

NEWPORT BERMUDA 2020

Thank you so much to all the Chatters for the well wishes. I was just very lucky to have had favourable winds after we emerged from the “doldrums”. I also found using the TWA during anticipated wind shifts to be of great benefit. I was worried about bonknhoot towards the end there. (Had the race been longer he would have caught me!)

In hindsight I would’ve positioned myself more favourably to beat GREATSKUA to the line. I was just not in the right position and was eventually forced to concede.

I’ve done one other race but made a mistake when entering and used my own name instead of my boat name. Previously I sailed the Auckland to Fiji race under the name djoubert.

I’m from South Africa and a member at Stilbaai Yacht Club which is on the Vaal Dam. I sail a Dart 18 catamaran. Whenever I sail in a regatta IRL, I almost always come stone last (in fact, it’s a bit of a standing joke at my club). So coming second for me is something of a miracle!

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