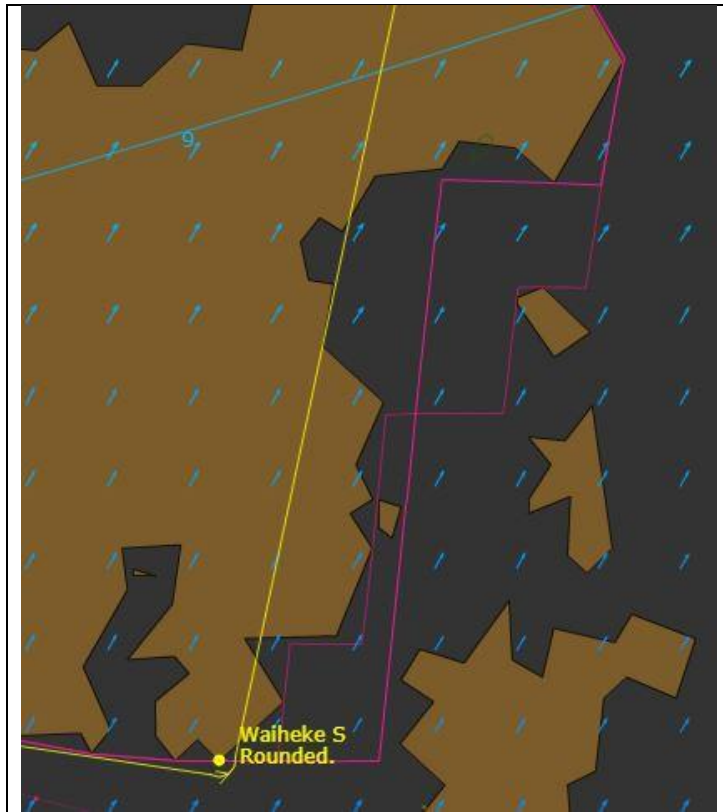


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I was pleased to note that there was a good breeze blowing, as I made my plans for this race. It meant that, with a 6:10 PM local start time, it would be a late finish, but not a punishingly late one. The strong steady breeze also meant that it would be fairly straightforward, with a bit of an opportunity for strategy on the east coast of Waiheke,



I liked my tacking plan, but now I like bonknhoot's better!

We were in a fairly tight pack as we rounded Waiheke South marker. I decided to conserve tacks, and try to get into the fresher wind to the north. It worked well, **bonknhoot's** 7 tacks worked even better, and he emerged at the top of Waiheke with the lead.

From there, I was only able to chase him and **sassy63** around the remainder of the course, and try to stay ahead of **rumskib** and the rest of the hungry hounds.

Thanks to the SOL team for putting this on, the SASNZ series is annually one of my favourites. Long enough to allow for some strategy, but quick enough for those of us with short

attention spans to be able to get it in before getting distracted.

-longreacher
September 3rd, 2017