

Herbert and Kibble at the 2019 National IOM Championship

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The very small IOM fleet at the Saltspring Island Sailing Club was pleased to hand over the organization and running of the 2019 National Championship to the newly revitalized Vancouver fleet. Full of enthusiasm, they rose to the occasion and put on a stellar event at Fishing Dock # 2, Steveston, May 3-5. The regatta was fully subscribed in record time, with two American entries coming in within seconds of the entry coming on line. The USA sailors are fighting for position to get into the 2019 World Championships and, as this is a ranking event for them, thirteen top level American boats showed up. Canada has two spots at the Worlds but lacks the competitive drive to fill them. Laid back local racing seems more our style. That being said, we were still fighting hard out on the water, giving it everything we had.

Roger Kibble and I were the Saltspring contingent but we did nominate Roger's son, Steve, as an honorary SSI sailor after his first days performance. I did something that I have always resisted in the past, building myself a new rig just before the event. I thought I had a week and a half to test it out before racing but a bout of strong winds made pre-testing my A rig impossible. The result was an abysmal first day that left me sitting 14th overall. The second day improved as I had 5 top ten finishes but also a lot of bone head manoeuvres that sent me back to B fleet three times. Day three was solid B rig racing toping out at 28 knots of wind. I finally found my form and lead at the weather mark in the last three races, finishing second in each of them. This dragged me up to 9th place overall and second Canadian after Rob Mulder of Vancouver in 7th place. Americans held down 8 of the top 10 spots.

Roger sailed a good seeding race and his 7th place got him into A fleet. In race 2 he went down to B fleet, where competition to get back to A was very stiff. I went down to B fleet three times and was so terrified of not getting out that I sailed some on my best races. Competition and excitement was just as good in B fleet. Roger finished the event in 28th place, just back of David Cook, an Olympic medalist and fierce competitor. After a brilliant first day, Steve Kibble slipped back to 17th place. The racing was very tight and every place up or down was fought for very hard.

Below is a picture just after the start of the fourth last race. I am sailing boat #38. I got to the weather mark second and sailed most of the race in third place before running aground on a mud bank during a tack on the last leg. The boat swung through the wind as a gust lifted the keel so I was able to continue and place 6th. It gives a sense of just how close the racing is in these events. Two ex Canadian Champs and one future Champ are behind me here.



2019 IOM Canadian National championship Regatta - London Landing, Richmond (Steveston), BC. May 3-5th.

Pts	Skipper	Sail	Club/City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	George Pedrick	150	Pt. Richmond, CA	V10	59.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	7.0	1.0	2.0	11.0	14.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	5.0
2	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham, WA	V 10	71.0	16.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	6.0	1.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	7.0	13.0	5.0	3.0	8.0
3	Mark Gollison	55	Long Beach, CA	V9	74.0	2.0	9.0	10.0	12.0	6.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	11.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	5.0	10.0	10.0
4	Gary Boell	71	Richmond, CA	BritPop	83.3	1.0	11.0	2.0	11.0	2.0	5.0	13.0	4.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	9.0	3.0	5.3	10.0	6.0
5	Steve Landeau	21	Savannah, GA	V10	86.0	4.0	1.0	4.0	10.0	10.0	7.0	3.0	2.0	10.0	7.0	1.0	2.0	9.0	14.0	11.0	9.0	4.0	2.0	8.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
6	Jess Atkinson	56	Alemeda, CA	V8	109.0	1.0	10.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	13.0	7.0	14.0	4.0	14.0	11.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	16.0	9.0	11.0	4.0
7	Rob Mulder	51	N. Vancouver, BC	Otter	156.0	6.0	16.0	1.0	5.0	12.0	10.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	18.0	17.0	20.0	5.0	5.0	15.0	11.0	3.0	5.0	12.0	7.0	9.0	17.0
8	Jerry Brower	42	Lake Stevens, WA	Kantun 2	161.0	6.0	5.0	14.0	9.0	8.0	11.0	6.0	9.0	13.0	15.0	28.0	14.0	13.0	2.0	18.0	10.0	2.0	1.0	11.0	14.0	4.0	9.0
9	Martin Herbert	38	Saltspring Island, BC	Dart 4	164.0	11.0	7.0	12.0	14.0	13.0	16.0	14.0	10.0	15.0	4.0	7.0	8.0	7.0	15.0	7.0	19.0	13.0	10.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
10	Steve Toschi	194	Grover Beach, CA	Evil Twin	177.0	5.0	15.0	21.0	8.0	17.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	8.0	13.0	8.0	11.0	8.0	8.0	15.0	11.0	7.0	12.0	13.0	11.0
11	Andrew Baak	88	Calgary, AB	Maxim	226.0	10.0	30.0	20.0	28.0	19.0	17.0	12.0	5.0	8.0	11.0	12.0	16.0	22.0	16.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	2.0	18.0	18.0	14.0
12	Bud Fassnacht	137	Vancouver, BC	Otter	230.0	8.0	13.0	8.0	15.0	7.0	12.0	11.0	16.0	22.0	12.0	18.0	15.0	20.0	9.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	17.0	15.0	28.0	6.0	12.0
13	Gene Harris	157	Pt. Richmond, CA	V9	234.0	11.0	4.0	7.0	16.0	21.0	3.0	15.0	11.0	12.0	13.0	16.0	17.0	21.0	22.0	21.0	25.0	25.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	12.0	15.0
14	Andy Allan	13	Victoria, BC	BritPop	258.0	14.0	28.0	13.0	6.0	16.0	19.0	22.0	19.0	17.0	5.0	15.0	25.0	17.0	19.0	9.0	15.0	20.0	12.0	14.0	4.0	17.0	7.0
15	Stan Schofield	94	Nanaimo, BC	Zoom	271.0	13.0	25.0	19.0	7.0	11.0	14.0	17.0	21.0	19.0	19.0	29.0	9.0	6.0	8.0	14.0	6.0	10.0	15.0	18.0	23.0	22.0	23.0
16	Blair Vankoughnett	97	Vancouver, BC	Celebration	280.0	14.0	19.0	11.0	3.0	1.0	8.0	16.0	18.0	9.0	8.0	5.0	7.0	16.0	20.0	17.0	19.0	19.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
17	Steve Kibble	41	Victoria, BC	DC 6	281.0	3.0	6.0	15.0	25.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	17.0	20.0	25.0	13.0	11.0	18.0	12.0	10.0	17.0	22.0	35.0	23.0	18.0	24.0	28.0
18	Jim McCaa	36	Seattle, WA	Kantun S	310.0	10.0	24.0	30.0	32.0	30.0	22.0	18.0	12.0	18.0	20.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	13.0	16.0	27.0	35.0	21.0	11.0	8.0	3.0	
19	Bob Lewis	27	Vancouver, BC	BritPop	313.0	9.0	21.0	23.0	23.0	28.0	23.0	10.0	15.0	25.0	29.0	9.0	18.0	14.0	18.0	22.0	20.0	26.0	18.0	9.0	18.0	15.0	3.0
20	Murray Cummings	65	Calgary, AB	Cockatoo II	317.0	3.0	12.0	9.0	13.0	18.0	21.0	21.0	25.0	16.0	22.0	19.0	24.0	23.0	21.0	25.0	7.0	16.0	26.0	24.0	10.0	16.0	22.0
21	Art Pruffer	142	Qualicum Beach, BC	DC7	320.0	9.0	23.0	16.0	18.0	23.0	20.0	28.0	20.0	11.0	9.0	14.0	10.0	15.0	25.0	23.0	30.0	9.0	16.0	22.0	19.0	19.0	24.0
22	Steve Young	73	Tacoma, WA	Vision	339.0	4.0	14.0	18.0	27.0	24.0	27.0	23.0	23.0	26.0	16.0	27.0	19.0	24.0	26.0	26.0	13.0	17.0	13.0	10.0	13.0	14.0	16.0
23	Peter Grimm	18	Vancouver, BC	Otter	345.0	2.0	8.0	17.0	17.0	22.0	15.0	24.0	24.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	19.0	23.0	19.0	21.0	14.0	23.0	18.0	22.0	35.0	18.0	24.0
24	Wilson Chong	87	Surrey, BC	Otter	385.8	13.0	29.0	24.0	29.0	20.0	29.0	30.0	13.0	14.0	17.0	24.0	23.0	25.0	10.0	16.0	24.0	23.0	21.0	21.8	25.0	23.0	20.0
25	Kurt Wells	37	Seattle, WA	BritPop	389.0	8.0	22.0	25.0	19.0	15.0	25.0	19.0	29.0	23.0	23.0	20.0	26.0	27.0	24.0	20.0	22.0	19.0	25.0	20.0	21.0	20.0	19.0
26	David Cook	72	Victoria, BC	Otter	423.0	12.0	20.0	22.0	21.0	29.0	31.0	25.0	27.0	29.0	27.0	23.0	22.0	10.0	17.0	27.0	23.0	24.0	20.0	25.0	26.0	25.0	27.0
27	Mark Verrey	83	Calgary, AB	BritPop	458.0	7.0	18.0	27.0	20.0	27.0	28.0	26.0	35.0	28.0	24.0	22.0	28.0	30.0	30.0	24.0	26.0	30.0	24.0	27.0	20.0	26.0	26.0
28	Rogger Kibble	68	Saltspring Island, BC	Pikanto	480.0	12.0	26.0	29.0	30.0	26.0	35.0	20.0	35.0	27.0	31.0	30.0	29.0	26.0	28.0	31.0	28.0	21.0	22.0	19.0	24.0	21.0	35.0
29	Adam Baeclor	12	Calgary, AB	BritPop	482.0	15.0	27.0	28.0	24.0	31.0	24.0	27.0	22.0	21.0	26.0	25.0	30.0	28.0	27.0	28.0	27.0	29.0	27.0	26.0	27.0	28.0	25.0
30	Dave Woodley	78	Vancouver, BC	V10	516.0	19.0	35.0	35.0	22.0	14.0	18.0	31.0	28.0	31.0	30.0	31.0	31.0	35.0	35.0	30.0	31.0	28.0	19.0	35.0	35.0	27.0	21.0
31	Fred Grimm	22	Burnaby, BC	Goth XP	553.0	15.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	32.0	30.0	29.0	26.0	30.0	28.0	26.0	27.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	31.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
32	Robert Seline	138	Nanaimo, BC	Dart 3	582.0	7.0	17.0	26.0	26.0	25.0	26.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0

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