

2019Q1 SRC Review

From SRC's perspective, this quarter has been one of blows and calms. A couple of our Sprint races were over in a flash, with crews working and hiking hard before relaxing back at the club house and a couple of longer races where the wind gods were just not with us. In the Simonstown to St Helena race the South Atlantic High confused us all, in the Race the Greatest Climb (a marine equivalent of the route up Kilimanjaro), the wind was fickle and some boats are still trying to get home around Vancouver Island (clockwise) after nine days where a nice wind offshore almost completely evaporated when we went east of Vancouver Island. Hopefully 2019Q2 will give us some more reasonable winds but the current Bimini Beach Run only has Force 2 – 3 winds, but let us be optimistic.

For the SOL Series our victors are as follows:

Timed Series: 2 Races. Kipper 1258 was a clear winner 1/3 from nordee with a 3/10 who pushed rafa with a 4/9 to third place by virtue of the 3rd.

Ocean Series: 3 Races. Skovser was our Champion here with 2/4/11, with aner69 in second 1/6/16 and Ricotina third with 4/7/13 and the Round Great Britain race with 224 boats had the greatest entry and the race podium was aner69/Skovser/Scarabocchio.

Sprint Series: 4 Races. Winston_4 was our Champion with 1/3/4/20; Sadlersailing was a steady second with 8/12/14/15 and third was brandystrega with 7/10/11/23. Worth noting that even results outside of the top 20 do not prevent success in our Series so persist despite that infuriating BBQ!

SYC Championship: 3 Races. WRmirekd prevailed in this series with 2/3/5, rafa was second with 2/3/8 and bonknhoot was third with 1/7/8.

As an observation SRC is pleased to note a wide variety of winning and podium skippers this quarter so just maybe SRC is providing the range of races as sought by SOLers?

Of our '**Other Races**', our race from Simonstown to St Helena attracted 205 entrants and proved to have fickle winds courtesy of the South Atlantic high. Some inspired routing decisions provide the podium to marioven/Leenartersson/Smo. Both Up Helly Aa, buddied with the Shetland Islands (podium bonknhoot/Wolff/Hirilonde) and the Florida Rum Run (podium ij/aner69/bonknhoot) were popular with 180 entrants. The new San Diego Islands race, buddied with San Diego Y C, had a course change shortly before the start as an island mark was omitted due to military requests to the organisers. The race was popular with 128 entrants and the podium was Smo/Garagiste/Kinkymou. The long haul in four legs around the whole of New Zealand was a challenge that was accepted by 75 skippers. The flexibility by SSANZ in scheduling start dates and times, depending upon real life yacht finishing times, was superbly managed by OPS and the series podium was taken Kipper1258/WRmirekd/Wolff. Finally the China Sea 200 Dash set new ground by starting our fleet of 137 skippers, along with the only real life entrant, at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club start line off Kellett Island in Hong Kong harbour with Lei Yu Mun gap (just 200 yds. wide) as the Eastern exit and an alternative of Western Approaches for a more relaxed harbour exit albeit a bit longer and downwind when leaving the island. The race was won by Kipper1258, with WRmirekd and Wolff in hot pursuit on a swallowtail course east of the island. Will OPS select the RHKYC line for the race to Puerto Galera on 17th April 2019? Watch the race blurb so that you are not caught out!

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