

Auckland Islands PYOC Sprint 2017

It's been a while since I've made it to the podium, so when I saw this sprint on the schedule with a 6AM local start time, I decided that I'd better get up early and give it a go. I scouted out the course before going to bed, and almost missed seeing the Carnley Harbour Passage. Thankfully I spotted it, and set a DC for the headland before hitting the sack. It was good that I had, because the time I got up, I was already underway, and just managed to wrestle control back from the autopilot before making the turn into the harbour.

The favourable wind made the passage through the harbour fairly uneventful, ***Sadlersailing*** and ***Frangipani*** did a better job than I did at rounding the points, and so, when we remerged into the Tasman Sea, they had me by a few boatlengths. Once we got into open water, and all made the tack for home, we were all on roughly equal footing, and I was unable to make any gains.

In the end, I came home third, pleased with my first podium finish in over a month.

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