



## 2017 SSANZ Triple



I was looking for retribution after a last year's SSANZ triple. The 2016 series started well for me, but was interrupted by a forest fire in race two which totally hosed up my chances.

The SSANZ races fall at a decent time for Eastern North American SOLers, if there's a good breeze you might cross the line by midnight. Unfortunately that wasn't the case for the first two races of the series. Light winds had us racing with propped open eyes and copious coffee.

Race 1 was very much a race of straight lines and tight roundings, with *Bonknhoot* proving to be the better at both. In Race 2, my conservative roundings had me once again chasing the leaders around the course, but a difference in strategy as we made our way back towards Auckland allowed me to close the gap



on *Kipper1258* and score the win. Race 3 gave us a bit more wind to play with, and a bit an opportunity to try some different tacking strategies as we headed upwind on the east side of Waiheke island. Once again, *Bonknhoot* led us around the course and all we could do was follow him home.

The SSANZ series is one of my favourites each year, and I was glad to get a chance to show some consistency at it this year. Thanks to the SOL team for putting it together!

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