



Our two Italian entries are both Ceccarelli's designs sailing for the first time. It is supposed to take some time to dial in a new boat, but they finished the first day in this order! Mark Golison and his green *Sedici* led all three days to take the win, and he was only slowed to sand off a bit of bulb paint to make weight. Barry Donaher's stunning woody, *Adriatic*, looked beautiful finishing 2nd the first two days before slipping to 6th for the regatta. *Adriatic* is a proto post *Sedici* and before the next Ceccarelli production IOM to be called *Venti* ("twenty" in Italian). Barry Donaher photo.

2019 R6 Championship Report – IOM Class (June 28-30 at Foster City)

By Bob Wells

Central Lake at Foster City is well-known from hosting the 2015 IOM Worlds venue, and it continues as a bucket list IOM venue well worth traveling to. Couple the venue with Foster City Radio Sailing Club as hosts and this is always one of the best events IOMUSA offers. Sailing quality is high because most of our best IOM sailors are Californians, and many of those are in the San Francisco area. The sunny weather and winds didn't disappoint, and the San Francisco area traffic remains mighty impressive.

The shifty gusty Northerly wind direction meant we sailed the south "Flag Course" with mostly lumpy water, always long courses, and mostly in the mid-upper A rig range. We had B rig conditions on a few heats Saturday afternoon, providing an opportunity for many to practice quick rig changes. All three days some bows plunked downwind, so there were challenges controlling your boat at times. Always a challenge here is seeing your boat at the distant leeward marks and for those that chose the distant left side after the leeward marks. Since all the boats top-to-bottom are fast, the differences are in the skipper's ability to read the course and to navigate efficiently in the often-confused congested areas at starts and marks. You have to have your head out of your boat and look ahead here. Less of a crap shoot was getting around the weather marks because Freddy set them farther from the shore trees – a big improvement to lessen the dramatic wind shifts from my past visits. I still have nightmares from my first visit to the near shore weather marks from previous years.

I'd like to describe what happened at the pointy end, but I was too far back missing the shifts to know. I did notice that Golison was usually out in front and it appeared to be a relatively easy win. Mark was sailing his new *Sedici* for the first time, and he wasted no time getting her up to speed. Boells was 2nd and Pedrick 3rd to complete the podium, and a lot of guys were in the hunt for the podium until the end.

The farthest traveler award goes to Michel Roure from New Jersey - an obvious winner. Considering Michel's trip started after IOM sailing in France with the briefest of stops at his New Jersey home, that's a lot of time in airplanes to race toy boats. In the highest finishing home builder category, the winner is easily Barry Donaher with his woody, *Adriatic*, over the *Evil Twins* collaboration. I am amazed how well Barry sailed Giovanni Ceccarelli's prototype, as there is supposed to be some sorting involved before you get it up to speed. Barry was surprised too by his success. The best *Evil Twin* this time is Glenn Murray over Steve Toschi. These guys were committed solo designer/builders and now they collaborate on design, building and test sailing. The only thing they don't build is sails, and ironically Toschi is a big-boat sailmaker! Both boats are dialed in for the record. Congratulations to all.

Thank you to the Foster City Community Center and Foster City Radio Sailing Club (with their many experienced volunteers) and our PRO Fred Rocha for another memorable event. See you again next year.

Results after 17 Races with 3 throw-outs:

Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/City	Hull	Score
1	Mark Golison	55	California	SEDICI	38.0
2	Gary Boell	71	California	britPOP!	53.0
3	George Pedrick	150	California	V10	58.0
4	Jess Atkinson	56	California	V9	70.0
5	Craig Mackey	29	California	britPOP!	81.0

6	Barry Donaher	27	Utah	Adriatic	82.0
7	Dennis Rogers	43	California	britPOP!	84.0
8	Konrad Witt	113	California	V9	92.0
9	Larry Grant	85	California	V8	96.0
10	Jerry Brower	42	Washington	Kantun 2	101.0
11	John Skinner	46	California	britPOP!	139.0
12	Michel Roure	171	New Jersey	britPOP!	146.0
13	Nick Allen	87	California	Detox	169.0
14	Chris Sullivan	62	California	britPOP!	172.0
15	Glen Murray	59	California	Evil Twin	178.0
16	Steve Toschi	194	California	Evil Twin	198.0
17	Al Finley	74	California	britPOP!	213.0
18	Stephen P Washburn	63	California	CHEINZ	217.0
19	Gene Harris	157	California	V9	231.0
20	Jim Woodward	168	California	Kantun SMX	241.0
21	Ben Reeve	04	California	Kantun 2	242.0
22	Joe Damico	86	Washington	V9	245.0
23	Bob Wells	07	Washington	britPOP!	246.0
24	John Selbach	17	California	britPOP!	262.0

Full Results: <http://www.ibextrax.com/RC2019/Results/0628R6.pdf>

Summary of the 2019 Foster City R6 Regatta (USA Ranking 1.1 Event):

Class: IOM

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

Host Club: Foster City Radio Sailing Club

Entries: 24

Winds: 3 – 23 knots (Mostly upper A with some B on Saturday)

Races Completed: 17 (two heats/race)

Scoring System: HMS 2016 v3

Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants: Chairman & Registration – Jim Wondolleck; Venue Reservation - Steve Tusc; PRO & Scorekeeper – Fred Rocha; Buoy Boat – Bob Dunlap & Jim Wondolleck; Race Officers: Rob Weaver, Kevin Mullnix, and Wondolleck; Measurements – Jess Atkinson & Larry Grant.



Funny stuff always happens on road trips. Eighty-year-old Joe Damico was a little stiff after two days of driving, and he asked a pharmacy employee where he could sit to retie his shoe. She thought it easier to just tie the old man's shoe, and I captured it. Everybody in the area had a good laugh at the spectacle. Bob Wells image.



Best policy at IOM events is not to discuss politics, so we don't offend somebody that thinks Fox News is a news station. Larry is one of Fred's favorite "trouble makers", but somehow on Day 2 he got in Freddy's doghouse. Details are vague. The good-natured and funny punishment was to wear this MAGA hat all day. There are some images of Larry wearing his MAGA hat on Facebook, and here Larry corrects the message to his liking. Bob Wells image.