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#### OCEAN ( OCQ1)

The first quarter of 2016 has been quite epic on the SOL oceans!

The first race has been the replica in opposite direction of the longest race ever sailed in SOL. This time it was San Francisco to New York . This race offered some incredible moments , like three boats leading by 12 hours at Cape Horn , and then being overrun by far in the Rio doldrums. The skippers are still devastated....(well ...slightly upset...;)) ). In the end a superb Jepsom got to the lead and preserved it for a few thousands of miles till the finish line.

The Race from Australia to CPT was far more “normal” , although it reserved its surprises and passing lanes . The biggest surprise was a dramatic incident that took victory away from outlaw a few miles before the finish line , after a long and comfortable lead. Outlaw was also one of the three leaders by 12 hours at Cape Horn during the previous race , so we believe he will sail the next nine months in the SOL oceans with an incredible amount of “credit luck” to recuperate ...Watch out !!

By winning leg 2 , and always being in the front pack Dingo secured the Q1 victory and it was well deserved.

A total of about 400 boats participated to at least one OCEAN Championship race in Q1 , and 133 of them qualified for Series rankings Q1

