



2016 SOL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Comments on Racing and Results

SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

The official results for this Championship have been posted and the PRIZES announced here:

<http://www.sailonline.org/board/thread/14761/2016-championships-final-results-and-p/?page=1#post-14761>

The twenty races of this year's SPRINT Championship have been run very smoothly, and in acceptable to good conditions. The HIRES winds have proven once again to be a winning move towards innovation and realism. The final two races were held on iceboats, and this made of them real great fun for everyone.

The start times have been spread very fairly amongst the three main areas of the world where the SOL Community is located. No complaints were received by SRC on this subject.

As to competitive results, it became apparent from the start that WINSTON_4 of Italy was seeking revenge from last' years defeat in this Championship due to extreme bravery by SLL (Sprint Legend Lou).

In 2016 WINSTON_4 conceded only the first Quarter to an excellent Bonknhoot, and then eventually went into change of gear and proceeded towards the overall goal without further obstacles.

Rumskib has been as always a difficult competitor since the beginning, but mid-way through the year the games were almost done. **WINSTON_4 won the Championship** some five races ahead of the end of calendar, and his discarded score includes a " 7 ", as evidence of consistency throughout the year. His end score is sizably less than half of the second boat ranked! ...It was definitely a powerful run!

The last race saw the return to "arms "of SLL, and with no doubts he imposed his style, with a solid victory and placed a new booking on the 2017 Championship Cup.

The Championship podium saw **rumskib** never in danger of losing second place, and, through an excellent final leg, **bonknhoot** picked the third spot available.

To be mentioned the excellent SPRINT year of **SCARABOCCHIO**, who in the final part of the tournament nailed a number of good results, but was unlucky in the end, ending fourth only by four points.

The other TOP TEN, all performing very consistently during 2016 in this Championship were:

Longreacher
MustangMark
Sassy63
Neuroman
Rafa
Bimmer

The Sprint Championship will continue in 2017, with an experimental new format, with three regional Championships of 6 races each during four months each. The annual Championship will be therefore composed of a total 18 races.

Stay tuned for further news!

Thanks for racing the SPRCH in 2016

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