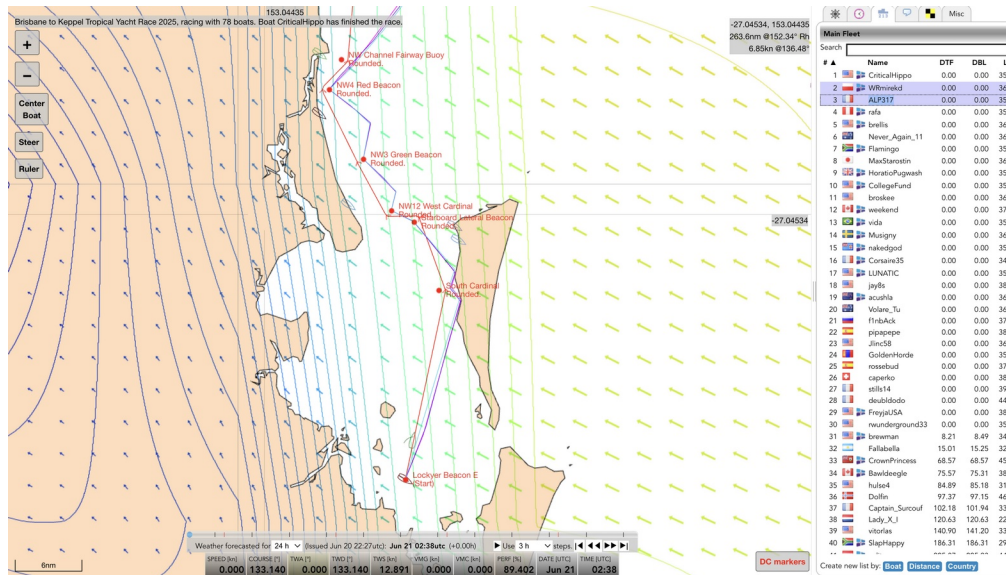


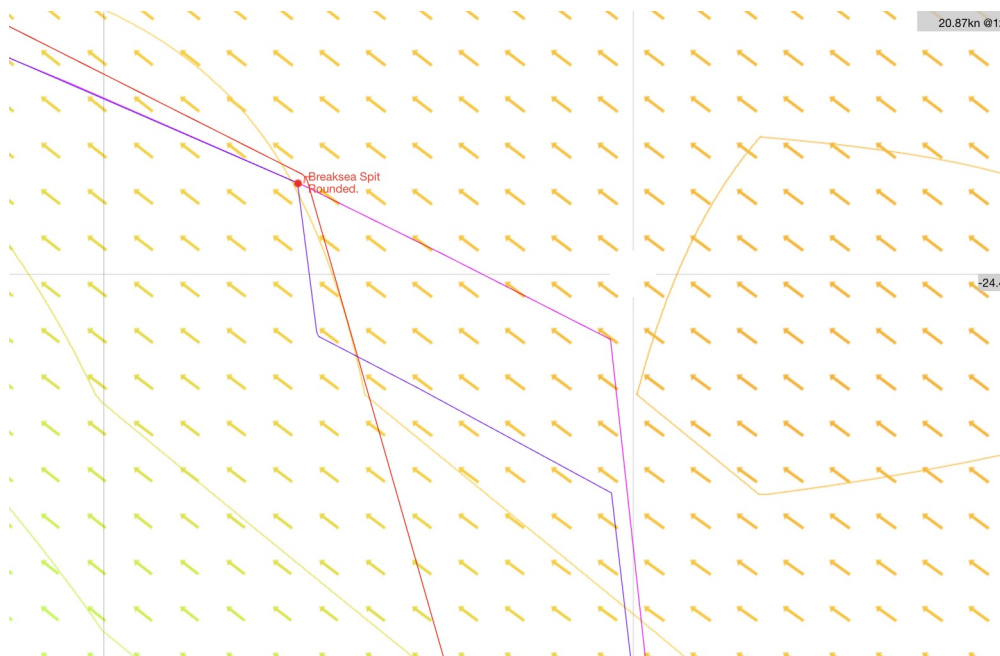
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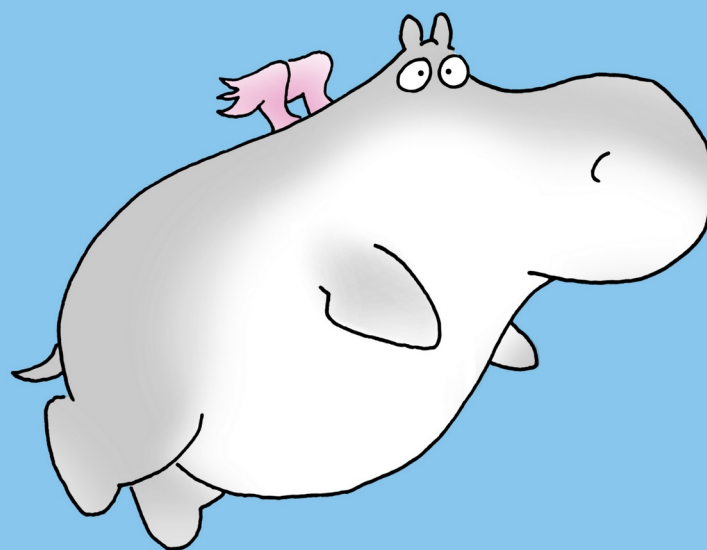
This was a really fun race in 2 sections. The first section was like a sprint as we zig-zagged through 6 buoys. Staying offshore in the stronger wind was key here and you can see that all of the podium boats followed a very similar line. Sprinting is my strongest style of racing and I came out of this section with a lead of perhaps 15-20 seconds.



Next came a long leg north to Breaksea Spit. I believe the key move of the race happened as we approached this mark. Mirek and Alp made 2 extra gybes as suggested by qtVlm while I waited to make only a single gybe and minimize performance loss. I came around the mark ahead and the rest is history. See my track in magenta and Mirek in purple.



This race took place on a busy day for SOL, as 4 races finished within a period of 24 hours. It turned out to be a very good day for me and I moved into 1st place in the SYC ranking for the first time. 18 months ago when I started sailing on SOL I thought it unlikely that I would ever win a race, let alone be first in the rankings! Thanks to all of the team that makes SOL possible and to all the armchair sailors that make it fun!



You can do it.

Baynton