

For me this sprint started a good few hours before the race itself got underway - the key to a top 10 place was remembering to check the 2230 wx and setting a start DC .... and the alarm clock!

Fortunately the pre planning worked and by luck I found myself in a tussle for the lead with Karriv from the 1st tack. On the reach down the southern side of the island Karriv took a direct route while I tried to play the polar a little. However, it made little difference with Karriv and I still neck and neck as we headed for home. Karriv timed the final gybe perfectly and I messed up the last rounding before the line - my pre planning obviously didn't stretch to deciding where to cross the finish line in advance! This let through Sassy and almost Sadlers too. But by more luck than judgement I hung on for 3rd.

Well sailed Karriv and Sassy in particular but to all for making it such a close race - 3rd to 6th were covered by 2 seconds and the entire top 12 by less than 40 seconds

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