

## SSANZ Safety at Sea Two-Handed Triple Series 2017 - Race 1

A race of thirds for me. This was my third crack at the SSANZ, last year I finished third, and now, a year later, another third.

I really love racing around NZ, and I also love the polar that the Young 88 provides. It's fast, but not so fast that you have to worry about performance loss management.

This race started at a good time for us armchair racers in Eastern North America. When the cannon fired just after supper here, I knew it would be a late night, but not an impossible one.

There wasn't much variation in the courses taken by bonk, rumskib or myself, but their roundings were a bit smoother than mine. (I've been bitten too often by missed roundings to be much of a risk taker anymore)



*Futilely trying to catch bonkhoot & rumskib as we head into Orakei*

After the final rounding at the Motutapu Island headland, I made a final check of the 0430 weather update, set a course to the line and headed off to bed, not sure if I'd be able to hold off Jawz for the final podium spot or not. In the end, it was very close, with just 10 seconds separating us.

Thanks to the SOL crew for putting this on. It's one of my favourite series each year.

-longreacher  
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