

SSANZ Triple Series 2025 - Race 2

CriticalHippo

I got an average start, making a straight line to the first corner and coming around Rangitoto North in 12th, about 10 seconds behind.

I then took a slightly wide angle to get in stronger wind to the north as we approached Rakino Island. This seemed to pay off as I was 6th as we approached the rounding. A sharp turn put me in 4th after we rounded.

Straight lines to the next two marks, then things get interesting after Gannet Rock. Some boats head south and others west. I do a short westbound leg first before going south.

It's dinner time and I have a lot of random food around, so I've created a "Mexican" hot dog with cheddar cheese, homemade guacamole, sour cream, and black olives, paired with chocolate milk. A hippo will eat anything!

I use the long leg to Waiheke to optimize my route for the next couple legs, then it's bedtime for the little hippos. I come back after the tack and it looks like I'm in 3rd place behind Mirek and Kastor. CollegeFund is very close by as well.

I'm on the helm for the next tack towards Motuihe Island and the timing is such that my tack will be 9 seconds late. I opt to tack 1 second early instead and sail a little higher into the wind.

Despite every effort, I can't close the gap and the victory goes to Mirek, with Kastor +4 seconds and me +12 seconds to finish the podium. Great racing guys!

