

Log Brisbane to Keppel – 2018

bonkhoot has been too often absent in recent months from our SOL waters, and absent altogether in 2018 from the 40ft Series. So, having docked in Capraia IRL and with Mrs. bonk suggesting we stay in port for a day, I saw an opportunity to make at least some amends. Badly needed too, as bonk's slide down the rankings was starting to accelerate.

I'm not sure I had sailed the Farr 400 before, but by all accounts it was seriously superior to the other 40ft yachts available, so, not having sailed in the Series yet, that was an easy pick. Imagine my consternation to discover the winds were very light and mostly from ahead favouring the SOTO and the Class 40 over my Farr. It was hard work to hold on, but hold on bonk did, as indeed did Bimmer, who had also gone Farr for this one.

After rounding Breaksea Spit, however, it turned out to be plain sailing after all, although the offset at Polmaire Reef – a recent addition to the course – did add a little anxiety, as of course did Bimmer panting down my neck all the way to the finish.

There is a lot of skill and judgment required in selecting which boat to sail when, as well as some luck as you only know what races are on for a single quarter, and certainly the gang who picked the SOTO for this one evidenced that, so an especial well done to them! Meanwhile, given the marked superiority of the Farr over the rest of the fleet and that I can pick her twice more for easy scores on the door, you may see bonk making another guest appearance or two.