

The Beagle in Mauritius 2024 (by KaSToR)

450 nm from Reunion Island, around Mauritius then return.

First observation, to avoid finding myself in a headwind when leaving Reunion Island, I have to go around to the south.

Two solutions, go for the wind far to the southwest or raze the island

I decide to skim the island, the wind angles to the south lengthening the route too much.

It remains to go as quickly as possible towards the south but especially, what some have forgotten, towards the east.

To this game, CriticalHippo et WRmirekd are the toughest.

Critical, making a mistake in my opinion by moving away from the island at the end of the bypass, remains a worthy opponent.

However, I manage to come out on top, and then I remember a piece of advice...

If you want to win a race, it's very simple: on a stroke of luck, you find yourself in front of WRmirekd, then it's very simple, you just have to stay there until the line.

So I followed this advice to the letter.

Between Reunion and Mauritius, it wasn't very complicated since I stayed in best VMG throughout.

It remained to choose when to turn towards serpent island.

Too south, and too north, the angles seemed to lengthen the road. I chose a place where I had to knit a little, but not too much.

I come out of Serpent Island with a small lead that a bad choice to reach Mauritius has melted away.

The return to the Reunion Island promised to be very tight, direct to shorten the route, a little south to have better winds, or even an option from the north of the island.

On the other hand, I couldn't make a routing on Saturday noon since it was also about beagling, but with my IRL friend Antoine (wild boar hunting).

This is where I was extremely lucky to see that my lead was still the same in the evening, the midday grib had certainly not changed anything.

It remained to conclude, to pass the calm coming from in front, to wait for the stronger winds coming from behind.

All this was not favorable to the race leader, but the options to overtake did not really exist

Thanks to my closest rivals for giving me a really interesting race, a little stressful at the end ;)

I am very happy to have been able to celebrate my SYC member status in the best possible way.

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