

If truth be told, I simply happened to be out of bed for the 07:00 start (Melb time) and decided on the spur of the moment to do the race.

A quick look at Agage's Wx Inspector told me it was going to be a quick race and pretty much a point and shoot affair. I was fortunate enough to pick up a few places around the course by getting the turns at the marks as close as possible. Fortunately, most of the time, the jump landed me right on the spot without overshooting. Got some naps in on the 4 longer legs.

The windshift on the leg from Gannet Rock to Rakino required some thought. As we would be close-hauled after rounding Gannet Rock, I decided to let the boat come around and then set a cog course when pointed at the mark and let the windshift do the rest - only one DC required.

A few boats beared away for more speed early on but the extra distance appeared to negate any advantage. I was surprised to find my self in 2nd place at the Rakino mark and held that position until the finish.

The only other 'helm work' was the tack south after Rakino and then tack again to go under Motutapu and to lay the starboard end of the finish line. I managed to 'keep the Wolff at bay' in 3rd but no chance of catching rumskib out in front.

Only 40 secs between 1st and 2nd and even closer, 4 secs, for 2nd and 3rd.

A very quick and pleasant race.

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