

# Walyalup Sprint 2025

## CriticalHippo

Another exciting Friday night sprint (at least for us in the western hemisphere). We tired the little Hippos out in the McDonald's playplace and got them to bed, and then it was time to race!

The first leg was upwind to Carnac Island. South first to get ahead of the wind shift, then a single tack to the west. If I recall correctly ALP317 was in the lead as we rounded, followed by WRmirekd then me.

Subtle differences in course as we went to Straggler Reef and then Wallace Island seemed not to matter too much. Alp's DC's failed him I guess at Straggler Reef and so I was chasing Mirek, trailing by a few seconds.

Then came the intense part of the race, an upwind slalom around Wallace Island, Dyer Rock, and Dyer Island all in less than 10 minutes. I was too focused on executing my own turns to pay attention to anyone else, but in hindsight it looks like Mirek tacked too early at Dyer Island. I came out with the lead and then it was nearly a straight shot to the finish and a win by 17 seconds.

Congrats to CollegeFund on winning the SPRQ1 championship!

