



*2016 SOL CHAMPIONSHIPS*  
*Comments on Racing and Results*

## **TIMED CHAMPIONSHIP**

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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>

Timed races are an exclusive feature of Sailonline, and bring a lot of FUN to all SOLers. So did the twelve Timed races of 2016, an excellent setup for a well fought Championship.

In 2016 the mistake made in 2015 (my mistake) of running the Timed Transat in the wrong month and with the wrong boat was corrected. It was raced again in November like in 2009, and with the excellent Orange Cat 125, by far the best "roaring beast" of the SOL boathouse.

The field conditions were not as brilliant as those of 2009 , and therefore the little over 4 days record could not be broken , but dashing through the great Atlantic Ocean at 29 knots is an experience that all SOLers love, and the participation numbers demonstrated this very well. In our opinion it should become a regular part of the Timed program in SOL.

Since the very first few months it was clear that the Timed Championship would have been a giant battle between **kenza of Russian Fed.** and **rumskib of Germany**. For many good reasons they are the two who always pick the perfect start time in a Timed race.

The fight has been open till the end, when kenza nailed the fourth victory of the year, and won the Championship. Rumskib was solid second on podium. **Rafa of Peru** did so well during the year that he was sure third on podium even discarding the last race.

The others who could only watch from beneath and fight for the top 10 positions were (in ranking order):

**Bonknhoot**  
**WINSTON\_4**  
**Longreacher**  
**SCARABOCCHIO**  
**Henrys**  
**Sassy63**  
**Neuroman**

The Timed Championship will continue in 2017 with same format.

Stay tuned for the relevant NOR to appear in Forum before the end of the year!

Thanks for racing the TRCH in 2016

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