

Croatian IOM Championship – Fužine 27-28.10.2003.

Croatian National Championship for International One Metre was held on lake Bajer in Fužine (27-28 October 2003). After 26 heats (3 discards) in very unstable wind the results are as follows:

1. Ante Kovačević	49	(TS 2)
2. Zvonko Jelačić	67	(ST)
3. Robert Grubiša	67	(Tunka)
4. Nikola Španjić	103	(Ragtime)
5. Željo Vranković	119	(Ragtime)
6. Mirko Ukas	128	(Tunka)
7. Edo Šoić	130	(Widget)
8. Luka Colnago	138	(TS2)
9. Zoran Grubiša	151	(Tunka)
10. Lado Hrboka	214.	(Tunka)

After first five races it was clear that Ante, Zvonko, Nikola and Robert would be contending for medals.

Robert won first and second race so Ante (won two fifth places) and Zvonko (DNF and DNS) was under pressure for the rest of the competition. Nikola finished second in first and second races.

At the end of first day after 9 races (one discard) the placement was: Ante 19, Robert 22, Zvonko 25, Nikola 26 points, etc.

Zvonko was the best in the Sunday opening races with two first places and one second. Ante managed to come fourth, second and first while Robert finished two times in sixth and seventh places.

Ante succeeded in finishing among top three in almost all remaining races and the title of the Croatian IOM Champion was secured.

Nikola was not so good at the remaining races and race after race he was further and further away from third place.

Fight for the second place between Zvonko and Robert was very interesting. After disastrous sailing in first three Sunday races, Robert came back to finish 3rd, 2nd, 1st, 1st, 4th and 2nd, while Zvonko finished 7th, 1st, 4th, 3rd, 7th and 5th.

Robert lead on Zvonko has been increased by three points in races 19 to 23. Zvonko succeeded in coming two times second in races 24 and 25 while Robert finished third and fifth.

In the very last race of the event Robert finished fourth and Zvonko fifth. After all, Zvonko and Robert tied for second place after three discards and Zvonko became vice-champion with one first place more than Robert !

The atmosphere during the event was very friendly. Robert lent his spare servo to Zvonko after the problems with Zvonko`s servo in first two races. Luka was not very happy with the light wind condition during the event and his result was below expectation.

The event was very well organized by Modelarski klub "Rijeka". The PRO was Tonko Petesic (he was PRO on IOM World Championship in Omisalj), while Anja and Iva Grubiša were responsible for scoring and starting procedures.

For Modelarski klub "Rijeka"

Robert Grubiša