



Sunday afternoon and a few 2-rigs beginning to show on a beat to windward. John Ebey photo.

Region 6 Championship Report – IOM Class (June 23-25, 2017 at Foster City)

Bob Wells Reporting:

The Lagoon at Foster City is well-known now as the 2015 IOM Worlds venue, and as a bucket list IOM venue well worth traveling to. Couple the venue with North Bay RC Sailing Club being the hosts, and this is one of the best events IOMUSA has to offer. And it is in San Francisco Bay area no less. The sunny weather and the regatta didn't disappoint, and the traffic is still mighty impressive.

The shifty gusty NW wind direction meant we sailed the south "Flag Course" with flat water, long courses, and mostly in the mid-1 rig range the first two days. Sunday began as a repeat, but a significant fog layer hovered on top of the mountains to the west suggested more wind coming. On cue in the early afternoon, the winds increased to where most of the fleet was in 2-rig to finish the day. The venue offered tactical choices every leg whether to play the shifts from inside, outside or the middle. It also offers exciting weather mark roundings with 2/3rds of the fleet close reaching in on port to a squirrely wind at the mark - Mama Mia that is a difficult mark to get around unscathed. Mark Golison (sailing his V9 with standard fin and Jelacic jib) emerged as the early leader to no one's surprise, and extended his lead from there to win this championship. I thought Mark tended to go outside on starboard on most of his weather legs, and he usually found the header he needed to return to the weather mark on port. But that takes patience and you don't always get the header. Gary Boell and Chris Sullivan battled it out for 2nd place with Boells just sneaking past with a nice finish on the last race. Jess Atkinson in 4th and Craig Mackey in 5th were not far off the podium and then there was a bit of a drop to the next finishers.

In the farthest traveler award, Steve Landeau from Georgia and Michel Roure from New Jersey tied, but Michel also traveled to Worlds in May so he wins on "count back". In the highest finishing home builder/designer category, the winner is Glen Murray's M3 over Steve Toschi's MB 5. Both also designed and built their own foils, but they did purchase their sails, servos, and winches. Congratulations all.

It is always great to greet old friends and meet new enthusiastic skippers. Last fall in San Diego we met Bob Dustan, and now he is a traveling regular at Seattle MYC. This year we met Darrell Peck from the Portland, OR area; who is aggressively learning radio sailing and what makes an IOMs go. Just like Bob needed only a few weeks after sailing a borrowed IOM to get his, Darrell is taking his new-used Britpop home right after this regatta. Darrell is a serious dinghy sailor in Finns, Thistles, and the like; and a collegiate sailing coach. We are greatly looking forward to Darrell joining us for club racing in Seattle.

Some goofy things happened during the regatta. Late on day-two Jess Atkinson lost his keel and bulb seconds before the starting gun, and IOMs lay horizontal when that happens. Jess returned to sail the next day

with his other keel and had a number of good races. There was a lot of boating activity that fringed the race course with SUPs, windsurfers, kayaks, and electric boats adding interest. On one race Bob Wells T-boned one of the chubby Duffy 21 electric boats that proliferate there. Bob was on the race course on starboard and held his course, but the ugly chubby electric boat rudely didn't care and easily won the altercation of course. No apparent lasting damage to Bob's boat.

Goofy things also happen on road trips unrelated to sailing. North Bay Commodore Chris Sullivan pointed out that a visitor always mistakenly gets on the San Mateo bridge headed east at this venue, and then suffers a long-choked drive back and forth across the Bay. We just collectively set a new class record in this regard. Thursday after practice sailing Jerry Brower was two hours late for dinner, as he was our first San Mateo bridge sojourner. The \$5 toll on the return added insult to his injury. Since the restaurant was 5 minutes from our venue, Joe Damico and I laughed heartily at the screw-up. Friday was Joe's turn, and he missed our group dinner due to the inadvertent extended time on the bridge and difficulty finding parking. Saturday was Barry Donaher's turn, but evidently Saturday traffic is less severe and he was just a little late and \$5 poorer.

Thank you to North Bay RC Sailing Club and PRO Fred Rocha for a memorable event. This one was particularly well managed with many happily sharing the work load.

Summary of the 2017 IOM R6 Championship:

Class: IOM

Date: June 23-25, 2017 (3 days racing)

Location: Leo J. Ryan Memorial Park in Foster City, CA

Host Club: North Bay RC Sailing Club

Entries: 25

Winds: 3 – 25 knots

Races Completed: 25 (two heats/race, except single heat of 21 on last 2 races).

Scoring System: HMS 2016 v3

Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants: Organizer & Registration – Jim Wondolleck; Gary Boell – venue reservation; PRO & Scorekeeper – Fred Rocha; Buoy Boat – John Ebey; Race Officers: Wondolleck & Ebey; Measurements – Jess Atkinson, Chris Sullivan, and Glen Murray; Food – Boell, Stephanie Wondolleck, Ebey, and Kevin Mullnix; Volunteers – S. Wondolleck and Mullnix.

Full Results: <http://www.ibextrax.com/RC2017/Results/0623R6.pdf>

Results after 25 races with four throw outs:

| Position | Skipper | Sail # | Club/City | Hull | Score |
|----------|-----------------|--------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Mark Golison | 55 | CA | V9 | 53.0 |
| 2 | Gary Boell | 71 | NBRCSC | britPOP! | 100.0 |
| 3 | Chris Sullivan | 62 | NBRCSC | britPOP! | 104.0 |
| 4 | Jess Atkinson | 56 | NBRCSC | V9 | 114.3 |
| 5 | Craig Mackey | 29 | CA | britPOP! | 115.0 |
| 6 | Stephan Cohen | 28 | CA | britPOP! | 134.0 |
| 7 | Steve Landeau | 21 | GA | britPOP! | 141.0 |
| 8 | Glen Murray | 59 | NBRCSC | M3 | 179.0 |
| 9 | Michel Roure | 18 | NJ | britPOP! | 182.9 |
| 10 | Jerry W. Brower | 42 | WA | V10 | 190.0 |
| 11 | John Skinner | 46 | NBRCSC | britPOP! | 194.0 |
| 12 | Jim Wondolleck | 49 | NBRCSC | britPOP! | 213.0 |
| 13 | Barry Donaher | 47 | AZ | V10 | 221.0 |
| 14 | Dennis Rogers | 43 | CA | Orig. britPOP! | 231.0 |
| 15 | Steve Toschi | 94 | NBRCSC | Micro Brew5 | 233.0 |
| 16 | Steve Washburn | 711 | CA | Cheinz | 240.0 |
| 17 | Larry Grant | 85 | CA | V8 | 300.0 |
| 18 | Bob Wells | 7 | WA | KantunS | 304.0 |
| 19 | Bruce Anderson | 16 | ID | britPOP! | 325.0 |
| 20 | Bob Dustan | 32 | WA | V10 | 361.0 |
| 21 | Joe Damico | 86 | WA | V10 | 368.0 |
| 22 | Darrell Peck | 14 | OR | Cheinz | 372.0 |
| 23 | Kurt Wells | 37 | WA | britPOP! | 376.0 |
| 24 | Jim McCaa | 36 | WA | KantunS | 434.0 |
| 25 | Ron Locke | 64 | NBRCSC | V7 | 466.0 |