

2019 3rd Quarter – SRC Report

This has been a less turbulent quarter for SOL, albeit one in which the wind gods have given us reason to say '*It is not normally like this.*' A phrase often used when visiting other venues in real life. Mind you SRC has introduced SOLers to a few new venues in this quarter!

Our racing in the 3rd Quarter of 2019 produced the following results:

Ocean Series. With three races - Galveston to Galway, Aden to Goa (new) and Wellington to Lima (new) this series challenged our skippers to find the optimum route to the finish. The Atlantic and the Pacific oceans fooled our routers while the Indian Ocean was more amenable. **Aner59** won the first two races pursued by **RICOTINA** and **Mullionman** in the first race and by **Garagiste** and **knockando60** in the second race. The third race across the Pacific produced a batch of about a dozen yachts that took a more northerly course than others and triumphed when they found more favourable winds. The winner in that 3rd race was **HappyHour** followed by **SKOVSER** and **Blue Sabbath**. **Aner59**'s successes in the first two races gave him the series result for OCQ3 followed by **SKOVSER** and **SCARABOCCHIO**.

SYC Series. The gods were with us in this quarter and we completed all three races in this Series, namely 'Tour down Under', 'Hmm delivery' and 'Newport to Bermuda'. **bonknhoot** won the first race chased by **rafa** and **intermezzo**. It was **ij**'s turn to win the second race with **bonknhoot** second and **WRmirekd** third. **WRmirekd** won the third race ahead of **ij** with **RICOTINA** third. The series result went to **bonknhoot**, followed by **batabah** and **Go4iT** (your scribe).

Timed Series. This series with races at Hormuz and from Auckland to Russell had a range of SOLers on the podium. **rafa** won the Hormuz leg followed by **StIngFI** and **beliberda**. **AndyS172** won the Auckland to Russell race with **goddess** second and **Frangipani** third. It is great to see some new names on the podium. The series was won by **rafa** with **StIngFI** second and **calmxy** third.

Sprint Series. This four race series was duly completed and was won by **WINSTON_4** with no race win but with a steady set of results. Chasing Winston_4 was **robert1**, **Garagiste** and **LittleSurprise**.

Other Races. In addition to the Series races several classic races were held in this quarter. Our triple race series with the Shorthanded Sailing Association of New Zealand (SSANZ) raced in Young 11 yachts had great winds and was won by **LittleSurprise** followed by **bonknhoot** and **intermezzo**. Our four Tall Ships race Series, so favoured by Joanne (RainbowChaser) in conjunction with Sail Training International, was won by **WRmirekd** chased by **rafa**. The legendary Sail around Turkey, where a major wind hole off southern Turkey parked the fleet, was won by **WRmirekd** with **RICOTINA** 2nd and **Garagiste** 3rd. Finally our Caribbean Rum Run with a noticeable absence of wind that may have depleted our cargo of rum, was won by **rafa** as himself, **Davy_Scoundrel_Dunkin** (WRmirekd) was 2nd.

and **RedPearl** (SKOVSER). Finally the overnight Silverrudder race where SOL buddies with Svendborg Amatør Sejlklub resulted in a win for **rafa**, with **bonknhoot** 2nd and **Mouthansar** 3rd. We beat the real boats on the water but then we did not have the adverse tide and could sleep a bit.

Ranking by Nations. In parallel to all these individual race and series results, SOLers may not be aware that there are Individual and Team National rankings being processed by our Sail Co-ordinator. As at the end of Q3, with one quarter still to go, the Individual National leaders were **Finland** who were followed by **Poland** with **Peru**, **Italy** and **Australia** contesting 3rd place. In the Team National rankings **Italy** is leading with **Denmark** second. **Australia**, **USA** and **Great Britain** are contesting for 3rd.

Full details can be found in the Forum at <http://www.sailonline.org/board/thread/16159/2019-rankings-by-nation-individual-and/?page=1#post-16374> .

Some SOLers have expressed concern over the demise of FLASH and the impact on our virtual sailing. I can advise that all seems to be well in hand and an HTML5 version is now under test with sundry niggles being resolved by our technical experts. Along with a pile of more information on SOL matters in general, further details can be found in Forum.

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