

2022 Q3 SRC Report

Ocean Series

The three races for this Series were the Galveston to Galway race in the C2R74 yacht, the Victoria to Maui race in a Delphia 47 and the Hong Kong to Auckland race in the Super Maxi 100.

The Galveston to Galway race was completed by the leaders in under 14 days and was won by **SKOVSER** with **Mediterranean** second and **aner59** both less than 30 minutes behind after nearly 4,750 nm.

RICOTINA won this 2,500 nm race from Victoria in British Columbia, Canada to Maui in Hawaii across the Pacific in some light winds after sixteen days of sailing. Second was **aner59** some four hours behind with **Slide Rule** in 3rd a further twenty-four minutes behind.

The third race in this Series took us back across the Pacific this time from Hong Kong to Auckland in our Super Maxi 100. In a demonstration of how to do it **SCARABOCCCHIO** showed us by leading the fleet in after 6,100 nm in seventeen days to finish first. Second was **StIngFI** just seventeen minutes later with **aner59** finishing 3rd just two minutes later. An honourable mention should be made of **Dingo** who finished 4th only fifty-one seconds behind **aner59**.

The consistency shown at the top of the Ocean racing podiums gave **aner59** a clear Series victory for the 3rd Quarter Series result with a 2nd and two 3rds. Second was **RICOTINA** with a 7th, 1st and 10th scores, followed by **SlideRule** with 18th, 3rd and 9th. 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 the three races of the SSANZ PIC Insurance series where we joined the Young 88 two handed fleet sailing out of Auckland. We concluded the Sprint series with a new race in Lake Champlain in a J80.

The first PIC race was a 50 nm race out to Motuora Island and back. In a little over nine hours of racing **Vida_Maldita** was first over the line with **Pit8008** second (24 seconds behind) and **Never_Again_II** was 3rd just 4 seconds later. Once again **Tyger** deserves an honourable mention for being 4th just 4 seconds behind **Never_Again_II**.

The second PIC Insurance race was the longest of the Series titled the PIC 100 but a course of just 60 nm was set for the Young 88 class. **sassy63** showed the fleet the way home in about eight hours to complete 63 nm. Second was **Extractor** only eight seconds behind **sassy63** and third was **Tyger** just one more second behind. Boats finishing 4th – 10th in this race were all within 20 seconds of **Tyger**'s time and three of them had identical finishing times!

The third and final PIC Insurance race was over just 37 nm and was won by **AndyS172** with **CollegeFund** in second just one second behind **AndyS172**. Third was **Kipper1258** just six seconds behind **CollegeFund**. Boats 4th – 11th finished within 45 seconds of **Kipper1258** so this was some serious tight racing.

Lake Champlain is situated on the USA/Canadian border and we raced in a J-80 over 38 nm. The race was won by **Vida_Maldita** with **Pit8008** second and **WRmirekd** third.

Consistent placing in these races gave the Sprint Series win to **Pit8008** with two 2^{nds}, a 4th and a 12th with **CollegeFund** second (2nd, 4th, 7th and 8th) and **sassy63** (1st, 6th and two 9^{ths}) third.

ALL ROUND Series

Three races for this series using multihulls had the Sines (Portugal) to Bermuda race, the Simonstown (South Africa) to St Helena race and a Tour Down Under in Australia.

Kipper1258 led the fleet into Bermuda followed half an hour later by **TarassBoulba** and **Pit8008**.

The race out to St Helena in the South Atlantic was a tactical race lasting a week hinging around pressure systems. The race was won by **Pit8008**, followed by **AL53_SSIta** and **antares_sydney**.

The third race, devised by AGage, sailing 60' trimarans was nearly 700 nm around all the islands in the Spencer Gulf near Adelaide in S. Australia. Once again **Pit8008** showed the fleet the way home closely followed just 9 seconds later by **WRmirekd** followed by **bonknhoot**.

Consistent placing on the podium in these races gave the Series to **Pit8008** with two 1^{sts} and a 3rd. Second was **AL53_SSIta** with a 2nd, 7th and 8th and third was **rafa** with 6th, 9th and 10th.

Timed Series

We had two Timed Races in this quarter. The Elbetico race woke up our European sailors and took them on a quick trip around the estuary in Southern Spain in SOTO30s. The race was won by **Cippalippa** with **wsguerin** second and then **Kipper1258**.

The second timed race was sailed in 90' monohulls over a 108 nm course in southern China namely Qingdao. 218 runs were made by about 80 boats. The fastest run was by **Pit8008** in 6 hours 32 min 43 seconds. Second was **calmxy** just eleven seconds slower and then **Kipper1258**.

The Series winner was **Kipper1258** with two 3rd places closely followed by **Pit8008** with a 1st and 6th place. **Cippalippa** was third with a 1st and 12th place.

Other Races

One race triangle series in New Zealand merits a mention along with an update for the new series for the Seven Seas of Asia and the return of the SOL Balloon race across the Atlantic.

SSANZ

SOL has raced this series on numerous occasions and in this quarter has used the results as a part of the four race SOL Sprint Series. However, the SSANZ has its own series and this year the winner was **CollegeFund** (2nd, 4th and 7th), second was **Tyger** (3rd, 4th and 6th) with **sassy63** in third place (3rd, 6th and 9th).

Seven Seas of Asia

The fifth and sixth races of this seven race Series continued with the Gulf of Thailand race of 1,982 miles in J-130 yachts and the Java Sea Race of 2,231 nm in Ker 40 yachts. The Gulf of Thailand race was won by **Pit8008** with **HappyHour** second and **Sax747** a close third just 7 seconds behind. The Java Sea race was won by **FrejaUSA** with **rafa** just a minute behind in second and **Kipper1258** in third.

With just one more race to go in this tight series, when we will sail our elegant Italia 14.98, the current leader board has **rafa** (18) leading **bonknhoot** (22) and then **Sax747** (29).

SOL Balloon Race

The race blurb advises entrants to "...land your balloon in the sea off the Cliffs of Moher." This year no less than 67 skippers actually managed to cross the finishing line! The winner was **DIKKEHENK**, second was **CollegeFund** and third was **Go4iT**.

QUARTERLY RANKINGS

National Team and Individual rankings can be viewed at: -

<https://sailonline.org/board/thread/17594/2022-rankings-by-nation-individual-and/?page=1#post-17681>

USA continues to lead the Team rankings with Italy in second and Australia in third. For the Individual rankings the order is Poland leading, USA is second and Italy is third.

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