



## SAILONLINE YACHT CLUB

### 2018 Series 40ft Championship

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

[http://www.sailonline.org/static/var/sphene/sphwiki/attachment/2018/12/20/40CH\\_2018\\_RESULTS\\_AND\\_PRIZES\\_1.pdf](http://www.sailonline.org/static/var/sphene/sphwiki/attachment/2018/12/20/40CH_2018_RESULTS_AND_PRIZES_1.pdf)

This Series relied not so much on when to use the faster designs (Farr and Kerr) but when to use the slower designs of SOTO and Class 40 all the time attempting to progress around the course as speedily as possible.

Once again Kipper1258 has shown his superior skills not just in navigating his boat along the course simply faster than others but also in choosing when to use the slower yachts in his marina. In the event Kipper1258 was 35 points ahead of psail who in turn was just 11 points ahead of knockando60.

In 2018 the results were interesting as the winners of nine out of the twelve races do not appear at all in the top twenty places. So the message for the future may be participation and consistency rather than podium places.

The other message that appears to have been forgotten this year, and that has caused a totally unreasonable load of work for our Sailing Co-ordinator, was some SOLers disregard for the limitation of three usages per design during the twelve races. SRC and our Co-ordinator went to great lengths to explain the limitations in the Notice Of Race (NOR) and to present a spreadsheet showing very clearly usage to date per boat of each design and what was available for forthcoming races. The disregard of this parameter by many sailors has required our Co-ordinator to manually process the result of each race to exclude those twenty-eight skippers who, to put it bluntly, were cheating their fellow racers by excessive use of the faster boats. If for no other reason, this abuse of the NOR for this series would justify its suspension for a year if not longer.

In reflecting over the last three years, the 40' Series was expanded in 2017 to include a fourth boat (Farr400). In hindsight that was probably a mistake by SRC as the polar for the Farr400 in moderate or stronger winds utterly eclipsed the other three designs (SOTO, Class40 and Ker40) and each race became a Farr benefit. To SRC's mind this inequality in the polars was not unfair within the Series, because everybody had equal call upon three usages of that design over the year, but it did divide the fleet. Eventually the Board of Directors decreed this year (December 2018) that the 40' Series will not continue into 2019.

With appropriate alterations to the Farr400 polar during 2019 along with some evidence of support for the Series from SOLers, SRC would be prepared to propose re-use of the 40' Series in 2020. So in a number of ways it is up to you the active sailors in the 40' Series to see if it retires or returns? Or maybe can we find some 30' yachts that are closely matched such that we could start a 30' Series?

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

We hope you enjoyed the 40' Series Racing in 2018 that will be replaced with a twelve race SYC Championship Series for 2019 with quarterly and annual prizes.

**SRC**

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