

2015 Canadian IOM National Champs Regatta Report - by John Ball, CRYA IOM Class Secretary

Congratulations go to Graham Herbert, the 2015 Canadian IOM Champion. Graham was sailing his beautiful home built wooden IOM – and when I say home built – he not only designed and built the boat, but also made the foils, the ballast, the sails and all the rigging and fittings – only the electronics were purchased. Runner up was Gary Boell of California, sailing his Cheinz, and third was (almost local) Bellingham, Washington sailor Martin Kelley, sailing a V8. There were three Canadians and three US sailors in the top six positions.

The regatta was held at the traditional West Coast location - the front dock of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, and thanks must go to the SISC for hosting the event and to the members who assisted with logistics, such as running the mark boat, and setting the weed nets (this is salt water tidal). Thanks also to the ladies who provided the lunches and cleanup, especially Aileen Neish and grand-daughter in law Tara for the food (lunches, salads, fruit bowl, buttered bread, etc.) and to Roger Kibble for his (whiskey marinated) poached salmon BBQ. Calling the lines was CRYA President Lawrie Neish. Barry Fox and Leah Mathewson did the recording, results and heat management and provided the portable sound system for announcements and start timer. Behind the scenes, Martin Herbert provided the weed nets. A special 'Thank You' must go to Vic Childs of Anacortes, WA, who came in by boat and allowed us to use his 'head' to avoid the long hike up the hill to the club house washrooms.

The normal wind conditions for Salt Spring is left to right along the dock in the mornings, becoming right to left when the thermal builds – but not this year. In spite of sunny warm conditions, the thermal was fitful and much of the regatta was sailing in light, shifty winds, with alternate races frequently starting in opposite directions – and some heats saw 180 degree wind shifts, accompanied by dead spots in the convergence zone. Then the wind moved into the north, blowing onto the dock and the challenge was to set a useable starting line and weather leg. Only on Saturday afternoon and early Sunday morning did we have the great Salt Spring winds which pushed the fleet to the top of No.1 rigs – but never got to No. 2 rig conditions. Twenty (two heat) races were completed, allowing three drops, with most racing using a short course of once around, plus an extra beat to finish. Given the awkward angle of the starting line and the 'out there' weather mark, there were frequent collisions and hails of Protest, but all were settled by penalty turns and no work for a Protest Committee. Thirty boats started the regatta, after a couple of 'medical' withdrawals and the unfortunate flooding in Texas, and several boats dropped out late in the regatta with equipment problems. Some heats were so close, the Race Committee had a hard time calling the results fast enough, while the light and changeable conditions and the odd kelp caused other heats to be quite spread out. We had four skippers who were at the recent IOM Worlds, and several more 'new' boats participating that were purchased after the worlds – the standard of our racing and the quality of the fleet has risen significantly over the last few years.

Thank you to all the competitors, especially those who traveled, three from CA, ten from WA, two from Calgary, AB, and two from Vancouver, and to all the local sailors – you make the regatta by coming to race with us.

2015 Canadian IOM National Championship Regatta. Salt Spring Island, BC. 6/5-7.

Position	Skipper	Sail #	City	Hull Design	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Graham Herbert	31	Hornby Island, BC	PDQZ	59.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	10.0	16.0	16.0	9.0	3.0	8.0	2.0
2	Gary Boell	71	Richmond, CA	Cheinz	66.0	2.0	8.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	9.0	16.0	2.0	7.0	3.0	11.0	8.0	9.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	9.0	3.0	3.0
3	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham, WA	V8	68.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	15.0	24.0	12.0	4.0	9.0	2.0	6.0	3.0	1.0	11.0	2.0	12.0	5.0
4	Mark Golison	55	Long Beach, CA	V9	86.0	1.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	4.0	8.0	8.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	6.0	15.0	16.0	12.0	1.0	15.0
5	Peter Stevens	54	Saanich, BC	V9	105.0	7.0	13.0	24.0	5.0	6.0	13.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	4.0	9.0	15.0	9.0	12.0	1.0	9.0	7.0
6	Martin Herbert	34	Saltspring Island, BC	Calypso	122.0	6.0	1.0	4.0	19.0	10.0	8.0	12.0	10.0	8.0	14.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	10.0	4.0	13.0	13.0	4.0	8.0
7	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim, WA	BritPop!	138.0	5.0	10.0	11.0	4.0	19.0	20.0	17.0	16.0	12.0	7.0	12.0	2.0	8.0	1.0	7.0	10.0	2.0	4.0	15.0	12.0
8	Jerry Brower	42	Lake Stevens, WA	Fraktal	139.0	9.0	21.0	20.0	10.0	4.0	2.0	18.0	23.0	19.0	19.0	2.0	13.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	2.0	11.0
9	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro Woolley, WA	Cheinz	148.0	4.0	6.0	15.0	16.0	11.0	6.0	3.0	11.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	14.0	24.0	24.0	13.0	7.0	3.0	5.0	16.0	14.0
10	John Ball	7	Parksville, BC	V8	152.0	11.0	20.0	12.0	9.0	3.0	12.0	10.0	7.0	13.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	13.0	14.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	10.0	13.0	19.0
11	Steve Kibble	3	Victoria, BC	Pop Eye	178.0	4.0	11.0	14.0	17.0	20.0	11.0	5.0	9.0	6.0	10.0	14.0	26.0	26.0	11.0	14.0	23.0	6.0	15.0	7.0	4.0
12	Bob Lewis	27	Vancouver, BC	BritPop!	182.0	2.0	14.0	18.0	8.0	9.0	18.0	19.0	3.0	18.0	16.0	5.0	16.0	21.0	7.0	8.0	6.0	14.0	22.0	20.0	1.0
13	Steve Young	73	Tacoma, WA	Cheinz	190.0	3.0	5.0	9.0	12.0	12.0	16.0	21.0	26.0	20.0	24.0	21.0	23.0	10.0	13.0	4.0	8.0	8.0	11.0	11.0	6.0
14	Bob Wells	17	Mercer Island, WA	Kantun S	198.0	8.0	3.0	13.0	22.0	23.0	24.0	6.0	17.0	17.0	1.0	8.0	4.0	11.0	8.0	12.0	11.0	18.0	18.0	21.0	24.0
15	Al Finley	74	Brentwood, CA	Cheinz	217.0	9.0	26.0	27.0	21.0	17.0	14.0	22.0	14.0	2.0	8.0	13.0	11.0	7.0	15.0	11.0	13.0	17.0	20.0	6.0	19.0
16	Stan Schoefield	94	Nanaimo, BC	Zoom	228.0	12.0	12.0	10.0	6.0	15.0	7.0	7.0	18.0	16.0	25.0	25.0	18.0	28.0	27.0	24.0	20.0	10.0	8.0	10.0	10.0
17	David Cook	76	Victoria, BC	V8	233.0	11.0	19.0	5.0	13.0	22.0	3.0	14.0	27.0	9.0	17.0	15.0	7.0	18.0	22.0	17.0	22.0	5.0	17.0	19.0	25.0
18	Bill Langjahr	88	Anacortes, WA	Cheinz	243.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	11.0	16.0	21.0	11.0	13.0	25.0	22.0	22.0	12.0	16.0	26.0	9.0	14.0	22.0	14.0	25.0	20.0
19	Andrew Baak	65	Calgary, AB	Cockatoo2	273.0	10.0	22.0	22.0	27.0	19.0	23.0	9.0	6.0	11.0	11.0	18.0	21.0	15.0	16.0	18.0	18.0	21.0	27.0	17.0	19.0
20	Dale Chase	37	Hornby Island, BC	Calypso	278.0	8.0	25.0	6.0	14.0	21.0	15.0	24.0	20.0	22.0	20.0	17.0	22.0	17.0	19.0	21.0	24.0	19.0	16.0	5.0	16.0
21	Scott McConnell	21	Lynnwood, WA	Kantun S	279.0	10.0	18.0	17.0	19.0	24.0	26.0	27.0	5.0	10.0	13.0	20.0	19.0	27.0	21.0	22.0	19.0	20.0	6.0	14.0	22.0
22	Nigel Ashman	28	North Vancouver, BC	Vancouver	298.0	16.0	31.0	31.0	23.0	8.0	10.0	13.0	21.0	21.0	28.0	19.0	15.0	22.0	25.0	20.0	12.0	15.0	21.0	24.0	13.0
23	Mark Wallace	92	Saltspring Island, BC	Zoom	330.0	13.0	24.0	21.0	20.0	13.0	29.0	23.0	24.0	26.0	19.0	29.0	27.0	14.0	17.0	25.0	17.0	23.0	19.0	23.0	9.0
24	David Jensen	68	Belleview, WA	Pikanto	338.0	7.0	17.0	26.0	28.0	27.0	25.0	29.0	12.0	15.0	21.0	27.0	17.0	19.0	23.0	19.0	21.0	25.0	23.0	18.0	23.0
25	Roger Kibble	168	Saltspring Island, BC	IKON	353.0	12.0	27.0	16.0	15.0	14.0	28.0	28.0	19.0	28.0	26.0	24.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	23.0	25.0	24.0	25.0	22.0	21.0
26	Adrian Harrison	23	Victoria, BC	BritPop!	371.0	14.0	15.0	19.0	24.0	28.0	17.0	15.0	28.0	27.0	23.0	16.0	28.0	12.0	12.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
27	Vic Childs	198	Anacortes, WA	Widget	371.0	6.0	16.0	25.0	25.0	26.0	19.0	25.0	25.0	23.0	15.0	23.0	25.0	23.0	18.0	27.0	27.0	26.0	24.0	31.0	31.0
28	Ole Anderson	281	Saltspring Island, BC	Zoom	412.0	13.0	23.0	23.0	26.0	25.0	22.0	20.0	22.0	14.0	27.0	26.0	24.0	25.0	29.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
29	Mark Verrey	29	Calgary, AB	Widget	466.0	15.0	28.0	28.0	29.0	29.0	27.0	26.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	28.0	29.0	29.0	28.0	26.0	26.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
30	Bob Copley	20	Port Alberni, BC	Ska	510.0	14.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	

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