

2022 Q1 SRC Report

Ocean Series

The three races for this Series were the Cape Town to Rio race in the C2R74 yacht, the last virtual edition of the race that will be sailed for real next year, the Uruguay to New Zealand race that this time went around the Horn in our Volvo 70 and the Tokyo to San Francisco race in the GB90 catamaran that became a tactical race of trying to stay on the leading edge of a series of depressions to take us across the Pacific Ocean.

The Cape Town to Rio race was completed in under 14 days and was won by **Happy Hour** with **Mullionman** and **Sax747** both less than 10 minutes behind after nearly 3600 nm.

RICOTINA won this 6,300 nm race from Uruguay to New Zealand down the east coast of South America and across the Pacific in twenty days followed by **rafa** some five hours behind with **Cippalippa** in 3rd a further one hour behind.

The third race in this Series took us back across the Pacific this time from Tokyo to San Francisco in our 90' Gunboat catamaran. This proved to be a tactical race when staying on a weather system proved to be crucial. In a demonstration of how to do it **Smo** showed us by leading the fleet over nearly 6000 nm in just nine days (average 660 nm/day!) to finish first. Second was **SCARABOCCHIO** just three minutes later with **bonknhoot** finishing 3rd just sixteen seconds later. An honourable mention should be made of **FreyjaUSA** who finished 4th only three seconds behind **bonknhoot**.

These varied faces on the Ocean podiums gave us quite a jumbled podium for the 1st Quarter Series result. This Quarter was won by **Cippalippa** with a 7th, 3rd and 5th result, followed by **RICOTINA** with 13th, 1st and 7th. Third overall was **bonknhoot** with 6th, 14th and 3rd. Yet again, this Series result shows that despite a *'would like to forget that result moment'* these Series races can still be won with persistence.

Sprint Series

The four races for this Series were Tuvalu, Sao Jorge, Ofu to Mala and the Marathon.

The Tuvalu race was sailed in our FarEast24 in the central Pacific. The race was won by **WRmirekd** with **Smo** second and **Sax747** 3rd.

The Sao Jorge race in the Azores was sailed in X-362 and was won by **CollegeFund**, closely chased by **Patrick70119** and **FreyjaUSA** just seconds behind.

The next race took the fleet to American Samoa in our small Scampi 26 boats for a 19-mile coastal race. **GREATSKUA** won this race with **Patrick70119** chasing just 8 seconds behind and then **blackcat** (a new candidate on a SOL podium) was a further nine seconds behind in 3rd. All three finished within 17 seconds.

The Marathon race from Athens to Marathonas was 42 nm (not 42 km like the real marathon) around southern Greece and sailed in our Club Swan 50. The race was won by **WRmirekd** with **TarassBoulba** second and **GREATSKUA** third. One minute covered the top nine places with just seconds between each boat!

Consistent placing in these races gave the Sprint Series win to **WRmirekd**, with **Sax747** second and **rafa** third.

All-Round Series

Three races for this series comprised the Max 100' delivery job from Hobart to Sydney, a passage through the Persian Gulf and the classic race from Buenos Aires up to Rio de Janeiro, all sailed in our larger yachts.

rafa led the fleet into Sydney followed by **rumskib** and **Vida_Maldita**. They all finished within a two-minute period.

The passage around the Persian Gulf was entitled the Black Gold Rush and was sailed in the 90' monohull. The race was won by **WRmirekd**, followed by **Sax747** and **rafa**.

The third race from Buenos Aires up to Rio de Janeiro, of some 1300 nm, was won by **Satori** followed by **Zorba777** and **sailj29**.

Consistent placing on the podium in these races gave the Series to **rafa** with 1st, 3rd and 7th, second was **WRmirekd** with a 6th, 1st and 6th and third was **rumskib** with 2nd, 5th and 8th.

Timed Series

We had two Timed Races in this quarter. The Newport race woke up our USA sailors and took us on a quick trip out of Newport to Block Island, Fishers Island and back into Newport. The race proved popular and there were about 460 runs from 163 boats in our MC38. It was won by **bonknhoot** with **Pit8008** 2nd and then **laBarca**.

The second timed race was sailed in SOTO30 boats around Tristan da Cuna in the Atlantic. 300 runs were made by about 100 boats around the 68 nm course. The fastest run was by **rumskib** in 6 hours 51 min 21 seconds. Second was **LittleSurprise** just fifteen seconds slower and then **Kipper1258**. Maybe a SOTO 30 found the weather slightly heavy!

The Series winner was **Pit8008**, closely followed by **StIngF1** with **Cippalippa** third.

Other Races

Two other race triangle series in New Zealand merit a mention along with the new series for the Seven Seas of Asia.

Northern Triangle

SOL has raced the Northern Triangle in Young 88s on several occasions and it normally has three legs but Covid interfered this year as the size of the fleet would breach New Zealand Covid rules and so no overnight beach parties could be held. This meant that the Northern Triangle was reconfigured by SSANZ to two races with a decent overnight race to and from Auckland with sailors partying at home as the first race; to be followed by a longer two-day race a day later with both race results to count. As a compromise, that enabled the Northern Triangle to be sailed, it was a good solution.

Leg one of some 41 nm was won by **WRmirekd** with **rumskib** just sixteen seconds behind and **Vida_Maldita** further ten seconds behind. Leg two was a 330 nm race, lasting two days, which was won by **WRmirekd** with **rumskib** second and **Vida_Maldita** third (again).

With this repeat of the finishing order the Series result had **WRmirekd** 1st, **rumskib** 2nd and **Vida_Maldita** 3rd.

Central Triangle

SOL was approached by a SOLer out of **Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club** in Wellington to buddy with them on a three-leg triangle in central New Zealand. Courses and boat selection proceeded well and our virtual participation was created with legs Wellington – Akaroa – Napier – Wellington in Sun Fast 3600.

The first leg of approximately 200 nm was won by **Vida_Maldita**, followed by **FreyjaUSA** and **Kipper1258**. The second leg of approximately 400 nm was won by **Vida_Maldita** with **WRmirekd** 2nd and **Kipper1258** 3rd. The third leg of about 210 nm was won by **WRmirekd** with **Vida_Maldita** 2nd and **Kipper1258** 3rd.

This gave a Series result of **Vida_Maldita** 1st, **Kipper1258** 2nd and **WRmirekd** in 3rd.

This is a welcome and great addition to our racing in New Zealand.

Seven Seas of Asia

The first of this seven race Series commenced with the Yellow Sea Race of some 2300 nm using our elegant Italia 14.98 yachts. The winner was **bonknhoot** with **SKOVSER** 2nd and **Garagiste** 3rd.

The second Seven Seas race was held in the South China Sea in Cape 31 yachts. The winner was **bonknhoot**, **batatabh** was 2nd and **Garagiste** 3rd.

With five more races to come the overall winner is yet to show.

QUARTERLY RANKINGS

National Team and Individual rankings can be viewed at: -

<https://www.sailonline.org/board/thread/17630/2022-quarterly-championships-podiums-a/?page=1#post-17630>

USA is leading the Team rankings with Italy in second and Great Britain in third. For the Individual rankings the order is Poland leading, Brazil is second and the Netherlands is third. But with only three months of the year sailed to date much may change although Poland is in prime spot for the Individual and USA for the Team slot.

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