

2021 Season Championship Report

2021 has been a challenging year for the World and for those of us seeking relaxation and a challenge by participating in virtual yacht racing, that we pursue for a variety of reasons.

Below SRC gives the result for the 2021 Season Championships. Once again, my thanks are due to Piero/Winston 4 for his exemplary work in compiling these results and then in issuing the numerous certificates and managing and posting the associated medals around the world.

Ocean Series

This Series comprised the 12 races (3 per quarter) with two discards. A variety of courses were raced and SRC will be trying to maximize the use of open water courses in 2022 whilst making them interesting.

The 2021 Ocean Series was won by **aner59** with 65 points, second was **RICOTINA** with 73 points and third was **Dingo** with 103 points.

Sprint Series

This Series comprised the sixteen races (4 per quarter) with three discards and one resail due to a Server failure. The races were set around the World with many in new locations and using a variety of our stable of yachts in the SOL marina.

The 2021 Sprint Series was won by **bonknhoot** with 55 points, second was **Cippalippa** with 136 points and third was **sassy63** with 147 points. (bonknhoot and sassy63 are repeat 1st and 3rd from 2020!))

SYC Series

This Series comprised the twelve races (3 per quarter) with two discards. Once again, SYC has taken you around the World and has used a wide range of the yachts in our marina.

The 2021 SYC Series was won by **WRmirekd** with 34 points, second was **bonknhoot** with 54 points and third was **Cippalippa** with 58 points.

Timed Series

This Series comprised the eight races (2 per quarter) with just the one discard. Once again, SRC has taken you around the World and we have used all yachts with a view to a minimum 6 hour race for the winner.

The 2021 Timed Series was won by **Kipper1258** with 20 points, second was **Cippalippa** with 33 points and third was **Pit8008** with 55 points

Supersoler

This Series collects all of the results from the above Series and, with a six-race discard, gives us our Supersoler sailor of 2021.

The winner of Supersol 2021 is **Cippalippa** with 361 points from competing in all 48 races, streets (or should that be oceans?) ahead of **FreyjaUSA** with 563 points in 2nd and **bonknhoot** in 3rd with 624 points.

As a staunch supporter of SOL, much respect to **Cippalippa**.

The full details of the results for each of these Series can be found in the Forum on the SOL web page at <https://www.sailonline.org/board/thread/17566/2021-championships-final-results-and-p/?page=1#post-17566>.

NATIONAL RESULTS

Poland is clearly the National Annual Champion on an Individual basis followed by **Italy** and then the **USA**. The individual Gold was won by **WRmirekd**, silver by **Sax747** and bronze by **FreyjaUSA**.

However, it was a different story when it came to three-man teams sailing for their Nation. The winners were **USA** represented by **FreyjaUSA**, **Sailj29** and **Garagiste**. Second was **Italy** with a team of **Sax747**, **Brandystrega** and **AI53_SStta**. Third was **Australia** with **Kipper1258**, **Dingo** and **Tyger**.

RECENT AMENDMENTS TO - SAILONLINE RACING RULES (SRR), SAILONLINE MEMBERSHIP PAID FORWARD (SMPF) AND NETIQUETTE

SRR

The SRR are posted on the Home page of SOL and as prescribed are being subject to review by SRC. In the latest edition there are two changes that SRC would like to highlight.

- Rule 4 – Software.
The rule has been amended to ensure that our sailors comply with the intention of the rule which is to equalize the benefit that can accrue from using software to plot a routing. This range of software needs to be constrained and is thus defined in the rule with more explanation in the associated wiki web page.
- Rule 6 – Manners
The rule has been expanded to reflect SOL's understanding of Manners.

SMPF

The parameters for a Sailonline Membership Paid Forward have been amended to reflect that this should be a one-time award for winning a nominated race and providing a free introduction for a twelve-month period to SYC membership. Thereafter the SOLer will have to decide whether or not to pay to join SYC to earn points for prizes.

NETIQUETTE

The existing Panel members have been invited to and have accepted to sit for a second year.

CLOSING COMMENTS for 2021

I would like to wish all our sailors a very Happy New Year with our hope that it is more enjoyable than 2021. New races, experiences and parts of the World are waiting for you with SOL and we look forward to taking you there.

Finally, with the significant number of new SOL members this year, who are most welcome, may I suggest that whilst you are waiting at your computer for that weather Wx to download or for that routing to conclude, you take a few minutes to peruse some of the paperwork that is relevant to your racing on Sailonline?

The Sailonline Racing Rules ('SRR') can be found about half way down the SOL home page. There are only nine rules on the four pages and they are not complicated. Alongside the Rules can be found SOL's procedure for manners in Race Chat and the Forum that we call 'Netiquette'. Once again this is very simple and provides a set of rules for the manners that are requested to be followed in Race Chat.

Awareness and familiarity with SRR and Netiquette should save you from the attention of SRC who would prefer to direct their attention to racing but who are tasked by SOL with maintaining a standard and respectful playing field for all.

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Chair-SRC

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