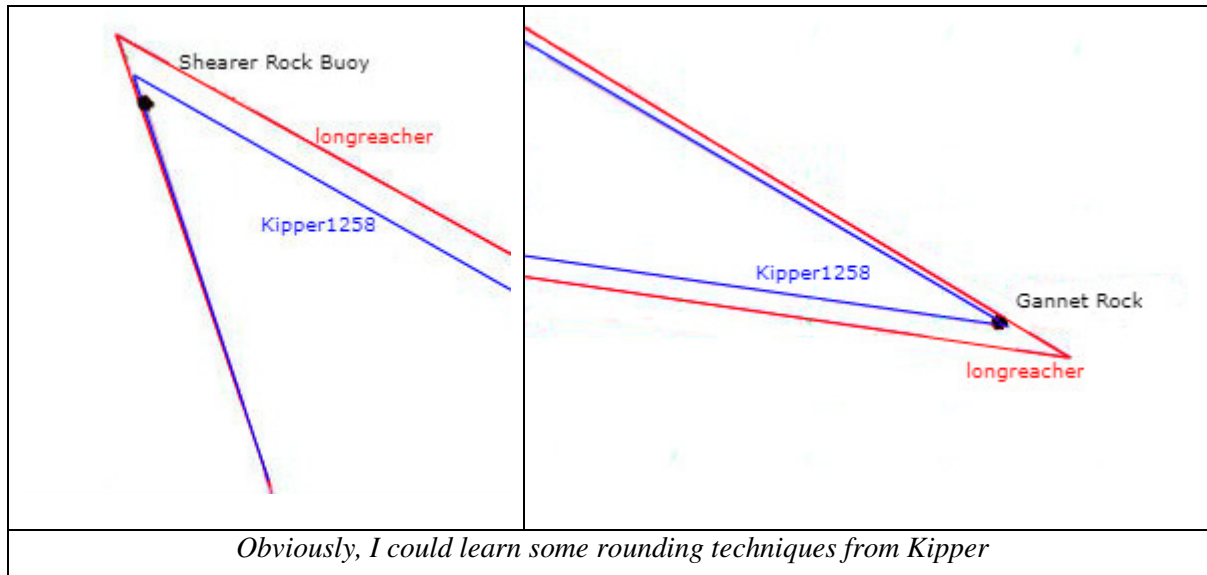


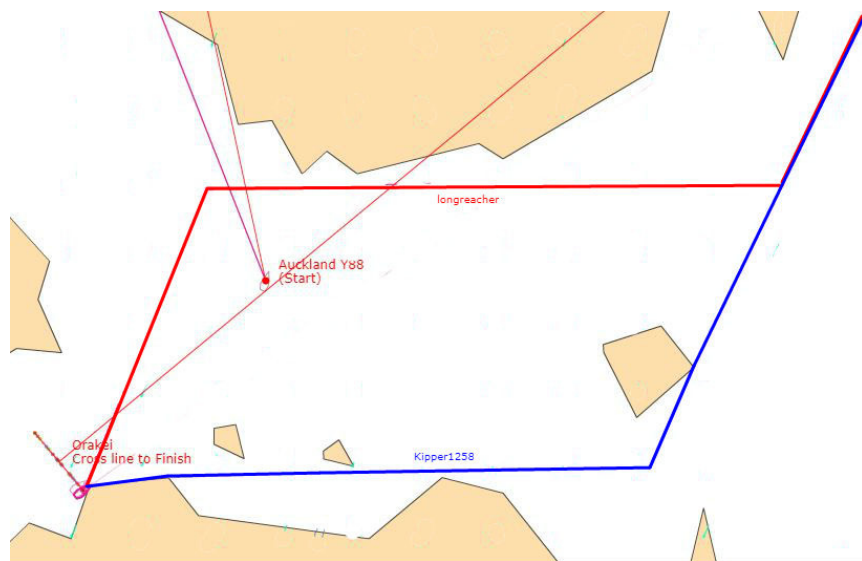
## SSANZ Safety at Sea Two-Handed Triple Series 2017 - Race 2

I almost didn't race this one, as I had some plans to go fishing with my boys, but the weather turned against us, so I made a last minute decision to give it a go, even though it would lead to a very late night here.

One of my ongoing challenges that I need to work on are my roundings. I've tried being aggressive, which usually leads to catastrophic failure, and so lately, I've been more conservative, which costs me a little at each turn, as evidenced by the Shearer Rock and Gannet Rock roundings below.



Coming away from Motutapu Island, *fastpassage* and I were battling close behind *Kipper*. They both headed south, while I stayed north as we headed back towards Auckland. I had more wind, but they a favourable wind shift and one gybe to my two. I initially was headed for the north end of the line, but made a decision at the last minute to head for the south end. That might have made all the difference, as it was just a few seconds in the end that separated the three podium positions.



*Different strategies at the end!*

Thanks to the SOL team for putting this on, and to all the SOLers who made the circuit!

-longreacher  
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