Koshiki PYOC Sprint 2025 - Race Report by KaSToR

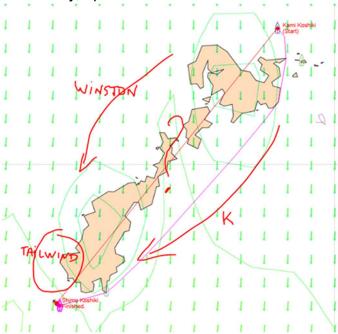
A few minutes before departure, this is the question that sums up this race and everyone is asking:

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Hi all, go west or east.. hard to tell..
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One group chose the west. We will call them the WINSTON group, because of their advanced age and legendary wisdom.

Personally, I preferred to choose the East.



Initially, the WINSTON group took the lead, and by a wide margin. The rankings showed them just over 1 nm ahead at the halfway point. In the east, doubts began to creep in.



We knew that this group's speed would decrease as the wind shifted to the rear, but by how much? The group I was leading by a narrow margin struggled to catch up in the second half, despite being helped by the intermediate grib.

Conditions did not deteriorate, or only slightly, for us, while in the west the wind was weakening and becoming even more unfavorable.

We therefore overtook the Winston group a few nautical miles from the line.

The race was fast and extremely demanding in terms of concentration.

Personally, I was helped by a flying start that I can't quite explain.

Then, I may have taken a small jump from a little corner of the island to gain a few thousandths of a second, but above all for the adrenaline rush.

Once again, I owe my victory to a bit of luck, as the top 10 are separated by only a few seconds.

Thank you to all my opponents in the race, and I apologize to them for not being able to respond to their encouragement, having had to finish with DCs (restaurant reservation with madam Beaver required).

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