

Wellington to Lima

I have been a SOLer for quite a few years and I must say that it is the first time that I have had the chance of racing in my home waters and even finish in my home town.

So first thing, a big thank you to the promoters and organizers of such a significant race for me.

Secondly, thanks to all who participated in this race especially to the podium: HappyHour, SKOVSER and BlueSabbath who did a great sailing for a huge win; they put so much distance on most of us that they had enough time to fly to Cusco, take the train to Machu Picchu, hike the Inca Trail and fly back to Lima in time to greet the rest of us solers at arrival.

Re the editor comments in the “notice of race”:

Arequipeña beer: yes it is a great choice, but it's been a while since I last saw a bottle. If you don't find Arequipeña, ask for Cusqueña. But if you really want to drink something very special you must try a Pisco Sour, it won't disappoint you; it's tricky so don't drink more than two.

Ceviche is certainly a must. In general food is very good here and in the recent years our local cuisine has gained increasing international recognition. I read the other day that there are now more than 3000 Peruvian food restaurants all over the world, so it is likely there is one close to you. It's worth trying, but here is a hint: do not order ceviche nor pisco sour unless they have the proper kind of lime.

Cheers and good sailing to all.

And welcome to Peru!

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