



kenza (RUS)



WINSTON_4 (ITA)



StIngFI (FIN)

For the first time this year a quarterly championship has been secured by powerful double victory, rather than by consistent results.

In both races **kenza** gained the leadership in the early stages and successfully defended the position to the end, without a single chance for the chasing pack to attack him at any time.

This quarter saw firstly Southampton to Uruguay, the initial leg (of a total 4) of a challenging RTW in the reverse direction that will surely give some exciting experiences from leg 2 onward. Leg one did not, as it basically was the same leg as the traditional RTW in easterly direction. This time in particular the doldrums did not play any great role in the north/south crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, and the race was quite static in terms of WX and consequent surprises.

The second ocean race in this quarter (Beru to Bora Bora) did not add any opportunity for change in the upper part of the rankings. The only technical surprise (if any) was that the WP in the middle of the course proved to be irrelevant for the routing , as the correct approach to this race turned to be a much more southerly course.

WINSTON_4 and **StIngFI** secured the remaining spots on the Ocean Q3 podium

Everyone's hope (except for kenza ;)) is that Q4 brings some surprise in WX changes and need for creative approach to optimal route.

A total of 141 boats (SYC members) qualified for Series rankings Q3 OCEAN

