

ANSWERS – Round 1

A few difficult ones to keep the 'known' oracles on their toes in round one. With a good mix of nationalities heading up the results so far, yet not one skipper getting a perfect score, we will press on with a similar mix going forward to keep you busy in searching for answers that are all there if you look for them;)

Q1. Name the four IOM World Champions that met their now wives at International radio sailing events. (one point for each)

Martin Roberts GBR (Andrea Roberts NZL), Craig Smith AUS (Ivona Smith CRO), Peter Stollery GBR (Sarah Stollery CAN), Brad Gibson AUS (Victoria Gibson GBR)

4 points

Martin and Andrea first met at a Scottish IOM ranking event in 1991 with Andrea on a sailing tour with her father Paul Chisholm over from New Zealand. Both Peter and Craig met their partners at the 2001 IOM World Championships in Croatia with Sarah the daughter of Canadian entrant John Kine. Brad and Victoria met at the 2006 Marblehead class Worlds at Fleetwood UK.

Q2. In the USA, the longstanding IOM Midwinter event in February is hosted by which club annually?

San Diego Argonauts (half a point for San Diego)

1 point

Always a great way to kick off the USA season in some southern Californian sunshine with a fantastic bunch of skippers

Q3. In Berlin 1988, Peter Stollery (pictured below) won the Junior section at the Marblehead Class World Championships. Who finished runner up?

Denis Astbury BRA

1 point

Talent obviously runs in the Astbury family with brother Ian taking the other spot on the podium in 3rd place

Q4. Which non-European based skipper won the 1987 Marblehead European Championships in the Netherlands?

Jon Elmaleh USA

1 point

Also known as the designer of the RC Laser, Jon can still be found racing his IOM and M designs in Central Park New York and at open meetings in the USA.

Q5. Prior to HMS, which scoring system was last widely used for International events?

HRS - Heat Racing System

1 point

A promotion system that meant skippers did not move up a heat until the following round. Thankfully we have moved on to the more widely accepted HMS - Heat Management System.

Q6. Name the skipper pictured below and the first IOM World Championships he attended with this boat. (one point for each)

Daniel Weizman AUS, 2001 IOM World Championship Croatia

2 points

Daniel returned from Croatia with plenty of stories and lasting friendships made. His SC4 was our first BG design to compete at a World Championship.

Q7. A depth gauge is used to check the maximum draft on the Marblehead Class, just how deep can you go?

660mm

1 point

The International or now IRSA Marblehead class once got by without any draft restrictions but with newer materials becoming available, many ponds were seen as unusable worldwide with a modest restriction being introduced.

Q8. In 2012, an Olympian raced at the IOM European Championships. Name that skipper.

Tonci Stipanovic CRO

1 point

Fresh from a notable 4th place at the London 2012 Olympics in the Laser class, Tonci backed up only to narrowly miss Gold at Rio 2016 after a match race with Australian Tom Burton in the medal race. Croatia's first sailing Olympic medallist was racing a V7 at the event and came in 38th.

Q9. Name these three countries that were recently represented at International events. SUI, CHI, ESP (one point for each)

Switzerland, Chile, Spain

3 points

Q10. In keeping with our love of music and differing genres, question 10 will test your musical prowess. 'Love Missile F1-11' is the song and Sigue Sigue Sputnik sang the original. Name the UK band that covered it. Bonus point for naming the skipper bold enough to name his current IOM after the song.

Pop Will Eat Itself

Graham Elliott GBR (we will accept **Stone Roses** who we learned also released a cover of the song but will not accept **David Bowie** as the key word was BAND)

2 points

Sticking with the theme of naming our boats with song names relevant (sort of) to the Genre of our designs, Graham didn't hold back with his grey GBR 09 Britpop. It's important to have fun with boat names!

More Questions on these to come....

Join us for Round 2 from 7.00pm this coming Friday 10th of April

Cheers and stay safe BG