



SAILONLINE YACHT CLUB

2018 OCEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

(and the Golden Globe Race albeit as an 'Other Race')

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

http://www.sailonline.org/static/var/sphene/sphwiki/attachment/2018/12/20/OCCH_2018_RESULTS_AND_PRIZES.pdf

I suppose that one could start this Championship report by saying – this was the Series that Kipper1258 did not win but that is only to emphasize that he won everything else.

SKOVSER was the deserved winner here with four podiums, discarding a 23rd and a 36th. rafa was a close runner-up just ONE point behind SKOVSER after discards and we can all remember where we could have saved that one place in our races!

aner59 was third also with three podiums but a further eleven points behind rafa.

The early races in this series were the Round the World races in Volvo 65s and it seems that it was only when we went back to our more traditional Ocean races that SKOVSER came through.

I believe that SRC has given you a decent selection of Ocean races in 2018 that in many cases have become SOL favourites and of course we are always looking out for new races and some new ones are in the pipeline.

The NOR for 2019 will soon be published on the SOL home page for your information.

We hope you enjoyed your Ocean Racing in 2018 and the package that we will offer you in 2019.

As noted in our Title - it would be wrong if SRC left our review of Ocean racing in 2018 without mentioning our participation in the Golden Globe Race (GGR). Although this race was no major high speed publicised and high profile round the world race we did have a truly memorable race around the world in buddying the GGR albeit as an 'Other Race' and not as part of our Ocean Championship Series. The GGR is a non-stop race around the world in a 34' – 36' long-keel old style racing monohull yachts commemorating and recreating Sir Robin Knox-Johnstone's unique single-handed inaugural non-stop sail around the world, which he won, fifty years ago in Suhaili when 'elf and safety was very different. Not only was SOL invited to buddy with the Golden Globe Race but more than four hundred sailors set off from Les Sables d'Olonne and some fifty of our members entered

the race with a commitment not to use routers and thus to sail honourably by the **Seat Of Their Pants**. That some six months later SOTP sailors could take three places in the top ten and a further six places in the next ten at the finish in level racing against routing skippers is a magnificent tribute to the racing skills of our sailors and SRC acknowledges and recognises those skills. SRC intends to keep the finish line open for an extended period of time in 2019 to allow all serious racers a chance to bring their boat home. SRC sincerely hopes that SOL will be buddying GGR in its next edition that is scheduled for 2022.

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