



Looking South on the 475' long dock in a southeasterly, the prevailing wind direction parallel to the dock. Winds mostly cooperated so we sailed long courses close to the dock with the sun mostly from our back. This was the cloudier last day with the biblical sun way up high. The dock has been refurbished too. Jenn Golison photo.

### **2023 IOM Canadian Nationals** (April 27-30, 2023 @ Ganges Harbour on Saltspring Island)

Bob Wells Reporting

On the same weekend as Gary Boell represented the US at the 2023 M & 10R Worlds in Castiglione del Lago, Italy; ten of us represented the US at the IOM Canadian Nationals at Saltspring Island Sailing Club. It was a glorious three days of racing and camaraderie with our Canadian friends. No less than six Canucks traveled to SISC for guest moorage for the event, where they were greeted by Wharfinger Bo Curtis offering free moorage, another nice touch. The rest of us enjoyed rides on at least two ferries to get there, and another two to get home. Mark Golison summed it up succinctly, "A great event in a beautiful place run by the friendliest people. Thank you to all of the volunteers, especially Lea who did a great job as PRO". There were lots of volunteers, including recently retired Rosemary Harbrecht leading the preparation of great lunches and our superb Saturday evening banquet in the yacht club. The fresh salmon sandwiches and quality pastries raised the bar for brown-bag lunches on the dock, while racing continued through lunch. Nice to have Don Martin's leadership on the protest committee too. Even the weather cooperated as spring finally warmed a little and showed some sun on our arrival.

**Day1** was the light-air day. After the Thursday practice and measurement verification, racing started Friday morning. Before the gun practice had a nice northerly parallel to the dock, but then the wind dropped and forced postponement. Finally, a few easterly wind heats were achieved with gusts from the north that added complexity as we raced on the short south end dock. Thankfully, the wind

shifted and filled from the south and allowed light air racing parallel to the long dock. I'll call it good slow-motion tactical sailing until the wind finally died for good. Four seeding races got into the books with Peter Grimm leading, followed by Larry Grant and Mark Golison. The wind made it a challenging day to be PRO, but Leah Mathewson was up to the task.

**Day 2** was the long day of sailing with prevailing southeasterlies at the long dock in mid and upper-A rig range. The marks conveniently near the docks. With Gold and silver fleets established after 6 races, and the heats came quickly. Congested starts and the crowded first mark rounding was where the big gains/losses were made, and then in the afternoon there were a few races that weed engulfed us and influenced the results. Thankfully just as quickly as the weed invaded, they were flushed away. Next, we monitored the whitecaps building in the south channel, which eventually had us sailing at the top of A, but not yet requiring B rigs. With 12 races now in the books for the gold fleet and protests resolved, Mark Golison took over the lead with some separation followed by Jess Atkinson and Larry Grant. David Jensen and his woody lead the Silver fleet, closely followed by Steve Kinsey and Jerry Brower.

**Day 3** was a planned short day with 3 heats in Gold fleet and two in Silver achieved. We had the prevailing southeasterlies again nearing the top of A to begin. Again, we're looking at whitecaps in the south channel, and wondering if it would increase. Scott McConnell was the outlier in Silver fleet underpowered in B rig, until the next-to-last race when the wind came in and he had an easy win. En masse the Gold fleet switched to B rig for one glorious lumpy heat that extended to the Silver fleet. Then the wind dropped for the final Gold fleet heat to end the day in A rig underpowered with left over chop.

Racing was very competitive and friendly. My favorite 'canceled' heat was the second one when I was still leading the fleet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> upwind leg (Lea called it correctly). My favorite race was that one heat in B rig, which we seldom use in Seattle area. However, I enjoyed all the heats and the varied conditions, and especially appreciated the long wide dock with buoys and racing so close to the dock. I like racing here despite the occasional weed, which I admit sometimes messes with my head.

2023 IOM NCR - SISC																								
Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, Ganges BC, 28/04/2023 to 30/04/2023																								
Results are after 16 races with 1 Qualifying Discard and 2 Final Discards																								
Line Place	Sail No	Skipper	Nat	Yacht	Design	Total	Disc	Final	R1 Q1	R2 Q2	R3 Q3	R4 Q4	R5 Q5	R6 Q6	R7 F1	R8 F2	R9 F3	R10 F4	R11 F5	R12 F6	R13 F7	R14 F8	R15 F9	R16 F10
<b>GOLD FLEET</b>																								
1	USA 55	Mark Golison	USA	Green	V11	64	36	28	10	2	3	1	2	2	1	3	7	2	1	DNF 18	2	1	2	6
2	USA 56	Jess Atkinson	USA	White	ET	73	32	41	1	3	5	4	1	1	6	DNF 18	8	1	6	6	3	3	5	1
3	CAN 60	Peter Grimm	CAN	Red	K2	80	36	44	1	3	2	2	5	3	7	2	4	9	12	DNF 18	1	2	6	2
4	USA 85	Larry Grant	USA	Red	Sedici	92	45	47	13	1	3	1	2	1	2	13	DNF 18	6	3	2	8	7	4	7
5	USA 62	Chris Sullivan	USA	Grey	BritPopl	81	29	52	3	10	2	6	11	3	4	4	5	5	2	8	10	4	1	3
6	CAN 38	Martin Herbert	CAN	Woodye	Dart 6	108	39	69	2	8	1	3	10	4	12	5	3	4	11	1	6	13	9	16
7	USA 46	John Skinner	USA	Blue	BritPopl	112	40	72	5	8	6	17	7	6	3	1	2	7	9	7	4	14	8	8
8	USA 07	Bob Wells	USA	Green	K2	120	41	79	8	4	7	3	9	2	13	7	12	3	5	9	5	11	3	DNF 18
9	CAN 54	Peter Stevens	CAN	Purple	V9	141	47	94	7	13	6	7	1	8	15	10	DNF 18	8	4	5	7	5	11	15
10	CAN 71	Murray Cummings	CAN	White	K2	144.3	46	98.3	6	7	9	11	3	15	5	17	9	14	8	4	DNF 18	12	10	9
11	CAN 17	Bob Lewis	CAN	Green	K2	155	48	107	7	14	8	8	4	6	11	11	6	15	13	3	12	9	DNF 18	5
12	CAN 121	Paul Faget	CAN	Woodye	Dart	153	44	109	9	6	4	9	5	7	16	6	1	12	16	DNF 18	14	10	14	4
13	CAN 53	Andrew Baak	CAN	Grey	K2	154	44	110	3	4	4	10	11	5	17	9	14	11	7	11	11	16	7	14
14	CAN 34	Jason Rhodes	CAN	Woodye	Ellipse	158	45	113	5	1	5	7	5	9	8	11	10	15	DNF 18	13	DNF 18	DNF 18	11	11
15	CAN 37	Bud Fassnacht	CAN	Teal	Other	157	39	118	4	6	10	6	12	11	10	14	10	13	10	13	9	5	13	10
16	CAN 22	Paul Killeen	CAN	Blue	Goth XP	181	45	136	9	5	10	5	9	7	8	15	15	16	14	10	DNF 18	15	12	12
17	CAN 69	Luke Harwood	CAN	3D	Onesie 3D	185	48	137	8	2	11	8	5	9	16	12	13	17	DNF 18	12	15	8	15	13
18	CAN 67	Steve Kibble	CAN	Woodye	Goth XP	225	54	171	12	11	7	4	3	16	14	16	16	DNF 18	17	14	DNF 18	DNF 18	DNF 18	DNF 18
<b>SILVER FLEET</b>																								
19	USA 68	David Jensen	USA	Woodye	Panacea 3	92	33	59	18	13	11	9	6	4	2	1	2	1	4	3	2	1	8	7
20	CAN 91	Steve Kinsey	CAN	Black	BritPopl	96	35	60	4	12	8	10	8	DNF 18	4	4	12	3	1	1	1	3	5	1
21	USA 142	Jerry Brower	USA	Grey	K2	109	44	65	6	10	5	7	8	14	5	7	1	2	2	DNF 18	5	4	3	11
22	USA 16	Bruce Andersen	USA	Red	BritPopl	107	28	79	12	11	9	11	12	10	7	2	6	4	3	2	3	9	2	4
23	USA 21	Scott McConnell	USA	Green	Kantun S	119	33	86	11	7	12	14	10	8	3	9	5	7	10	5	8	7	1	2
24	CAN 94	Stan Schofield	CAN	Multi	Zoom	129	36	93	10	9	14	12	4	9	6	10	3	5	5	7	4	10	12	9
25	CAN 42	Art Pruler	CAN	Woodye	Corbie 6	144	38	106	DNF 18	5	14	12	13	14	9	8	9	10	7	6	7	2	4	5
26	CAN 99	Gyle Keating	CAN	Blue	Aero	168	45	123	13	12	13	2	13	10	8	DNF 18	8	9	9	8	11	13	10	10
27	CAN 52	Neil Stevens	CAN	Purple	BritPopl	182	46	136	17	17	18	15	18	11	13	3	4	6	8	10	10	5	15	12
28	CAN 63	Robert Selme	CAN	Woodye	Dart 7	179	43	136	11	14	16	15	14	13	10	5	14	8	11	9	12	6	13	8
29	CAN 83	Mark Verrey	CAN	Yellow	BritPopl	191	49	142	15	16	12	13	16	16	12	6	10	17	14	11	6	8	11	5
30	CAN 92	Mark Wallace	CAN	Hornby Sunrise	Zoom	201	54	147	2	16	15	14	15	12	1	13	13	14	6	4	DNF 18	DNF 18	DNF 18	
31	CAN 01	Gord McKenzie	CAN	Green	V8	202	48	154	14	17	13	16	16	12	11	14	15	12	16	13	9	12	9	3
32	CAN 187	Paul McWilliams	CAN	White	Manta 2D	223	56	167	16	9	15	13	16	17	15	11	7	13	12	DNF 18	14	6	DNF 18	
33	CAN 76	Tim O'Connell	CAN	Blue/White	Dart 2	243	56	187	14	15	16	18	17	17	14	DNF 18	DNF 18	16	15	14	13	16	7	13
34	CAN 84	Dave Connelly	CAN	Yellow	Manta 3D	247	52	195	16	15	17	17	17	15	18	15	17	15	17	15	14	11	14	14
35	CAN 15	Jim Ferguson	CAN	Red	Miom	254	57	197	15	DNF 18	18	16	14	13	16	DNF 18	16	11	13	12	DNF 18	15	DNF 18	DNF 18
36	CAN 86	Bill Boley	CAN	White	Manta 3D	256	54	202	17	16	17	18	15	18	17	12	11	16	18	16	15	17	16	15

## Regatta Summary:

Event: 2023 Canadian IOM National Championship Regatta (US 1.1 Ranking)

Class: IOM

Date: April 27-30, 2023 (measurement verification day & 3 days racing)

Location: Ganges Harbor on Saltspring Island, BC

Host Club: Saltspring Island Sailing Club

Entries: 36

Winds: A-rig range to a few heats in solid B-rig.

Races Completed: 16

Scoring System: SHRS (Simple Heat Racing System)

Regatta Committee: Organizers: Peter Grimm; PRO: Leah Mathewson; Measurements: Peter Grimm,

Stan Schofield, Martin Herbert; Rescue Boat: Rhys Parry; Protest Committee: Don Martin,

Lunch/Dinners: Rosemary Harbrecht, April Faget, Douglas Woolcock, Lawrence Stuart, Greg Slakov;

Volunteer: Wilson Chong.

## 2023 Canadian Woody Nationals:

1. Martin Herbert 69 points
2. Paul Faget 109 points
3. Jason Rhodes 113 points
4. Steve Kibble 171 points
5. David Jensen 59 points (Silver fleet)

**Photos:** By Jenn Golison (3 days): <https://westcoastradiosailing.ca/nggallery/2023-iom-ncr-salt-spring-island/2023-iom-ncr-day-1>

Congratulations to Mark Golison for a repeat of his 2018 CAN Nats win, which was the last IOM Canadian Championship held on Saltspring Island. Also, to Silver fleet champion David Jensen sailing his sweet cedar woody *Panacea 3*, which he designed and built. Also, to Martin Herbert for winning the 2023 Canadian National Woody Championship, see above for the top five woody scores. Martin designed and built *Dart 6*, his series build of unique artistic IOMs. I failed to count how many woodies competed, but Martin designed and built many of them. Art Smith built two distinctive ones also. Western Canada has the most colorful and eclectic IOM fleet to admire, and this regatta even included no less than four 3D IOMs. Luke Harwood's *Onesie* is his own design printed in a single piece!

If your significant other is not infatuated with radio sailing, this is the regatta she wants to attend for the galleries, studios, the Saturday Street Fair, and the island vibe. This is one crafty artsy island in addition to being a quintessential PacNW beauty. Jackie and I have been coming here regularly since 2010, and missed it when we didn't visit because of Covid. So glad to return.

Thank you to organizer Peter Grimm and his large team for another memorable Pac NW event.



A new *Dart 7* woody designed & built by Martin Herbert. CAN 63's caretaker is Robert Seline. Jenn Golison photo.



A venerable *Zoom* designed & built by Graham Herbert. Stan Schofield is the proud caretaker. Jenn Golison photo.



Nothing unique about a Britpop. Except, the *Purple Fox* was ordered by Barry Fox, which makes it royalty in these parts. Sadly, Barry never got the chance to sail it. CAN 52's proud caretaker is Neil Stevens. Jenn Golison photo.



Downwind on day 1 with the burned-out pirate ship adding interest to the background. Jenn Golison photo.



Upwind on Day 2 in a solid Southeasterly with the big rigs and 40-degree heel. Jenn Golison photo.



Starting on Day 3 in B rigs and it is decidedly grayer, cooler, and windier. Noisier too. Jenn Golison photo.



Saltspring Island's Martin Herbert's CAN 38 has inside position at the congested weather mark. Jenn Golison photo.



The annual group photo with boats in front of Saltspring Island Sailing Club. I like it here. Jenn Golison photo.



Entering with SISC yellow clubhouse and moorage beyond. We raced outside the moorage. Jenn Golison photo.