positioned myself furthest south of the fleet, which allowed me to have better speed at the end and to finish very narrowly in the lead. The end was a great suspense for me, and I find the race very interesting technically.

A big thank you to my opponents of the day.

As said in a comment from a previous race (Mistli BBQ), I am a newcomer to SOL but I have been practicing online sailing on another platform for 2 years within a dolphins team (by the way, hello to PV3). Unfortunately, or rather fortunately since I like it here, I am unfairly banned. Otherwise, I am French and I live on the north coast of Brittany, near Saint Brieuc.

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