

Race Report. SSANZ Triple Series 2019 - Lewmar 100 Baltic.

This race suited my current SOL plans in that it was not a big commitment, it was only 50nm, 6 roundings (4 which were tight) and only around 6 hours racing starting at 0725 my time and on a Saturday when I had nothing else on.

As expected it was close all the way, I got off to a fast start and battled closely with the leaders for the whole journey in boisterous winds around 20 knots. The IRL sailors probably got wet and cold. I concentrated on making efficient rounding because every second counted.

I gained a little with a good rounding of Shearer's Rock Buoy but my heart sank when I thought I had cut the last significant rounding at The Haystack too closely. I thought that I had hit the Tack Command button early and missed the mark but miraculously the screen text stated 'Rounded' and about then I hit the front.

The main contenders took various routes from The Haystack to Rangitoto Island, I kept tacks to a minimum to minimise performance efficiency loss.

bonknhoot was the nearest threat, centimeters away, and Mouthansar, Frangipani, Wolff and LittleSurprise, idle, azur and intermezzo were waiting to pounce.

Unfortunately for him, bonknhoot bbq'd briefly and I sneaked home, initially second but the SOL server had a think about it and relegated Mouthansar to second 6 seconds behind Billy and 6 secs ahead of Frangipani.

Thanks to all starters and to the SOL Team.

Billy 3/8/2019