

SSANZ Triple Series 2024 - Race 3

CriticalHippo

What better way to spend a Friday evening than some virtual sailing on SOL!

The race started at 3:15 PM local time and I had to start the race on DC's set before the weather update. I was home by 4:00 so there was no BBQ danger, but I was surprised to find myself in 2nd place, about 3 seconds behind CollegeFund, when the fleet converged to round Waiheke S.

I practiced a lot on optimizing my corners during last month's timed race and it paid off here as I was able to achieve near perfection through the complicated middle part of the race, even when the wife was out shopping and my 4- and 2-year-old boys were commanding my attention.

By the second time around Waiheke S I was around 30 seconds ahead and was able to relax a bit; maybe too much since I almost missed the end of the race! Indeed I was back on the helm just in time to watch my boat miss the finish line. A quick course correction and I still won by nearly a minute.

My first sprint win! Congrats to Vida_Maldita on winning the series and to everyone who finished this fun race!

