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Personal Sail Numbers in IOM USA

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IOM USA offers the option of Personal Sail Numbers (PSNs) to AMYA members for a modest fee. PSN's exist to limit sail number conflicts and to accommodate sail number preferences. You can use your PSN on all your IOMs certified in the USA. PSN renters note, nothing here changes the previous PSN program; except we add number options. PSNs are not a requirement for registration, as the last two digits of your hull registration number is your assigned sail number (unless you use your PSN). Club sailors that don't travel to regattas get little PSN benefit, unless they have a number of IOMs they want to share the same sail number.

The current 2020 RRS (and next 2021 – 2024 version) control identification on sails for radio sailing yachts in Appendix E8 and Appendix G. These apply to International radio yacht classes like the IOM. Note that the rules state that the displayed sail number is the last two digits of your Hull Registration Number, so any PSN will also be two digits.

E8. CHANGES TO APPENDIX G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS (2020 RRS, Appendix E)

G1.3 Sail numbers

- 1. The sail number shall be the last two digits of the boat's registration number or the competitor's or owner's personal number, allotted by the relevant issuing authority.*
- 2. When there is conflict between sail numbers, or when a sail number may be misread, the race committee shall require that the sail numbers of one or more boats be changed to numeric alternatives.*

Personal Sail Number program summary:

1. Owners must have an IOM USA certified boat to apply for a PSN.
2. Fee is currently \$30 for a three-year period.
3. PSN numbers range from 00, 01 – 199, as follows:
 - a. 2-digit PSN number rental is limited to (1) per skipper in total.
 - b. 3-digit PSN number rental is unlimited, with one exception. A skipper cannot rent 2-digit and 3-digit PSNs, where the last two digits match. For example, 01 and 101 cannot be rented as a pair.
 - c. All 3-digit PSN numbers must begin with "1".
4. Class registrar manages this program, currently contact: Ted Flack (tedflack45@gmail.com).
5. IOM USA requests that organizers give our PSNs priority when resolving sail number conflicts in AMYA events. This priority dissolves 10 calendar days prior to the first heat. Organizers then normally resolve sail number conflicts based upon the first entered. (Note, organizers can change sail number allocation priorities in their NoR or SIs.)
6. If the PSN period expires without renewal, there is a grace period of three months, then the holder loses the PSN privilege. The PSN then returns to the list of available numbers for reallocation.

Related Comments:

- Three-digit PSN's are available in IOM USA for the 1st time in 2020 to provide more options to resolve number conflicts. IRSA Chairman Steve Landeau brought this idea to us from their discussions for large international competitions. The RRS allow PSN's and it does not restrict them to 2 digits.
- IOM USA is choosing to limit 2-digit PSN numbers to one per skipper because they are popular and we want to maintain availability for new skippers. Those with multiple boats that

want more than one PSN can purchase 3-digit numbers. I anticipate that some 2-digit PSN owners will gravitate to 3-digit numbers to better avoid nagging number conflicts.

- You might notice that former 1-digit PSNs now have a “0” added in front. For example, the old “7” is now officially “07” to comply with the 2-digit requirement. For the record, there was a 1-digit PSN “grandfather” exception from the 2013-16 period, but only in non-international events. My guess is that this exception is not relevant in the USA because nobody meets this “grandfather” criteria.
- In researching this report, I found it interesting that other countries sailing IOMs have very different PSN policies. Canada’s PSN program offers a personal PSN for all the various classes of boats they sail, but there is no priority for sail number conflicts. The MYA program in the UK also provides a PSN for all classes sailed, but again there is no priority given for sail number conflicts. Radio sailing is so large in the UK, they provide PSN’s by District. In IOM USA our PSN’s only cover the IOM class, and we do ask organizers to give sail number priority to PSN holders, as noted above.
- Sail identification marks have defined sizes and positions to comply with the class rules. There is a nice graphic document created by the MYA to summarize the requirements for you here: <https://mya-uk.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2017-01-26-Sail-ID.pdf>
- A question that I received when drafting this was, “Why doesn’t the AMYA issue the sail numbers”. Well, that is just the way it is. The AMYA does many things, but they don’t manage sail numbers for any of their classes. To expand on our governance a bit, we’re all under the broad World Sailing (Sailing.org) umbrella. IRSA (radiosailing.org) is the arm that represents radio sailing, and our AMYA (theAMYA.org) aligns under IRSA. World Sailing and IRSA control our sail identification rules. The IOM is an international class recognized by World Sailing/IRSA with our own international class association IOM ICA (IOMICA.org). IOM USA aligns under our international class association and manages our USA sail numbers.

Below is our list of PSNs showing what is available and the date when a PSN was purchased for renewal reminder purposes. This is probably not the latest list, which is kept and managed by the Registrar:

11/2/2020 Update

IOM USA's Personal Sail Number List

(Official list held and managed by Registrar)

PSN	Renewed Date	Expiration Date	First Name	Last Name	Remarks
00		+3 Years			
01		+3 Years			
02	8/10/17	+3 Years	Jon	Elmaleh	
03	8/29/18	+3 Years	John	Kelsey	
04	1/17/19	+3 Years	Ben	Reeves	
05	5/31/19	+3 Years	Mark	Cooper	
06		+3 Years			
07	4/16/19	+3 Years	John	Selbach	
08	9/4/17	+3 Years	Campbell	Rivers	
09		+3 Years			
10	8/27/19	+3 Years	Leon	Lance	
11	8/1/16	+3 Years	Bruce	Huckaba	
12	7/9/17	+3 Years	Bob	Wells	
13	8/28/17	+3 Years	Konrad	Witt	
14	1/13/19	+3 Years	Derek	Landeau	
15	8/18/17	+3 Years	John	Castelli	
16	8/7/17	+3 Years	Bruce	Andersen	
17	2/23/19	+3 Years	Jim	Atkinson	
18	2/11/20	+3 Years	Peter	Sternberg	
19	6/11/20	+3 Years	Michel	Roure	
20	9/17/18	+3 Years	Chuck	LeMahieu	
21	2/26/17	+3 Years	Steve	Landeau	
22	8/7/17	+3 Years	Dick	Carver	
23	7/30/20	+3 Years	Calvin	Obara	
24	8/2/17	+3 Years	Chris	DeMarco	
25	4/16/19	+3 Years	Chuck	Luscomb	
26	11/17/17	+3 Years	Phil	Rieger	
27	4/21/20	+3 Years	Barry	Donaher	
28	4/18/19	+3 Years	Stephan	Cohen	
29	8/10/17	+3 Years	Craig	Mackey	
30	8/6/17	+3 Years	Jeff	Weiss	
31		+3 Years			
32		+3 Years			
33		+3 Years			
34		+3 Years			
35		+3 Years			
36	3/14/20	+3 Years	Mark	Jurasin	
37		+3 Years			
38	10/28/18	+3 Years	Doug	Barry	
39		+3 Years	Mike	Eldred	
40	4/23/19	+3 Years	Julian	Lee	
41	8/10/17	+3 Years	Mike	Allen	
42	4/18/19	+3 Years	Jerry	Brower	
43	10/11/17	+3 Years	Dennis	Rogers	
44	7/24/19	+3 Years	Skip	Hall	
45	12/8/19	+3 Years	Ted	Flack	
46	1/28/20	+3 Years	Steve	Bechtold	
47	1/17/18	+3 Years	Roberto	Mesnik	
48		+3 Years			
49		+3 Years			

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50		+3 Years			
51		+3 Years			
52		+3 Years			
53	12/6/19	+6 Years	Mike	Hanslow	
54		+3 Years			
55	2/18/20	+3 Years	Mark	Gollison	
56	4/23/19	+6 Years	Jess	Atkinson	Paid for 6 years
57	4/3/19	+3 Years	Dennis	Pittis	
58		+3 Years			
59		+3 Years			
60		+3 Years			
61		+3 Years			
62	8/5/17	+6 Years	Chris	Sullivan	Paid for 6 years
63	2/18/20	+3 Years	Steve	Washburn	
64	2/17/20	+3 Years	Larry	Stiles	
65		+3 Years			
66		+3 Years			
67		+3 Years			
68	1/16/19	+3 Years	David	Jensen	
69	6/3/19	+3 Years	Bill	Wilson	
70	6/24/19	+3 Years	Roy	Langbord	
71	4/23/19	+3 Years	Gary	Boell	
72	5/23/19	+3 Years	Murray	Walker	
73	4/8/17	+3 Years	Steve	Young	
74		+3 Years			
75		+3 Years			
76	4/18/19	+3 Years	Tom	Brighton	
77	5/14/19	+3 Years	Kelly	Martin	
78	4/18/19	+3 Years	Robert	Hirsch	
79	11/25/17	+3 Years	Erik	Evens	
80	11/2/17	+3 Years	Al	Anderson	
81	3/11/19	+3 Years	Ken	Campbell	and Baron Brenner
82		+3 Years			
83		+3 Years			
84		+3 Years			
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86		+3 Years			
87	4/18/19	+3 Years	Thor	Larson	
88		+3 Years			
89		+3 Years			
90	7/31/17	+3 Years	Bryan	Respass	
91		+3 Years			
92		+3 Years			
93	2/18/20	+3 Years	John	Ebey	
94	2/17/20	+3 Years	Steve	Toschi	
95	2/17/20	+3 Years	Mark	Kennedy	
96	12/8/19	+3 Years	Bobby	Flack	
97		+3 Years			
98	9/19/17	+3 Years	Morgan	Deweese	
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