



Big Mike Hansow sharing his Tx with a high school sailor. Our new Sail Sand Point venue provides a lot of exposure to the general public and sailors of people boats. Bob Wells photo.

2023 Seattle MYC Regatta #2 – IOM Class (April 15th at Sail Sand Point in Seattle, WA)

Bob Wells Reporting and Mike Hansow Scoring:

On the same weekend as the IOM R3-Charelston, on the left coast we had our second IOM test at Sail Sand Point. This time the wind cooperated, and our racing was good. We shared the venue with high school teams racing on FJs, and we were surrounded by them in the beginning. Yes, it was very crowded when the FJs intermixed with us in and just behind our control area until they launched. No real problem other than we paused our racing briefly while they launched from everywhere along the shore through our course. Once they got to their venue well offshore, they didn't affect our racing as they switched teams from the dock. Nice to see high school sailing so active in Seattle.

This time we raced along the gravel shore south of the elevated dock (not the elevated dock). I liked racing here with the wind roughly parallel to shore. It was cloudy in the low 50's and the winds were out of the south with westerly shifts and puffs. Winds were lower middle of A with not too many lulls. Key was getting a good start and staying in the pressure and waiting for the shifts – then tack efficiently. Typically, farther from shore on starboard you had more pressure and closer to shore you had more westerly lifts with less consistent pressure. There was no set route to be first to the weather mark, which is more interesting. Luck helps in closing the weather mark closer to shore where it was a little lighter and shiftier. Racing was close as the scores showed, and nobody dominated. Some were more consistent.

I sailed my new A rig on my 2017 K2, which was delivered in a sturdy round sanitary sewer tube from SailboatRC in Split, Croatia. SailboatRC provided everything mostly assembled including the prebent mast and sails, and I did the final assembly with my old rig as a guide. A couple of key parts were missing, but that sorted easily, and I do like the new rig with subtle improvements. Now I have the latest sails coupled with the latest prebend, but you can't get the Zvonko final tune if he doesn't have the hull. While I was raked a little aft of spec, upwind was good. In the pack on a long upwind leg, I seemed to inch to the front slowly by the end of the leg. Mostly without touching the Tx in VMG mode (main boom off an additional 10mm or a few clicks). When I could see my boat, I could add pointing by bringing the sails fully in. Not so great downwind as I needed more vang, but I didn't want to mess up a good upwind tune. I'll rake forward to spec by shortening the forestay, and work on a better overall tune for next time.

IOM_2023_4_15 - Results

IOM_2023_4_15 (Standard Scoring)																						
Sail	Sailor	Design	Rank	Tot	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	R 7	R 8	R 9	R 10	R 11	R 12	R 13	R 14	R 15	R 16	R 17	R 18
07	Bob Wells	Kantun 2	1	37	1	2	2	3	4	2	5	4	3	1	2	7	4	2	7	2	1	4
68	David Jensen	Panacea 3	2	40	2	1	6	7	1	5	2	1	8	3	1	3	2	3	2	7	6	2
37	Rafe Beswick	V10	3	42	4	5	1	10	2	1	4	2	7	2	5	1	7	6	1	4	3	1
53	Mike Hansow	V11	4	58	3	3	3	1	9	6	1	6	2	5	8	4	1	4	9	6	5	8
17	Dan Shier	Britpop	5	72	7	7	10	9	3	10	6	7	6	4	7	6	6	1	3	1	2	6
21	Scott McConnel	Kantun S	6	84	9	8	7	5	6	4	7	3	5	7	4	8	9	5	6	5	7	5
119	Bryan Reightley	V10	7	86	5	6	9	6	7	3	3	9	1	9	6	5	8	9	8	8	4	7
67	Daryl Ruff	Kantun SMX	8	87	6	10	5	8	5	7	8	5	4	8	9	2	5	8	5	3	8	11
121	Cully Preston	Wedge	9	94	10	9	4	4	8	8	9	8	9	6	3	9	3	7	4	9	9	3
1	Julian Lee	Vision	10	139	8	4	8	2	10	9	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11

Sail Scoring made easy: www.afleet.app

Part of learning a new venue is finding a place for our post-race gathering. We thought that Sail Sand Point was perfect for this with the Magnuson Café & Brewery on site where we park. Unfortunately, it proved too popular on nice days to get a table. This was a gray day that started to rain lightly after we were done, so seven of us enjoyed beverages and some food at the Magnuson before heading home. I hate to just leave a regatta without a little socializing at the end.



Tuning my K2 in the shop with the new A rig with gravity. See how the spreaders provide aft pressure on the lower portion of the mast. The mast above the hounds is a little forward for a softer light air setting per Zvonko Jelacic's recommendations on his very thorough base tune guide. Scott McConnell image.



Scott McConnell in the foreground with our control area invaded by FJs as they launch, so we postponed racing briefly. Julian Lee is about to grab his boat on the portable dock that Dan Shier trialed for launching – concept approved and ready for refinement. Thanks Dan! Bob Wells photo.



Yes, it was very crowded when the FJs intermixed with us in and adjacent to our control area until they launched. Bob Wells photo.



SailboatRC is serious about security. You don't just walk to the front door and say good afternoon (or dobär dan), as the Croatian military patrols the place. No shit! OK, the security is really for the company that they sublet from. It's a very nice manufacturing space with room for expansion. I was impressed. Note, I've added a red arrow pointing to the SailboatRC sign, because it is otherwise very easy to miss. Bob Wells image.

My Visit to SailboatRC in Split, Croatia

By Bob Wells

Late winter of 2023, my wife and I sailed the Adriatic Sea in a small cruising ship, and I recommend that for everybody for the rich culture, history and the beautiful islands and clear waters. Yes, I ate too much as I enjoyed the fine dining too. Our visit lucked out with good weather before the tourists came en mass and the hot weather takes over. There is a lot of history to absorb, and although I know the basics, I filled in more detail. One guide mentioned Churchill's famous quote, "The Balkans have more history than it can consume". The quote fits, but a little research confirms this was really about Crete.

A highlight for me was visiting Zvonko and Josip at the SailboatRC shop while my ship was in Split for the day. I toured the medieval area in the morning with a local guide, and after lunch took an Uber to SailboatRC. I had assisted Zvonko in translating his Kantun S instructions into legible English for new owners, and did it again in 2017 for the K2. I am under the impression they don't open their shop to visitors usually, but my past history got me inside (I think).

I learned on my quick tour of the manufacturing areas that they currently have 13 employees in addition to the two partners. A few employees were away during my visit, but I saw a busy place with everybody focused. It was laid out with about 12 - 8' x 20' dedicated workstations both sides of the main corridor, and the workstations often had two workers in each. Each workstation had continuous u-shaped worktables against the walls with storage under and on the walls that were about 5' high. The spaces had lots of light from LED strip lights suspended over the worktables plus high windows on the outside wall, and it felt airy and contemporary with a high roof and low interior walls. In summary, it is a place an employee would feel comfortable doing detail working in. No pictures were allowed, so I'm missing a lot of detail in my brief description.

They have a lot of workstations because they build most every component for their Kantun boats and rigs, so the need to cover a lot of different tasks. For example, I saw a hull molding area, a fin molding area, a rig assembly area, a boat assembly area, sail making area, etc. I wish I could say I saw the sail molding workstation, but no such luck. That is top secret.

I have met Robert Grubisa and exchanged emails over the years, and so asked about him. He is still racing IOMs and molding for them out of his home in Rejica, but instead of hulls he is now molding the new K2 rudder. I saw the rudder and like the profile that is narrower on the bottom than the previous one molded by Craig Smith in Australia. In fact, I asked if I could buy one while I'm there. Nope, all the new ones go to

the new K2's, and there are no extras. So, Robert, do me a favor. Make another mold and increase production so I can buy one. Thanks, buddy.

I don't see these guys slowing down on the refinement and production of their boats. They continue to focus on improving to be more competitive (which I've observed since 2015 when I purchased a used Kantun S). I could hear it in our conversation and see it in the upgraded manufacturing shop and in the improvements in the new rig I purchased recently. They are paying attention to the details and there is plenty of energy and motivation there.



Zvonko and Josip in the front office where Toni also works filling orders. I spent most of my visit here talking with them about their products and ideas they have for the future. Here Zvonko is doing a minor repair to Vedran's CRO 44 local boat. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to just drop your K2 off for a minor repair to keep it in top shape. Not many K2 owners can do that. Bob Wells image.



I know from SailboatRC's website they also make Victoria class Mylar sails, and I learned on this visit that they are about to offer EC12 class Mylar sails too. Peter Feldman is one of the testers. I tried to buy a set, but they are not ready to sell without further testing. Bob Wells image.



CCYC Members accepting the trophy: (L-R) Billy Lilies, Rear Commadore; Mark Foster, PRO & 2X CCYC Commodore; Brad Stokes, J24 Worlds Event Organizer & CCYC Commodore 2021; and Josh Ridgeline, CCYC Commodore 2022.

Race Management Awards for Corpus Christi Yacht Club & PRO Mark Foster:

By Bob wells

I've radio sailed at Corpus Christi Yacht Club twice now and it is always a memorable and positive experience. In addition to the quality racing and race management, it is always good to hang at a friendly yacht club. The distance from Seattle is daunting, but the rewards are there for RC sailing and people boat racing.

Congratulations to Corpus Christi Yacht Club for receiving the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy for 2022 Outstanding Race Management award - their 2nd. This Rolex Sailing Award from US Sailing was presented at St. Petersburg Yacht Club on 2/2/23. The St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy is awarded annually to a local sailing organization for exceptional race management at a specific event. This year's winner was Corpus Christi Yacht Club (Corpus Christi, TX) for the 2022 J/24 World Championship. The race committee ran 10 races for 38 boats from eight countries over five days. At the end of the event, the top four boats were separated by only four points. The Race Committee used a variety of sailor friendly practices, including giving daily competitor briefings to describe the courses and the RC's intentions and communicating regularly with sailors on the racecourse.

Competitors were highly complimentary of Corpus Christi YC's and the Race Committee's work. One commented, "These guys were easily and by far the best RC my team and I have ever experienced! The conditions were challenging and very windy, blowing up to 36 knots, with waves as big as our boat. Every race began on time and the courses were square and even!" Another said, "Corpus Christi Yacht Club put on a rock-solid regatta on all levels. There was nothing that we could think of that could have been done to make it better. The Race Committee, on the water team, and judges were excellent."

Also, PRO Mark Foster received his 4th award for race management. Principal Race Officer is Mark's day job title after retirement, and he has a busy travel schedule in pursuit of this. He is primarily a PRO for people boats, but I can attest that he adapts well to the quicker pace of radio sailing. Mark has distinguished himself as a radio sailing PRO of the 2019 IOM WC – Brazil, as well as Corpus Christi radio sailing events.



Only 18 IOMs on the line at this start at Corpus Christi Yacht Club, but it seems like more. Bob Wells image.

1/30/2023

2023 PacNW IOM & DF95 Regatta Schedule

Gig Harbor Model Yacht Club • Seattle Model Yacht Club

(Other selected regattas listed for reference.)

Date	Time	Club - Event Name	Location	Contact	Phone
1/20-21	See NoR	IOM - R5 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Corpus Christi, TX	See NoR	
2/18-19	See NoR	IOM - R6 Midwinters – 1.1x Ranking	San Diego, CA	See NoR	
3/17-18	See NoR	IOM - Gator Roundup – Club Ranking 1.0x	Hobe Sound, FL	See NoR	
3/4	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
3/11	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #1	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
3/18	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #1	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
4/1	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Spring Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
4/8	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #2	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
4/14-15	See NoR	IOM – R3 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Charleston, SC	See NoR	
4/15	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #2	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	(206) 232-9036
4/28-30	See NoR	IOM – CAN Nats – 1.1x Ranking	Saltspring Island, BC	See NoR	
5/6-7	See NoR	IOM – R1 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Mystic, CT	See NoR	
5/13	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #3	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	(253) 205-9965
5/20	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #3	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
5/27	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Spring Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
6/2-4	See NoR	DF95 - PacNW Region 6 Championship	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	
6/9-10	See NoR	IOM - R6 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Foster City, CA	See NoR	
6/17	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
6/24	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #4	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
7/8	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #4	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
7/15	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #5	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
7/22	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #5	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
7/29	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
8/5	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #6	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
8/12	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Regatta #6	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
8/18/19	See NoR	IOM - R2 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Parsippany, NJ	See NoR	
8/26	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	(253) 205-9965
9/2	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	(253) 205-9965
9/9	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #7	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
9/16	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #7	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
9/28-30	See NoR	IOM - R4 Championship - 1.1x Ranking	Michigan, USA	See NoR	
10/7	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #8	Surprise Lake, Milton	See NoR	(253) 205-9965
10/14	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #8	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	(206) 232-9036
10/21	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
11/4-5	See NOR	IOM - Harvest Moon – Club Ranking 1.0x	Salem MA	See NoR	
11/15-18	See NOR	IOM - USA Nats - 1.2x Ranking	Hampton, VA	See NoR	
12/8-9	See NoR	IOM - R7 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Hobe Sound, FL	See NoR	

(Green) Multi-day national IOM events – See IOMUSA.org for NoR

(Ochre) ARCS IOM Regattas (info not available for this draft)

(Blue) Gig Harbor DF95 Regattas

((White) SMYC & Gig Harbor IOM Regattas

(Red) = Revisions

Local Regatta Venues:

Seattle MYC @ Sail Sand Point (in Magnuson Park) @ 7861 62nd Ave NE, Seattle, WA

Gig Harbor MYC @ Surprise Lake: Surprise Lake Village, 2800 Queens Way, Milton, WA.

Anacortes RC Sailors @ Seafarers Memorial Park: 600 Seafarers Way, Anacortes, WA



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