

2022 Q4 SRC Report

With so much to report upon for the fourth quarter of 2022 and then preparing my report on the annual series, I shall not spend any time musing on the progress of the World but just wish you all a very Happy New Year during which SRC will attempt to provide you with a range of virtual yacht racing that hopefully will satisfy most of you most of the time.

OCEAN SERIES

The three races for this Series were the Percé to St Malo race in the IMOCA60 yacht, the Abel T(asman) Appreciation race in a FarEast31R and the Freemantle to Bali race in the Sunfast 3300.

The Percé to St Malo race, across the Pond, was completed by the leaders in 9 days and was won by **Mullionman** with **Dingo** second, just 22 seconds behind, and **TarassBoulba** third. **SlideRule** was fourth and all three chasers were less than 93 seconds behind **Mullionman** after 2,650 nm.

Mullionman next won the 1,100 nm Abel T race from Hobart in Tasmania to Staten Landt (Tasman believed it to be Argentina, but it was the northwest coast of New Zealand's South Island) in just four days. Second was **WRmirekd** just two minutes behind with **SlideRule** in third a further twenty-three seconds behind.

The third race in the Series took us north up the Indian Ocean time from Fremantle to Bali. In just eight days **Kipper1258** finished at Bali after 1,560 nm of sailing. Second was **Patrick71009** just 95 seconds later, with **RICOTINA** finishing 3rd only 67 seconds later.

Appearing consistently on the podium in these Ocean races gave **Dingo** the Series victory for the 4th Quarter Series with a 2nd and two 4ths. Second was **Mullionman** with two 1st places but a 9th place on the race to Bali was costly, followed by **SlideRule** with 4th, 3rd and 10th. 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 Lindholmen sprint, the Round Robben race off Cape Town, the race around American Samoa, and the tribute race to Aaron Gage of 50 miles round a triangle off Adelaide in Australia.

The Lindholmen race in southern Sweden was a 68 nm race in our Melges 40. In about 6½ hours of racing **Pit8008** was first over the line, with **calmxy** second (23 seconds behind) and **WRmirekd** third just 25 seconds later. **Smo** earned an honourable mention for being 4th just 1 second behind **WRmirekd**.

The second Sprint race around Robben Island was in our Cape 31 from the board of Mark Mills. **FreyjaUSA** showed the fleet the way home in just over six hours to complete 45 nm. Second was **Patrick70119** only 66 seconds behind **FreyjaUSA** and third was **sassy63** on the same time as **FreyjaUSA** but split by the precision of our Race Officer (our server).

The third race was around American Samoa in F-18 catamarans over just 37 nm and was won by **Pit8008** with **CollegeFund** in second just 7 seconds behind **Pit8008**. Third was **Vida_Maldita** a further 26 seconds behind.

The tribute race to Aaron Gage was raced in Bruce Farr designed Finnulf 43 yachts over 50 nm. The race was won by **WRmirekd** with **CollegeFund** second and **Pit8008** third. 21 seconds separated the top three yachts.

Consistent placing in these races gave the Sprint Series win (once again) to **Pit8008** with two 1^{sts}, a 3rd and a 4th with **CollegeFund** second (2nd, 2nd, 9th and 13th) and **FreyjaUSA** (1st, 6th, 7th and 27th) third. An all-USA podium!

ALL-ROUND SERIES

The three races for this series using medium-size monohulls were the Lord Howe (Tasman Sea) race, the Regatta Palermo Monte Carlo (Mediterranean) race and a trip up the Baltic from Stockholm to St Petersburg.

WRmirekd led the fleet into the anchorage at Lord Howe Island in about 1½ days for 423 nm followed 7 seconds later by **SKOVSER** and 6 seconds later by **bonknhoot**.

The race up to Monte Carlo from Palermo on Sicily in IMOCA60 Foil yachts in the Mediterranean needed a tactical decision on which side to pass Corsica. The wind hole to the east of Corsica for once made that an easy decision and the wind strength precluded much use of those foils. The race was won by **ita10267**, followed by **Mediterranean** and **TarassBoulba**.

The third race, sailing J-122 yachts, was 465 nm up the Baltic to St Petersburg. **SlideRule** showed the fleet the way home closely followed just 9 seconds later by **RICOTINA** followed by **Pit8008**.

Consistent placing on the podium in these races gave the Series to **WRmirekd** with a 1st, 4th and a 6th. Second was **bonknhoot** with a 3rd, 4th and a 10th and third was **FreyjaUSA** with 6th, 7th and 8th.

TIMED SERIES

We had two Timed Races in this quarter. The Galway Redux took our sailors in and out of two estuaries on the west coast of Ireland in Seacart 30 catamarans. The race was won by **Cippalippa** (she is very good at Timed races) with **StIngF1** second and then **rafa**.

The second timed race was sailed in MC38 monohulls over a 128 nm course in the Haruaki Gulf in New Zealand. The fastest run was again registered by **Cippalippa** in 11 hours 35 min 49 seconds. Second was **Vida_Maldita** just 3 seconds slower, and then **brellis**.

The Series winner was **Cippalippa** with a clean sweep of two 1^{sts}. **Kipper1258** was second with a 5th and an 8th. **Pit8008** was third with a 4th and 16th place.

Other Races

Upon a review of 2022, I appear not to have reported on a number of Other Race series and so this is my attempt at rectifying my oversights.

The Tall Ships Series deserves its report along with the Shetland Series between Shetland and Bergen (taking it in turns to go each way!), the last race of the Seven Seas of Asia Series, along with the series result and the Lake Ontario Race Series in Canada.

TALL SHIPS

A part of the Tall Ships racing and cruising in the North Sea in 2022 was buddied up with SOL to provide a two-race series with the legs from Esbjerg to Harlingen and from Antwerp to Aalborg.

Both races used our Clipper 240 and **Sax747** won the first race into Harlingen with **Mediterranean** second and **AL53_SSIta** third just ten seconds later.

The second race into Aalborg in Denmark was won by **WRmirekd** with **Pit8008** second and **FreyjaUSA** third.

An appearance on the podium in the first race gave the Series win to **Mediterranean** with a 2nd and 5th whilst **AL53_SSIta's** appearance on the podium for the second race gave a Series place of second with a 7th and a 3rd. Third in the Series was **FreyjaUSA** also with a 3rd and a 7th but split from **Mediterranean** by the last race result.

SEVEN SEAS OF ASIA

The seventh and deciding race of this seven race Series was the Natuna Sea Race sailed in November in our splendid Italia 14.98 in the waters between Borneo and the Malay peninsula where a course of 2,050 miles awaited us. This race was won by **bonknhoot** with **Patrick11709** second just 12 seconds behind and **Sax747** a close third a further 35 seconds adrift.

This race result gave the Series result to **bonknhoot** with three 1st, one 3rd and an 8th to count. **rafa** had a poor final race (for him!) finishing 10th and was thus unable to retain his lead spot as at Q3 and fell to 2nd overall with results of 1st, 2nd, 4th 5th and 6th. **Sax747** retained his form in this race with a 3rd place and thus held on to third place overall with two 3rds, 4th, 6th and 7th.

With such enjoyable racing in this series, we can all look forward to exploring Arabia with Sinbad in 2023 with a similar style and format of races.

LAKE ONTARIO SERIES

SOL had a buddy-up with **Port Credit Yacht Club** on Lake Ontario at the Canada/USA border for a two-race series in First 36.7 yachts comprising the Susan Hood Trophy Race over 75nm and the Lake Ontario 300 Challenge. **Satori**, a local Canuk, clearly knew the waters and wind well as he aced the Susan Hood race with a win and achieved a 2nd in the 300 Challenge. This gave **Satori** the Series win. **Vida_Maldita** showed his skills in light airs with a 6th in the Susan Hood Trophy Race and a 1st in the 300 Challenge, getting 2nd overall in the Series. Another quasi local **Pit8008** got a 5th place in the Susan Hood Trophy race and a 3rd in the 300 Challenge, placing 3rd overall in the series.

QUARTERLY RANKINGS

National Team and Individual rankings as at the end of 2022 can be viewed in detail at: -

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

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