

## Tasman Double 2016 - Race 2 - Hobart to Sydney

Well, that's two years in a row that I've fouled up the outbound race and followed up with a podium on the trip home. Points for consistency?

My trip out of the harbour at Hobart went more smoothly than last year's, and I was rewarded with the

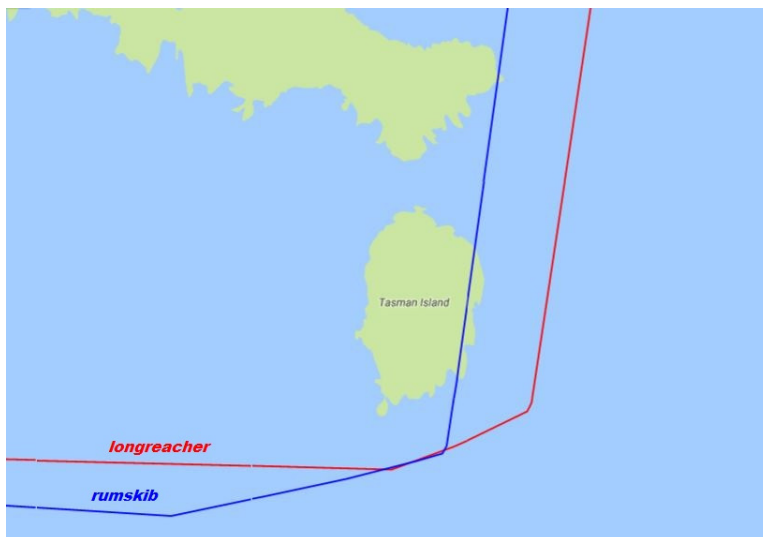
slightest of leads at the first couple of marks. It was just past Tasman Island that I made my first mistake. I went too far east before gybing, giving *rumskib* the inside track as we unfurled our spinnakers and headed north.

My second mistake, as we trekked north, was that I threw one too many gybes. At the speeds we were travelling, any gain I made by the extra gybe was offset by the performance loss.

And so, as we headed into our second day, I found myself chasing *rumskib*, *Kipper1258* and *Alexandria*, with *rafa* and *Mustang Mark* nipping at our heels.

After the first day's two errors, I managed to sail the second day cleanly, just sneaking past *Alexandria* to grab a podium spot in the race, and 4<sup>th</sup> overall for the double. Hopefully next year I can get leg 1 right!

Thanks to the SOL team for putting this together, and to the other racers as well. I learn something from you every time we go out.



*Did I overshoot, or did rumskib deploy the wheels on his boat? 😊*

-longreacher

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