

2017Q1 SRC Review

This quarter has been concentrated mostly in the Southern Hemisphere for our Ocean races with Round the World in Reverse races along with several legs of the A3 Series around Australia, a shorthand circuit of the North Island of New Zealand and the race from Hong Kong to San Fernando. In addition we have escorted our Gray Whales back North with their young calves.

In our buddied race with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club we beat our competition into the Lingayen Gulf and the watering holes of San Fernando as the fleet in real life had a slow exit from the harbour and never caught the SOL fleet. Fortunately the SOL fleet all sailed the correct course but that may not have been the case in real life see (<http://www.rhkyc.org.hk/upload/Sailing/Race-and-Regattas/SanFernandoRace/Report-by-Protest-Committee-to-RHKYC-re-protest-by-Standard-Insurance-Centennial-III-against-Scallywag-in-the-San-Fernando-Race--April-2017.pdf>). Your race committee is relieved that such queries do not come our way and we just have to deal with a few grumbles over a pint about rounding an outcrop or two in mid-ocean that saved the fleet prolonged short-tacking along the Antarctic coast and/or the race boundary (ice wall) that we installed.

However your Race Committee would like to apologise to all for the excessive constraints on leaving Auckland for Cape Town. In hindsight, the fleet should have been given more discretion on choice of track. We shall remember that lesson.

Timed races have given several opportunities for competitive runs but such was not the case for the Lake Winnebago Ice Race this year when the light winds meant the course had to be reduced to one lap.

Your Race Committee is interested to receive proposals for races and series so please keep them coming. We hope that you will enjoy the Red Dot Series scheduled for Q2&Q3 along with quite a lot of Tall Ship sailing in the forthcoming quarters before we settle down to some fast long-distance racing in 65' yachts going around the World.

Fair winds to all.

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Chair – SRC

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