

San Diego to Puerto Vallarta 2018

My 10th SOL victory.

I have to be honest, this win was due to a lucky start to the race.

I set a DC for a run south on TWA. around 8 hours later I find myself and a handful of other boats 1.5 NM ahead of the main fleet, now it's a matter of staying there. Not an easy task with so many top sailors chasing you down.

The next 4 days was quite straight forward with fairly steady winds. The fun began in the last 36 hours with light changing winds, fortunately I had good wifi coverage at my current work location.

Boats begin taking different routes, as a SOTP racer we can only guess which way to go, I decided to stick with the western route which paid off, although the eastern boats looked good for a while. The WX stayed in our favour.

It looked like a finish time of around 6 am but with a tricky approach to the finish, light shifting breeze.

Holding off Knockando60 was tough, not allowing me to sleep until the final course was set at 4.50am.

I think problems with the WX through the last days was a contribution to my victory as well as the lucky start.

Constant pressure from SOL greats keeps you on your toes.

Well done to all especially Boozeroo, the first non SYC member to finish.

Also a great sail from a future race winner JoeB and the usual suspects :)

Thanks SOL and all competitors.

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