Walyalup Sprint - Race Report by KaSToR

What to do this night from Friday 7th to Saturday 8th March, except sleeping?
Well, it is possible to take advantage of it to hoist the sails, especially at 3am UTC... and to go and say hello to distant relatives, the woylies.



However, a bit of a hasty start, with a first leg certainly not very well negotiated since I find myself in 6th or 7th position when passing Carnac Island.
My opponents today are CriticalHippo, WRmirekd, Patrick70119, FreyjaUSA, Sax747, CollegeFund, HoratioPugwash, brellis, ALP317, ... and I'm probably forgetting some.
The succession of islands is not in my favor to gain ground, especially since between Carnac Island and Straggler Reef, I choose a direct route while several prefer to seek a stronger wind slightly to the north.
What to do, go back to bed ?
At this moment, I see Wallace Island and its very particular shape. So I'm going to try a first by cutting very slightly.
Not very glorious, but at the exit, I'm back in third position.
I hope no one noticed my less than academic navigation when going around Dyer Rock and Dyer Island...
In my opinion, it's still too early to be operational, I've been jostled around by events.
However, I somehow manage to maintain my position.
A final tack brings us back to the finish, our starting point.
I choose to stay south behind CriticalHippo, with stronger winds, but an angle that will deteriorate.
Mirek and Patrick choose a more northerly route, with weaker winds but a better TWA at the end.
There was nothing to do to catch up with Critical and Mirek...
On the other hand, I was neck and neck with Patrick, and after taking a small lead, I saw that he was going to come back in the final.
Il est revenu si bien qu'à quelques mètres de la ligne, je me suis retrouvé en quatrième position derrière lui, mais une seconde devant lui ... It was so close that the server could no longer keep up !
In the end, I am on the podium, but Patrick really deserves that I share this place with him.

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