

SSANZ RNI 2020

The RNI Series is a very fun group of races in SOL calendar. The time zone is very positive for me as the start used to be in the beginning of the night in Brazil.

The first leg was a short one, and I made a regular race finished in 9.

The second leg was my best result, I managed to stay in the top 5 for a long time and was in second place when I made a bad decision and try to navigate with a TWA course, and then I lost 2 places and finished in fourth place.

The third and fourth legs I knew it would be tricky for me because I was in the middle of a business trip, and my flights and work appointments could mess up the start of Leg 3 and the final approach of Leg 4, after rounding the Cape Lighthouse.

Leg 3 was done and I took 8th place. So, now I have the possibility to stay in the podium of the series, but I have a huge problem, I was tied (21 points) in the rank with Kipper and Beliberda, and Henrys was very close to us.

My only job now is to stay ahead of Kipper and Beliberda (two of the greats skippers in SOL community), and at least 10 points of Henrys result in leg 4.

For my luck, I think Kipper missed the start so my mission now is a little bit easier, but I was just to get into my 8 hours (with a brief connection) flight back to home. At this moment I had my route set, and nothing more to do. During the flight Connection, I had a chance to update my route after 22:30 wx arrival, but the internet in the airport was horrible and I was not able to do a new refresh in my QTvlm.

After all, I was ahead of Kipper and Beliberda, and Henrys was 4 or 5 places in front of me. This already assure me the 3rd position in the series, and now I was back in home with a nice internet Connection and a cold beer can in my hands.

The 4th leg was my worse result but enough to take 3rd place.

I'm very happy and honoured to acquire this great award.

Thank you all for the knowledge shared in the race chat and the fun about virtual sailing.

Long life to SOL!

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