



On light and fluky Sunday, the fleet just rounded the leeward gate in a lull and is pointed to the finish. Everett Perry photo.

Famous Potatoes Regatta (IOM R6N Championship on April 8-9, 2017 at Boise, ID)

Bob Wells Reporting:

This 2-day regatta tested your pond sailing skills in A-rig. Saturday, we waited two hours for the wind to fill, but it did as a gusty shifty Westerly as predicted. The PRO led us to 17 long two-lap races and the secret was to foot fast to the next header, and they came often. The strong breeze was seldom stable long enough to allow pointing. Sunday, we waited a few hours for wind too, but it never really established itself. This was a light and fluky crapshoot of ten one-lap races, and the wind chose the winners as much as anything else. I'll disagree with a post I read that suggested the Britpop's dominated on windy Saturday and the V-10s on Sunday in the patchy light. The results suggest that, but Saturday's top guys were on their overall game better whatever the boat design. The unpredictable wind on Sunday picked the winners a lot of the time on this fluky day with big holes in the wind. The pattern I noticed is that Gary Boell and his Nitro achieved the most consistently good overall finishes. Winner John Ebey and his Britpop was dominating on Saturday and he struggled at times with the rest of the fleet on Sunday.

This is a good venue for radio sailing. You have to feel for the Organizer, Bruce Andersen, because the wind did not fully cooperate and the turnout was lower than expected. He did his wind homework and in Spring this venue gets a strong westerly almost every day. For two weeks leading up to our regatta it blew every day. Then on Friday practice we get almost nothing. Saturday was good, but Sunday back to almost nothing. Of course, on my drive home on Monday it was strong wind again. Turnout was lower than expected for a ranking regatta in the West because this venue is not well known yet and it is away from population centers. Low turnout makes it tough for an organizer to break even, but for the sailors it is great. We had crowded start lines in A-fleet with quality talent every race. I like being in A-fleet.

This was a well-managed full-service regatta, and very social as most of the sailors knew each other already. The hotel and Saturday dinner restaurant were all within a block of the pond. Larry Stiles did the measure-in at the hotel Friday night. Organizer Bruce Andersen showed up each morning with his big pickup towing a big trailer with lots of regatta gear, including buoy boats, tents, tables, etc. Lunches were special as Sandra Andersen served up a very appropriate and tasty 'potato bake' with all the trimmings on Saturday and individually ordered sandwiches on Sunday. Helping record the scores were Morina Dustan and Tom Sullivan (Chris' Dad, who was visiting from the right coast and we put him to work).

Three of our competitor's head to IOM Worlds in Pierrelatte, FRA soon. Ebey and Boell both had a nice regatta and are on their game. Jerry Brower had many top finishes but lacked consistency. He is sailing his just received new V-10 that he is still sorting, so he had valuable sailing time to get to know his boat better. Good luck to you all.

I greatly enjoyed this regatta and look forward to returning next year. It almost didn't happen for me though as I lost my power loop through the bow block after measure-in (don't ask), and I had left the tool needed to refeed it at home. Bruce Andersen came through on this too, loaning me his Britpop to sail at the last minute for the regatta. I thought I had the advantage of the sponsored PRO boat, but after being called over early a few times I guess not...

Summary of the 2017 Famous Potatoes Regatta - IOM R6 Championship:

Class: IOM

Date: April 8-9, 2017 (2 days racing)

Location: Park Center Pond in Boise, Idaho

Host Club: Great Potato

Entries: 16

Winds: light – upper 1-rig with

Races Completed: 27

Scoring System: 2016 HMS

Regatta Committee – Chair: Bruce Andersen; Buoy Boat: Chuck; Scoring: Morina Dustan and Tom Sullivan; Measurements – Larry Stiles; Lunches – Sandra Andersen.

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Pls	Skipper	Sail	Club/City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Ebey, John	193	San Rafael, CA	britPOP!	66.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	Boell, Gary	71	Richmond, CA	Nitro	74.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	7.0	3.0	5.0	2.0
3	Martin, Kelly	77	Bellingham, WA	V10	119.0	2.0	12.0	5.0	8.0	6.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	6.0	6.0
4	Donaher, Barry	47	Scottsdale, AZ	V9	128.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	4.0	2.0	11.0	4.0	2.0	5.0	7.0	12.0
5	Sullivan, Chris	62	Albany, CA	britPOP!	131.0	11.0	10.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	11.0	1.0	11.0	3.0	4.0
6	Wells, Bob	16	Mercer Island, WA	britPOP!	148.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	7.0
7	Wondollack, Jim	49	San Rafael, CA	britPOP!	150.0	6.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	14.0	12.0	5.0
8	Brower, Jerry	42	Lake Stevens, WA	V10	151.0	12.0	1.0	14.0	1.0	13.0	5.0	15.0	16.0	15.0	8.0	3.0
9	Toschi, Steve	94	Grover Beach, CA	MB6	154.0	5.0	14.0	11.0	14.0	15.0	6.0	16.0	10.0	10.0	9.0	10.0
10	D'Amico, Joe	86	Squim, WA	V10	166.0	7.0	5.0	9.0	7.0	12.0	14.0	7.0	11.0	16.0	2.0	8.0
11	Wells, Kurt	737	Seattle, WA	britPOP!	210.0	15.0	13.0	12.0	10.0	9.0	16.0	9.0	8.0	9.0	15.0	13.0
12	Stiles, Larry	64	Sedro Woolley	britPOP!	212.0	3.0	6.0	10.0	9.0	8.0	15.0	8.0	14.0	8.0	11.0	9.0
13	Pletcher, James	72	Mill Valley, WA	V10	258.0	16.0	17.0	15.0	15.0	11.0	8.0	13.0	12.0	6.0	14.0	15.0
14	McCaa, Jim	36	Seattle, WA	Kantun	263.0	14.0	15.0	13.0	16.0	16.0	9.0	14.0	9.0	13.0	13.0	16.0
15	Dustan, Bob	141	Allyn, WA	V9	264.0	13.0	8.0	17.0	13.0	14.0	13.0	12.0	15.0	12.0	16.0	11.0
16	Sternberg, Peter	18	Redmond, WA	britPOP!	282.0	10.0	11.0	8.0	11.0	7.0	12.0	6.0	13.0	7.0	10.0	14.0

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1	Ebey, John	193	66.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	12.0	11.0	11.0	7.0	4.0	7.0	9.0	12.0
2	Boell, Gary	71	74.0	1.0	3.0	9.0	2.0	2.0	17.0	5.0	9.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	14.0
3	Martin, Kelly	77	119.0	5.0	8.0	12.0	6.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	11.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	13.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	1.0
4	Donaher, Barry	47	128.0	4.0	12.0	6.0	12.0	4.0	8.0	11.0	4.0	8.0	2.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	4.0	3.0
5	Sullivan, Chris	62	131.0	10.0	5.0	16.0	15.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	13.0	3.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	5.0	17.0
6	Wells, Bob	16	148.0	8.0	4.0	15.0	4.0	13.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	11.0	12.0	7.0	10.0	9.0	13.0	10.0	6.0
7	Wondollack, Jim	49	150.0	3.0	9.0	1.0	10.0	6.0	11.0	12.0	8.0	1.0	13.0	8.0	2.0	7.0	11.0	11.0	4.0
8	Brower, Jerry	42	151.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	10.0	1.0	9.0	10.0	4.0	14.0	1.0	1.0	15.0	3.0	8.0	8.0
9	Toschi, Steve	94	154.0	12.0	15.0	5.0	3.0	8.0	17.0	2.0	1.0	10.0	7.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	2.0
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13	Pletcher, James	72	258.0	16.0	2.0	4.0	14.0	15.0	17.0	15.0	7.0	9.0	10.0	15.0	14.0	12.0	14.0	7.0	11.0
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16	Sternberg, Peter	18	282.0	13.0	13.0	3.0	11.0	14.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0



Back: Gary Boell, Steve Toschi, Jim Wondollack, John Ebey, Kurt Wells, Larry Stiles, Barry Donaher, Kelly Martin, Jim McCaa, James Pletcher. Front: Tom Sullivan, Bob Dustan, Chris Sullivan, Bruce Andersen, Jerry Brower, Bob Wells and Joe D'amico.