



## SAILONLINE YACHT CLUB

## **2017 SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

## SPRINT Championship Results and Prizes

Sprint races in 2017 were grouped to three zones of the world where race starts were timed to fit to what SRC perceived to be times when actual sailors might have their yachts laid up and be spending some time at home when they could appreciate some virtual sailing. So we set up a set of three series of six races per series with five races to count (1 discard).

The first series of six races between January – April favoured the Americas with race locations and start times for their daylight hours. rumskib of Germany was the clear winner of that series posting 1/2/2/4/6 quite well ahead of bonknhoot of Ireland with 2/4/4/4/9 and Franci of Italy with 3/7/8/9/12.

The second series of six races between May – August favoured Asia, Australia and New Zealand locations with start times for their daylight hours. Franci of Italy was the series winner with 1/5/7/8/9 with Bimmer of Denmark second posting 4/6/9/10/16 and azur of Canada third with scores of 5/5/8/13/32.

The third and final series of six races ran between September and December and favoured Africa and Europe for a slightly delayed European 'summer'. sassy63 of Sweden won this series with 4/4/5/11/11 with bonknhoot of Ireland second with 3/3/8/10/17 and rafa of Peru was third with 1/2/9/12/20.

From these Series results it was fairly clear than regionalising the Series races did not engender greater local participation and indeed there appeared to be no increase in overall participation let alone the regional participation that SRC was hoping for!

The Series podium did feature seven different SOLers with different winners of each Series but rumskib's consistent performance across the three Series gave him a comfortable win (with 14 races to count out of 18) ahead of bonknhoot from Ireland with sassy63 of Denmark third.

The Sprint Championships will continue into 2018 but will revert to four races per quarter with locations and start times more reflective of our participants. It is an unwise operator that does not reward their supporters.

The NOR is now published on the SOL home page for your review.

We hope you enjoyed Sprint Racing in 2017 and the races that we will offer you in 2018.