

A few late starters make up a fleet of 184 in the virtual Vineyard Race.

We are sailing the polar of a Santa Cruz 52 and interesting to see that the virtual race leaders following a similar course to real SC52 "Magic".

At the Buzzards Bay Light, Magic would be in 15th place against the virtual boats and about 6nm behind the virtual race leader .

A great effort from Magic considering the skippers of the virtual boats have 'armchair comfort' and don't get wet and cold.

Top 10 virtual boats at the mark fly the flags of:

1. Switzerland
2. Australia (John in Brisbane)
3. Canada
4. Denmark
5. Canada
6. Australia (me in Melbourne)
7. Peru
8. USA (Bob in LA)
9. Netherlands
- X. Austria

Another update towards the finish

The winner of the virtual Vineyard Race was Bonknhoot flying the Swiss flag and had an elapsed time of 1:11:19:48 - only an hour and five minutes ahead of Magic.

Very close considering we don't have to contend with currents in sailonline.

Magic's time would have placed her 16th out of 189 registered entries - very good for one design racing since we are all sailing Santa Cruz 52s.

The top 10 in the virtual race were:

1. Bonknhoot - Switzerland
2. Dingo - Australia
3. MrBill - Canada
4. Tyger - Australia
5. Rafa - Peru
6. Javakeda - USA
7. Bimmer - Denmark
8. Dikkehenk - Netherlands
9. Adlib1 - Canada
- X. Longreacher - Canada

Only 25mins 32secs covered the top 10 places.

USA boats also finished 12th, 13th and 14th in the top 20.

There were 11 different nation's flags in the top 20.

36 different nations were represented across the 189 entries.

1st and 2nd (Jan and John) are making a habit of doing well in the virtual Vineyard Race with each having placed 2nd or 3rd in 2014 and 2015. This is the first win in the race for either of them. Both are excellent navigators in real life as well and do their homework before a race.

Thanks again to all at Stamford Yacht Club for a great buddy-up. There are always a lot of positive comments in race chat during and after this event.