

Sao Jorge Sprint report by CollegeFund

This race report will be considerably shorter than the nearly 8 hours to sail this race.

CollegeFund chose the north side of Sao Jorge Island due to the expected wind shift late in the race giving those to the north a better wind angle to the finish line. Since I was busy with real life early in the race, the crew stated off on their own. I jumped aboard as they past close by the point about half way through the race. CollegeFund stayed slightly offshore with the idea gaining a little extra wind angle as we neared the end of the island. Seeing most of the fleet including top boats like rumskib and WRmirekd closer to shore was a little nerve wracking but I decided to stay the course.

At 3nm before the end of Sao Jorge Island CollegeFund turned toward the point and moved to an ever slight lead over Patrick70119 and FreyjaUSA with the rest of the top 20 close behind. The last 4nm was a virtual tie between the top three boats with CollegeFund edging Patrick70119 to the line by a mere 5 seconds and FreyjaUSA by 7 seconds.

Congratulations to Patrick70119 and FreyjaUSA for their podium finishes. As is typical for a sprint race, many boats had a chance to win the Sao Jorge Sprint. The top 10 finished within 20 seconds of each other and the top 25 inside of one minute.

Thanks to all for another exciting sprint race!

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