

Sailonline Race Report  
Brisbane to Gladstone 2019

I congratulate ij for a comfortable win and Hirilonde for 3<sup>rd</sup> on the podium. Well done.

Thanks to all the competitors for their participation and the SOL Team for their commitment and for linking up with the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club for this the 71<sup>st</sup> version of the race.

After having a 7-month spell from SOL until December 2018 I have been somewhat selective and casual, doing less races, trying not to put as much time into those that I do and not worrying about where I finish. Well - trying not to anyway!

In the case of the Brisbane to Gladstone the timing was right and all the rounding's happened at reasonable times of the day so that I could concentrate on making a good job of what are crucial manoeuvres in a close race. I got off to a competitive start and as usual when you find yourself in the front part of the fleet there is pressure not to slip up.

At the end of the day I was more than pleased with second spot.

Billy  
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