

A less deserving first podium for Go4iT is hard to envisage!

I started with a Seat Of The Pants (SOTP) approach as the Steinlager II downwind polar was fairly equal (no big bumps) so I gave it 36 hours on a rhumb line to NZ before I really looked at the race!

Then I saw that the bulk of the fleet had headed ESE into stronger winds but they were facing a significant parking lot of no wind at the toe of South Island.

I reviewed my options, saw that a track to the North avoided the parking lot and was being used by BS1 and Idle to great effect.

At this stage I was lying about 100+ and so had little to lose with a logical flyer to the North. QtVIm got engaged and over two days Go4iT went from 104th to 3rd and my first podium ever.

What is the message then? Participate regularly, do not relying on routers, enjoy yourself and eventually the wind gods (Hughie in Oz) may come your way. Oh and you could always ask Santa for a present!

Very chuffed and I am sure that it will be a long time before another flyer works out so well.

Season's greetings to all.

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