

It was pleasant to return from the sea and be blessed with a handy P1 in the first of this series of three online races in cooperation with the Shorthanded Sailing Association of New Zealand and their sponsors and the Young 88 class.

I guess they sail all year round in New Zealand, but despite the relatively light airs, it was presumably nippy out there IRL. Online, from behind my desk, it was comfortable as in the end was this win. A short race and steady global gfs winds on a 0.5 x 0.5 grid give few opportunities for catching, assuming as always no handling errors interfere.

Since I was lucky to get to the first mark first, by judiciously or otherwise staying close-hauled on starboard even though we were sailing into a header, but thus holding stronger wind, it was mine to lose from then on. rumskip, as always, gave me a fright, but thankfully couldn't catch me.

On to race 2, which will be another quickie.

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