

Race Report - 2017 SSANZ Triple
George – “Jawz”

I love the New Zealand SOL series, they offer plenty shorter races with opportunities to test out your short course strategies. Add to this the inevitable issue with starting at weird times, “Sorry Mates!” which results in many of the top racers skipping these, leaving opportunities for top finishes a definite possibility.

There is a saying – “The shortest distance between two points is a straight line”

There you have it folks! The final solution to how to win these short races! Easy Hey? Now run along and I hope to see you at the start of the next series. Ta-ra, till next time!

Fair winds

George – Jawz

...What?...

...Did you really think I was going to give you folks a lesson in “Pinching” or teach you about “Wind Angles-101”

No! This you will have to work out for yourself I’m afraid! But please don’t think ill of me, I am 60 years young with plenty of life experience behind me and I am willing to share that, or at least some of it, with you. Here goes...

I started sailing on SOL August 2009. At the time there was a sailor with the AKA Brainaid sailing the races, cleaning up and making me feel inadequate. These days there are sailors around with names such as rumskib, Alexandria, bonknhoot, longreacher, Kipper1258 and knockando60 cleaning up. Know what?

I have learnt one hell of a lot from being on SOL and although I cannot consider myself in their league every smidgen of success like my second place overall in the 2017 SSANZ Triple series gives me great pleasure.

I have to tell you guys that after about a year on SOL I was printing polar diagrams onto overhead plastic slides and sticking them to my PC screen to work out VMG and the best angles to sail ☺

These days there are many aids to assist and my favorite of these is AGage’s Optimum Angles tool

Hang in there and enjoy the journey it is what brings me back continuously