

SSANZ Series 2015 - Race 3

First, preparation. I had luck to take a 3 hours nap after work and before this expect-to-be all-night challenge. And according SOL rule#1, NEVER SLEEP.

As I always do my turns manually and marks were at short distances, there were no time to snooze during the race without risk. I don't trust DC's on precise turns, really sorry for NZL_Scotsman and Javakeda experience that and weren't in the battle for top all the way 'till the end. With them it could be a complete different story.

In the race, trying to use windshifts, from Rangitoto Island to D'Urville Rocks I mostly used TWA/CC mix (TWA away from a mark, then from somewhere the midway to next mark, CC).

I never use any weather router, so my "Rule Of Thumb" tack south after Rakino was one or two jumps to early to be perfect for Motouihe Island, but sailing on the edge of VMG with adjustment according to TWS change was good enough to kept advantage on Neuroman, number1, Lou and the rest of the fleet. To the end, it was simple CC.

At the end, it was close as all SOL races are, with so many great racers, even if some of them didn't start (The Vineyard Race obligations, I presume). For all that did, thanks for a excitement race. Congratulation Neuroman on wining the Series, sorry for NZL_Scotsman and Javakeda.

As this is my first non-timed race win, I'd like to dedicate it to all those that have been working diligent to make SOL great as it is, whether they are with us today or not.

Fair winds!

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