

# SSANZ PIC Insurance 2022 - Report

By CollegeFund

The PIC Insurance Race 3 would be a race within a race since it would also determine the series champion. With sassy63 and Tyger each with 7 points, Vida Maldita and CollegeFund each with 11 points, sailj29 with 13 and Pit8008 with 14, it was bound to be close as are the finishes of sprint races. Unfortunately, Vida Maldita didn't start the race.

From the start to Waiheke S, CollegeFund and Pit stayed a little north of the main group providing slightly better wind. Whether this was helpful or not is debatable. While sassy gybed north into Omaru Bay, CollegeFund, Pit and eventual race winner AndyS172 sailed on and turned north to sail along the coast of Waiheke Island and squeeze between the coast and the small island just off the coast. sassy exited Omaru Bay and joined us. Other skippers chose to sail north to the east of the small island.

With the turn to Tarahiki, everyone followed the same course. It was a matter of concentrating on the turns and hope the server was kind to you with the hops. And watching the leaderboard change with every update. At Waiheke W the question was go south or stay north until the turn to the finish line. While sailj took the southern route the rest of the leaders stayed north.

Typical of sprint races, once we hit the line it was time to anxiously wait for the server to provide the results. AndyS172 edged CollegeFund by one second for the win with Kipper1258 taking the third podium spot followed closely by Pit, brellis and Tyger. Great racing and another exciting sprint race finish!

The results of the 2022 SSANZ series was as close as the race. CollegeFund and Tyger finished tied with 13 points with CollegeFund winning the series with a best of series finish of second place and Tyger with a third place finish. sassy63 finished in the third podium spot. Congratulations Tyger and sassy63!!

Thanks to the race committee for a great series and to all the skippers for some great racing!

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