



Award winning Coulon Park offers convenient parking, restrooms, and a high quality 300' walkway on huge Lake Washington. The walkway is the control area, and the steps are the launch area. We enjoyed nice weather all weekend. I think Gary Boell wants us to show the dock is wide enough to support radio sailing. Dan Shier photo.

2025 Region 6 Championship Report – IOM Class (Sept 26-28 at Renton, WA)

Bob Wells Reporting:

This was the first Seattle area IOM national club ranking regatta since Covid-19, a long six years in this case. It was another good one thanks to Dan Shier stepping up again to organize and manage the regatta. We enjoyed ideal winds with sun on our Friday afternoon measurement/practice day; then a slow, sunny light-air Saturday; and a heavy-air Sunday to fully test your skill with the A-rig. No surprise, our champion was the same guy who dominated the fleet two weeks earlier at the Canadian Nationals – Saltspring.

Day 1 started with a mild sunny whimper – zilch for wind. After a few hours of watching PRO Dan Shier trying to set a course, a NWly stabilized enough to begin racing. Weather marks had to be placed farther away from the dock than we prefer, but this was mitigated by elevated viewing (low water level) and good visibility from soft sunlight and flat water. Wind was light to occasionally drifting, but we were scoring two-lap races where nothing happened quickly. The usual suspects found the front, except, Peter Feldman and Jess Atkinson missed many early races with early winch issues. After lunch during a lull, the pace picked up after the wind shifted and strengthened to a northerly parallel to our long dock. We finished the day with races in mid-A winds close to the dock in sun. Glare is strong as the sun goes down, the only blemish on these otherwise excellent conditions with our boats close in. Day-1 leaders: Golison in 1st, Feldman with strong recovery in 2nd, Boell 3rd, Wells 4th, and Grant 5th. Everything to play for, and Shier had to be really tired from adjusting the buoys to the changing wind.

Our fleet diner was at the Bob & Jackie Wells house allowing a nice private spot to socialize in.



PRO Dan Shier had to be really tired from all his work adjusting the buoys to the fickle wind on Day 1.

Day 2 racing started on time with a new southerly wind still in mid-A strength and still sailing close to the dock. These ideal conditions lasted a few races, and then westerly gusts became more frequent. The wind soon settled as a SWly, so we had one last change of course. Everybody on the elevated dock could feel the change as jackets were zipped and sails flapped loudly. Time to retune for pressure near top-of-A rig, including short waves to power through until the racing closed. Knowing we missed some Day-1 racing from no wind, PRO Dan was running races quickly. We achieved 19 two-lap Day-2 races over a long course!

What great fun in pressure with big rigs pounding through waves. If you didn't do well, your chance to redeem yourself came quickly. What was not fun was the distant weather buoy was in a screwy wind zone

made more difficult with glare. Unfortunately, winch breakdowns early on the 2nd day took out Larry Grant and Mike Hansow for the day. Others missed races too with breakdowns, but stayed in the competition after repairs. More wind helped Al Chernin and Peter Conze improve as their boats like a breeze. A fixed winch allowed Jess Atkinson to finally string some nice finishes together. The top guys handled it all well, except Feldman. Not sure why he had three more random DNF's, but his other finishes were strong enough to place 3rd. Congratulations to Golison for winning his 2nd Pac NW championship in 2 weeks. Ever consistent Gary Boell had a solid 3rd. Locals Jerry Brower and Peter Conze were 4th & 5th respectively.

IOM R6 CR Sept. 27-28, 2025																																		
Scoring: RRS Appendix A																																		
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	R 19	R 20	R 21	R 22	R 23	R 24	R 25	R 26	R 27	R 28	R 29	R 30
155	Mark Golison	Venti	1	64	2	1	5	4	1	5	2	3	3	2	1	1	4	13	1	1	1	5	6	5	1	1	1	8	2	2	6	1	6	3
71	Gary Boell	BritPOP!	2	98	4	4	2	6	4	6	9	10	1	8	2	6	1	2	10	6	6	3	2	2	3	6	3	2	1	9	4	2	8	4
44	Peter Feldman	VISs	3	105	1	2	16	16	16	2	1	4	2	1	3	2	5	6	16	4	4	6	1	1	16	3	5	9	3	1	2	3	2	16
26	Jerry Brower	VISS	4	131.1	7	11	3	9	7	1	6	13	5	4	10	5	7	5	3	8	9	1	3	3	10	4	6	7	6.1	5	7	7	1	2
11	Peter Conze	K2	5	144	5	12	8	7	9	9	11	6	4	3	13	3	2	7	11	3	2	8	8	11	2	10	4	1	8	7	1	6	5	5
21	Bob Wells	Kantun S	6	179	3	5	1	2	6	12	4	8	6	9	5	8	10	12	4	2	8	12	11	6	9	7	11	16	10	4	10	16	7	11
711	Alex Klokke	BritPOP!	7	179	6	8	4	8	8	7	10	9	10	5	6	14	8	11	2	11	10	7	10	9	6	12	7	16	4	10	5	5	3	1
56	Jess Atkinson	V12	8	180	9	7	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	11	4	6	1	7	5	3	4	5	4	7	2	2	6	5	3	3	4	12	6
05	Dan McDuff	V10	9	198	8	9	10	3	10	4	3	12	7	7	7	12	11	8	8	12	11	10	7	8	8	5	10	3	9	8	9	9	10	7
107	Al Chernin	A2	10	210	12	6	12	10	12	11	12	7	12	16	9	13	12	10	6	7	5	9	4	10	4	9	8	5	6	6	8	10	4	8
68	David Jensen	V11	11	214	11	10	11	1	5	10	8	5	9	11	12	9	3	4	12	10	12	2	9	7	16	11	12	4	7	11	16	16	11	9
19	Per Flygare	V11	12	263	13	13	9	11	11	13	13	11	11	10	14	10	14	9	9	9	7	11	12	12	5	8	9	10	16	12	11	8	9	10
185	Larry Grant	VISS	13	272	16	14	6	5	2	3	5	2	8	6	4	7	13	3	5	13	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
53	Mike Hansow	V12	14	312	10	3	7	12	3	8	7	1	13	12	8	11	9	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
02	Royce Reid	V11	15	416	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16

Our farthest traveler award goes to Peter Feldman from Michigan. Thank you to the Cali and Idaho boys for joining us too. The biggest thank you to the Olympia Model Sailors, Dan, and the other volunteers for providing a memorable event.

Summary of the 2025 IOM R6 Championship:

- Class: IOM
- Date: Sept 26-28, 2021 (2 days racing)
- Location: Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park in Renton, WA
- Host Club: Olympia Model Sailors
- Entries: 15
- Winds: 1 – 15 knots
- Races Completed: 30
- Scoring System: A Fleet
- Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants: Organizer & PRO – Dan Shier; RD Assistant – Amy Shier, Cully Preston; Buoy Boat – Mike Hansow; Measurements – David Jensen; Food – Dan Shier; Hosts for Saturday Dinner – Bob & Jackie Wells
- YouTube Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljs5R3L5ZFM>



Lining up for an early Day-2 start in a moderate southerly with some chop. Fortunately, we had very little weed this regatta.