

SSAA Champion 2009

The key award presented each year is the **SSAA Champion**. This award is designed to acknowledge success in, and commitment to the SSAA sailing program. The award is presented to the skipper and yacht. There are separate awards for monohull and multihull, however if any yacht does not meet the required criteria, the award will not be presented to mono, multi or either.

To qualify for the award:

- Either the owner, or if he is not on board, the nominated crew for the season must be on board for each and every race, for the race to count. If the owner is not on board for any race, the nominated crew for the season may be the skipper. The crew however may change for each race.
- The owner or nominated crew for the season (who may be the skipper) must be a current financial member of the SSAA.
- The yacht with the owner or nominated crew for the season **must complete the Two Islands race**, plus complete **at least five other SSAA races** in the year.

Scoring:

The SSAA racing encourages maximum boat speed for a given length, with no restrictions other than safety or design requirements. For example, water ballast, autopilot and canting keels are allowed. Scoring for the SSAA Champion is therefore based on line honours results, with no handicaps.

Competitors score points for divisional line honours results as follows:

1st 20 points, 2nd 18 points, 3rd 17 points, 4th 16 points, 5th 15 points and so on.
DNS 0 points, DNF 2 points less than last place, but with a maximum of 10 points.

Weighting:

It is recognized that some races are tougher, or longer than others are, therefore weighting is applied to results for each race as follows:

WS 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 points x 0.5

WS 2 and 3 points x 1

WS- 8 (Two Islands race) points x 2

The worst score (other than Two Islands Race) will be deducted to get a final number. The yachts with the highest points after deductions will be the Champion.

Divisions: (for monohulls and multihulls)

20 to 35 feet, 35 to 40 feet, 40 to 45 feet, 45 to 50 feet, 50 to 60 feet.

Note: If a yacht is beaten by a shorter yacht, it does not win its division. For example if a 34 feet mono is first across the line, a 42 feet mono second, and a 52 feet mono third, as the 34 feet mono has won monohulls up to 35 feet, the 42 feet monohull receives points for second in their division, and the 52 feet monohull receives points for third in their division.