



Next up on the IOM ranking schedule is our 2021 National Championship in early August at the venerable Model Yacht Pond in San Diego. IOMs are one of many AMYA National Championships hosted by the San Diego Argonauts Race Week XIV. Title sponsor for IOM Nationals is our friend Mikael Pophillat and FT Squared, producers of fine IOM yachts and sails in Thailand (*FT Squared on FaceBook*).

International One Metre

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I'm writing this in June and recently back from the Foster City R6 Championship over Memorial Day weekend, another excellent annual event hosted by Foster City Radio Sailing Club. This is notable because it is the first west coast ranking event that could proceed in 16 months due to Covid-19. Finally, we're back on our national schedule for ranking events on both coasts, as the east coast has been holding national events since late 2020. Our remaining 2021 national events are listed below, although Kingston in September is pending the Canadian border opening:

<i>Aug 8-11</i>	<i>San Diego, CA</i>	<i>NCR - Argonauts Race Week</i>	<i>1.2</i>
<i>Sept 11-13</i>	<i>Kingston, ON</i>	<i>Canadian Nationals?</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<i>Oct 1-3</i>	<i>Parsippany, NJ</i>	<i>R2 Championship</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<i>Oct 22-24</i>	<i>Corpus Christi, TX</i>	<i>R5 Championship</i>	<i>1.1</i>
<i>Nov 6-7</i>	<i>Marblehead, MA 16</i>	<i>Harvest Moon Regatta</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Dec 11/12</i>	<i>St. Augustine, FL</i>	<i>R7 Championship</i>	<i>1.1</i>

After the Nationals in San Diego, notice how many of the remaining events are on the East coast. This is an excellent development for the class. For years the class wanted more IOM sailing on the east coast, because most of the big events and better competition was west coast centered or in Texas (IOM Dallas Blowout). Those worries are resolved with the recent steady growth of IOM clubs and national events on the east coast thanks to many new organizers. For a few years it seemed Baron Bremer was hosting the only east coast annual event in Jacksonville, FL. Then the NE began holding events with Michel Roure in Lake Parsippany (NJ), Chuck Luscomb at Mystic Seaport (CT), and Eddie Wolfe with his Harvest Moon regatta (MA). In 2020 John Kelsey renewed Texas hosted annual ranking events at Corpus Christi Yacht Club, which was quickly determined to be a premier event location. The most recent growth is in the SE with Henry Cerceo at Charleston (SC), Gary Winton in Melbourne (Space Coast YC, FL), and Mike Feldman in Sarasota (FL) organizing. Nurturing our growth in the SE is hard working Steve Landeau; cajoling, pushing, assisting, and personally sourcing good boats to be available at fair prices. This is not Steve's first rodeo. I'm told that he previously nurtured IOM sailing in SoCal to great effect in the same manner. So next time you see Steve, buy the man a beer and say thank you. He stands high among the many great IOM ambassadors that we have.

Even years are reserved for World Championships (WC), and odd years for Continental Championships, and 2020 and 2021 were Covid-19. Unfortunately, we have no update on the 2022 CRO WC beyond Rob Walsh's (IOMICA VC Events) position statement of 4/28/21, which can be read in full on IOMUSA.org. I have attached a key partial excerpt below for review. When I consider today's global Covid-19 situation with IOMICA's position, it seems highly likely the WC will be postponed as described:

"Following discussion within the IOMICA Executive, the Events Team, and the host of the next international IOMICA event (CRO NCA), it was agreed further clarification was needed to allow all National Class Associations (NCA's) to be able to attend in this post COVID 19 pandemic. Therefore, IOMICA has agreed to conduct a review of all travel restrictions on all NCAs 6 months in advance of the first day of racing. In the event that any travel restrictions remain in place, the event will be postponed until the 30th October 2022 through 4th November 2022. Furthermore, to enable NCAs to conduct their qualification processes, championship regulations will be changed from 6 calendar months to 4 calendar months."

In case you missed it in the previous Model Yachting magazine, I declined running for the 2022 Class Secretary position. Instead, I nominated well-known Fred Rocha, a past IOM Class Secretary. As promised, I will be a one-term Class Secretary, and I will assist Fred in any way I can through his term.

Ted Flack's Registrar report:

2020: Registered Owners = 669 (up 48) & Certificated Owners = 321 (up 22). (Note, this is slightly higher than previously reported because it includes the entire year.)

2021 Registered Owners = 26 new registrations & 8 new Certificated owners (so far).

Class Bank Account balance = \$4381.71 as of (6/20/21).

IOMUSA.org: Our website is the source for updates on our class, including national regatta NoRs, SIs, and registration. In Resources find useful info like our updated Personal Sail Number (PSN) policy.