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# Fleetwood Delivers! 2018 IOM Nationals Report

*Gavin Watson reporting*

There are times in any sport and event where preparation and hard work by the organizers along with the correct ingredients being added create a very special event.

Our IOM Nationals at Fleetwood were certainly very special, it had everything, from zig zag courses due to unfavorable wind, mental and physical challenges, fantastic social and camaraderie between competitors, sunshine and rain and last but not least C rig on the final day from the NW, Fleetwood at its very best.

Day one started with mid A rig and a breeze from the NNW but forecasted to shift to the WNW as the day went on.

Seeding races were won by James Edwards, Darin Ballington, Chris Harris, Rob Walsh and Gavin Watson.

With the seeding races complete the breeze then shifted as forecasted to the NW with the race team changing course and a windward leeward the length of the lake being used. After five races the top seven were all within seven points with the day finishing on race 6C, all skippers were treated to beers in the Fleetwood clubhouse and a free prize draw.



Day two dawned with very light airs and rain from the SW, not a particularly favourable direction but with some sound decisions made by the race team, racing moved along at a decent pace despite the damp conditions.

The Wind increased as the day went on with B rigs in use by midday and the majority changing rigs at least a couple of times in the afternoon as the conditions changed. With time running out, race 9, heat A was to be the last for the day, with a protest in the prior heat and the wind shifting and increasing from the NW all skippers were found changing back to B rig. The best race of the day with Chris Harris taking a good win.

With racing finished, skippers attended the event social at the [Venue in Cleveleys](#) where all enjoyed a Hog Roast, part two of the prize draw and Uncle Derek's quiz.

Day three started with Fleetwood at its very best, at times thirty knots from the favoured NW, with a course the length of the lake with wave conditions at the leeward gate like a washing machine!



The subsequent races were a joy to sail, fantastic courses at high speeds and a joy to watch. Rob Walsh produced a fantastic run of results on the final day to further consolidate on an impressively consistent day one and two to take the 2018 title by an impressive fifteen points. Brad Gibson after an 18 month break from class racing took second position with John Tushingham taking the final podium by two points from Chris Harris back in fourth.





*(Rob Walsh Collecting the Championship trophy from Derek Priestley event PRO)*

Most improved after day one was Austin Guerrier improving 26 places by the time results were tallied.

The prize for best sportsmanship was won by overseas entrant Hasan Guvan TUR, despite the trials and tribulations throughout the event was always found competing with a smile. The Prize for top performance by a skipper that has yet to win a UK National Championship was won by Steve Landeau USA.

Full Results can be found [here](#)

A massive thank you must go to all at [Fleetwood MY&PBC](#) from the ladies in the galley, all volunteers and the race team who delivered in all conditions on every day to create a very special championship.

Thanks also to daily prize sponsors, [BG Sails and Design](#), [Catsails](#), [Graphite Sails](#), [Kbits](#), [Housemartin Sails](#), [RC Yachts](#), [Nylet](#), [PJ Sails](#), [Potter Solutions](#), [SmartWinch](#) and [Soch Sails](#).

Not forgetting the [Venue Cleveleys](#) for a fantastic evening of great food and beverage during the class social.

Thank you Fleetwood, the 2018 UK National Championships will be remembered as a very special event.

Event images from Damian Ackroyd can be found [here](#)

Event Images from Susan Sharman can be found: [Practice day](#), [Day One](#), [Day two](#), [Social at the venue](#) and [day three](#)



# IOM Nationals

27th - 29th August 2018  
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Position	Skipper	Sail #	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Rob Walsh	25	25.0	1.0	5.0	1.0	5.0	11.0	1.0	2.0	5.0	6.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	Brad Gibson	139	40.0	3.0	6.0	9.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	8.0	1.0	13.0	1.0	3.0	6.0	5.0
3	John Tushingham	51	47.0	4.0	10.0	7.0	2.0	6.0	2.0	6.0	6.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	3.0	6.0
4	Chris Harris	21	49.0	1.0	4.0	22.0	7.0	1.0	5.0	13.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	8.0	19.0	2.0
5	Graham Elliott	9	68.0	9.0	1.0	18.0	8.0	7.0	23.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	2.0	10.0	16.0
6	Gavin Watson	44	87.0	1.0	13.0	5.0	17.0	21.0	4.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	5.0	17.0	14.0	3.0
7	Josh King	26	91.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	16.0	5.0	10.0	12.0	14.0	11.0	12.0	15.0	4.0	22.0
8	Darren Ballington	98	95.9	1.0	9.0	6.0	11.0	13.0	9.0	20.0	31.0	5.0	6.0	19.0	12.9	4.0
9	Steve Landau	121	100.0	6.0	20.0	11.0	3.0	4.0	14.0	14.0	10.0	18.0	8.0	4.0	24.0	8.0
10	Tony Edwards	75	110.0	2.0	7.0	21.0	19.0	12.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	4.0	10.0	13.0	24.0	30.0
11	Graham Bantock	95	111.0	3.0	12.0	3.0	9.0	19.0	11.0	10.0	12.0	12.0	14.0	20.0	12.0	13.0
12	Rob Vice	41	112.0	3.0	14.0	19.0	31.0	23.0	38.0	1.0	4.0	9.0	18.0	6.0	5.0	10.0
13	Martin Roberts	27	118.0	2.0	3.0	8.0	4.0	8.0	13.0	19.0	23.0	36.0	9.0	5.0	24.0	41.0
14	Simon Clarke	94	135.0	3.0	11.0	14.0	20.0	2.0	7.0	16.0	8.0	8.0	20.0	29.0	26.0	27.0
15	James Edwards	88	150.0	1.0	18.0	16.0	12.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	18.0	26.0	31.0	42.0	2.0	11.0
16	Steve Taylor	43	155.0	4.0	8.0	17.0	13.0	14.0	20.0	17.0	17.0	28.0	24.0	11.0	13.0	21.0
17	Chris Elliott	74	171.0	3.0	21.0	25.0	29.0	26.0	18.0	24.0	11.0	21.0	13.0	9.0	7.0	19.0
18	Mark Dennis	19	178.0	2.0	15.0	13.0	15.0	10.0	21.0	5.0	15.0	23.0	22.0	37.0	58.0	73.0
19	Rob Wilson	97	195.0	2.0	19.0	26.0	18.0	24.0	31.0	34.0	24.0	33.0	16.0	10.0	11.0	14.0
20	Mark Gollison	155	196.0	5.0	33.0	27.0	24.0	9.0	12.0	4.0	83.0	14.0	21.0	35.0	41.0	12.0
21	Trevor Binks	72	204.0	2.0	16.0	15.0	10.0	18.0	36.0	38.0	13.0	20.0	28.0	27.0	29.0	26.0
22	Ian Dundas	38	205.0	4.0	17.0	23.0	25.0	37.0	38.0	21.0	29.0	30.0	19.0	12.0	8.0	17.0
23	Neil Thornton	154	223.0	5.0	22.0	4.0	14.0	20.0	28.0	33.0	39.0	10.0	17.0	31.0	39.0	47.0
24	Brian Summer	107	229.0	8.0	24.0	10.0	6.0	17.0	29.0	29.0	32.0	24.0	29.0	28.0	25.0	29.0
25	Ken Binks	83	246.0	6.0	25.0	33.0	26.0	28.0	6.0	11.0	83.0	27.0	25.0	23.0	36.0	44.0
26	Alexandre Marien	29	249.0	6.0	31.0	31.0	35.0	25.0	17.0	25.0	23.0	34.0	36.0	22.0	17.0	18.0
27	Vernon Appleton	86	262.0	7.0	37.0	40.0	34.0	44.0	47.0	18.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	21.0	31.0	28.0
28	John Brierley	84	270.0	15.0	30.0	36.0	38.0	15.0	19.0	27.0	25.0	16.0	26.0	34.0	27.0	41.0
29	Jerry Brower	142	280.0	6.0	26.0	29.0	28.0	30.0	16.0	23.0	36.0	52.0	39.0	25.0	30.0	31.0
30	Roy Stevens	54	295.0	5.0	35.0	35.0	43.0	39.0	43.0	41.0	41.0	40.0	23.0	14.0	15.0	7.0
31	Shaun Priestley	67	298.0	10.0	29.0	20.0	23.0	22.0	35.0	44.0	38.0	41.0	48.0	67.0	16.0	20.0
32	Mike Parkington	82	309.0	4.0	23.0	32.0	27.0	27.0	26.0	32.0	47.0	51.0	40.0	38.0	35.0	25.0
33	Mick Chamberlaine	46	313.5	11.0	44.0	24.0	32.0	40.0	50.0	62.0	34.0	19.0	27.0	24.0	24.0	34.5
34	Austin Guerrier	8	330.0	11.0	60.0	58.0	59.0	55.0	32.0	31.0	35.0	25.0	32.0	18.0	9.0	24.0
35	David Burke	30	341.0	8.0	39.0	42.0	53.0	56.0	30.0	30.0	38.0	31.0	44.0	30.0	34.0	15.0
36	Nick Martin	17	347.0	7.0	27.0	12.0	23.0	35.0	51.0	39.0	43.0	35.0	38.0	37.0	58.0	73.0
38	Terry King	181	349.0	14.0	83.0	48.0	42.0	29.0	27.0	26.0	28.0	29.0	33.0	39.0	41.0	41.0
37	John Owens	33	349.0	7.0	38.0	50.0	36.0	51.0	45.0	48.0	48.0	55.0	11.0	16.0	18.0	32.0
40	David Allinson	4	356.0	9.0	42.0	28.0	21.0	34.0	25.0	35.0	45.0	42.0	41.0	50.0	49.0	34.0
39	Nigel Brown	55	356.0	11.0	55.0	53.0	54.0	45.0	40.0	40.0	26.0	17.0	35.0	32.0	33.0	24.0
41	Craig Raistrick	621	362.0	10.0	61.0	62.0	46.0	31.0	24.0	23.0	30.0	23.0	34.0	45.0	38.0	58.0
42	Bob Conner	14	379.0	12.0	67.0	71.0	53.0	42.0	33.0	28.0	27.0	38.0	43.0	48.0	46.0	9.0

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