

SSANZ Safety at Sea Two-Handed Triple Series 2016 - Race 1

I love the SSANZ series, as well as the Young 88 that we're racing. Sporty, but not so much that the race becomes all about performance loss management.

The start for this was at a very convenient time for those of us on the East coast of North America. The field wasn't huge, with only about 50 boats getting off the line on time, and a few boats going astray at each mark. Both effects likely caused by the late night racing for our European neighbours.

At the first mark, I found myself solidly within the top 10, and was able to improve slightly at each mark thereafter. Tight roundings at Motutapu Island moved *longreacher* to 4th as we made the turn for home.

Normally, that last leg wouldn't see much opportunity for movement, but the Young 88's performance specs in the dying winds meant that a straight shot for the finish might not be the best course of action. Unfortunately, I noticed this too late to catch *Zoe* or *psail*, but I was pleased to grab the 3rd podium spot.

-longreacher

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