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2021 IOM USA National Regatta Schedule

By Bob Wells, IOM Class Secretary

At the tail end of our disastrous pandemic disrupted 2020 IOM regatta season, we began planning our 2021 season per usual. We did this in the hope that the pandemic will recede enough to allow us to sail in larger regattas again. We recognize the pandemic in the USA is surging to unprecedented levels, and at least the first half of our schedule is doubtful. The good news is the vaccines are testing very well and are to be distributed to the USA public any day now. Because Covid-19 is now so widespread in our country, I read that it will take a while for the vaccine to have a significant impact.

Currently the first three regattas on the list in California and Washington cannot be held due to local regulations to fight Covid-19 spread. We will hope for the best and will keep these early regattas on the schedule until 30 days prior to the event, at which time we will announce on IOMUSA.org if it is go or no go. We do this to provide skippers a formal cut-off date for their travel plans:

Date	Venue	Event Title	Go / No Go Date
Feb 20-21	San Diego	Midwinters	Jan 20
May 1-2	Renton, WA	COW Cup	Apr 1
May 28-30	Foster City	R6 Championship	Apr 28

I want to thank all our 2020 and 2021 regatta organizers who have struggled with how best to proceed in the evolving news on the pandemic. It was not fun. After the excellent 2020 February R5 in Corpus, no other ranking regatta proceeded, although Michel Roure and Eddie Wolfe were able continue their regattas as smaller local club events. I also want to thank the Corpus Christi YC team for planning a 2020 IOM Nationals makeup regatta in January 2021, which was also canceled due to Covid. This wasn't officially advertised because of Covid, but the effort was made and should be recognized. We have another chance to visit Corpus for our 2021 R5 in October. Also, Chuck Luscombe's Mystic regatta is not on the 2021 schedule due to the conflict with San Diego IOM Nationals. However, Chuck is holding his hard-to-get annual weekend for radio sailing and hopefully IOMs return in 2022.

IOM USA is lucky to have our many dedicated organizers. Stay safe and take this time to bring you IOMs to top form.

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Feb 20-21	San Diego	Midwinters	1.0	San Diego Argonauts	Fred Rocha	frerocha@hotmail.com
May 1-2	Renton, WA	COW Cup	1.0	Seattle MYC	Jerry Brower	jwbrower@live.com
May 28-30	Foster City	R6 Championship	1.1	Foster City Radio Sailing Club	Jess Atkinson	atkinfun@yahoo.com
Aug 8-11	San Diego, CA	Argonauts Race Week – IOM Nats	1.2	San Diego Argonauts	Fred Rocha	frerocha@hotmail.com
Sept 11-13	Kingston, ON	Canadian Nationals?	1.1	Kingston Yacht Club	Paul Switzer	switzerp01@gmail.com
Oct 1-3	Parsippany, NJ	R2 Championship	1.1	Lake Parsippany MYC	Michel Roure	micheleve.roure@gmail.com
Oct 22-24	Corpus Christi, TX	R5 Championship	1.1	Corpus Christi YC	John Kelsey	kelseyjohn35@yahoo.com
Nov 6-7	Boston YC - Marblehead, MA	Harvest Moon Regatta	1.0	Winter Island MYC	Edward Wolfe	eddiewolfe@gmail.com
Dec - TBD	St. Augustine, FL	R7 Championship	1.1	Jacksonville MYC	Baron Bremer	baronbremer@gmail.com

