

## 2015 Gig Harbor MYC #7 (on Lake Washington at Coulon Park) 09/05/2015

By Bob Wells

We had another great sunny regatta with variable winds out of the SSW from light to mid-A. Wind pressure was much more solid in the morning, then it was unstable and lighter in the afternoon making it hard to find a groove. A big part of the problem was it went more westerly in the afternoon bringing in chop as big as the wind. The westerly brought in some weed too.

I showed up to serve as PRO, but walking in Jerry Brower said, "Do you want to sail a V9"? Is the sky blue? Jess Atkinson previously owned this sweet orange V9 and it includes his own BBJ Sails and Ebey rigs, all of which Jerry purchased after Worlds. The boat was easy to sail and set up; and I felt higher and faster than anybody in the morning when the winds were stronger. I had some nice downwind gains that came in surges too, and was generally fast off the wind. Later with lighter wind and chop I didn't feel so special, and had to foot to keep moving upwind. I like Ian's V9, although the distinctive flared foils at the root look weird to me. Since this 'weird' keel seems fast, I'll grow to like that shape too. This minimalist V9 is built very light, and as a club sailor I would discuss two changes with Ian: a heavier hull layup and a ram wheel that adjusts with your thumb (no tool required). The Ebey rig is a joy to tune and admire, and it has to be also very light. I would add a drain hole somewhere, and I'm reminded of a Bantock quote to me, "Anybody who doesn't install a drain hole is a fool". Jerry is choosing to preserve his V9 by not sailing it much in club events, so I'm doubly honored that he offered it to me for the day. Sorry about the new scratch on the starboard side!



We need a V9 image for this discussion, so here is our Canadian friend Peter Stevens' V9 with Worlds stickers on foils and the mark that matches fin to bulb – all courtesy of the Worlds measurement team. Compared to his V8, Ian Vicker's V9 features a wider/flatter more powerful beam and stern; and his new foils have a distinctive flair at the top where they join the hull. Ian told me that he borrowed the idea from the legendary Geoff Smale, who in the 1997 Worlds used something similar with success, but then he abandoned the concept. Photo David Jensen.

That scratch is my segue-way to my next thoughts. Sometimes I'm quietly criticized for taking the time to make the course too perfect in changing wind, and sometimes because the fleet is not honoring RRS 11 (windward-leeward) at starts when we have a heavily biased start line. We can't have it both ways. Squaring the line largely solves the windward-leeward issues in our aggressive fleet, so going forward my plan is to

spend more time squaring the start line during our club regattas too. I think that will improve our sailing quality and is well worth the effort.

Thank you to Jerry Brower for scores and to Jerry and Ron Hornung for working the buoys. And to Joe Damico for providing his great buoy boats and marks. We had a nice turnout for a rousing post-race gathering at Red Robin. Then I went home and took a nap.

Sorry Bill Wilson, but the coolest regatta ride of the year now belongs to Scott McConnell - his 1965 blue Chevy Nova wagon. It's a huge powerful car with generous room for sail boxes and the like, although in '65 with cheap gas it was considered a "compact". The story: it was Scott's son's project car in high school, and they found it with chickens living in it. His kid drove it with a V6, but Scott later improved it to the V8. Now it's a loud hot rod that is mostly stock. Chevy built this one light, and offered a big engine option so it was the fastest car offered in the US for a brief three-month period in '65.

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Pls	Skipper	Sail	Home Port	Design-Designer	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Bob Wells	420	Mercer Is, WA	V9-Ian Vivkers	31.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	3.0	8.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	8.0
2	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens, WA	Fraktal-G Bantock	35.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	5.0	1.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
3	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim, WA	Fraktal2-G Bantock	49.0	6.0	8.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	1.0	7.0	12.0	7.0	2.0
4	Ron Blackledge	217	Portland, OR	britPOP!-BG Astbury	50.0	1.0	3.0	10.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	10.0	8.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	5.0
5	Byron Pimms	47	Seattle, WA	ISIS II-Barry Chisam	60.0	5.0	12.0	1.0	6.0	4.0	5.0	9.0	1.0	7.0	10.0	9.0	4.0	2.0	7.0
6	David Jensen	68	Bellevue, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	66.0	8.0	6.0	2.0	9.0	7.0	9.0	11.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	5.0	8.0	3.0	6.0
7	Scott McConnell	21	Lynnwood, WA	Kantun S-ZJ&RG	67.0	3.0	10.0	8.0	8.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	9.0	8.0	5.0	8.0	11.0	9.0	4.0
8	Mike Pearson	82	Port Orchard	V8- I Vickers, Eldred	70.0	7.0	4.0	12.0	3.0	9.0	13.0	6.0	7.0	3.0	9.0	6.0	9.0	4.0	3.0
9	Kurt Wells	37	Seattle, WA	britPOP!-BG Vinaixa	71.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	5.0	2.0	7.0	2.0	2.0	8.0	10.0
10	Craig Rantala	12	Sequim, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	115.0	12.0	9.0	3.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	6.0	11.0	11.0
11	Rick Shattock	94	Milton, WA	Pikanto-GB, DeJong	115.0	11.0	5.0	9.0	12.0	10.0	7.0	12.0	12.0	9.0	6.0	12.0	10.0	12.0	13.0
12	Ron, Hornung	777	Seattle, WA	21 Grams-Own	118.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	12.0	11.0	7.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	7.0	10.0	9.0

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## 2015 Gig Harbor Cup Season Points

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Skipper	Points	3/07		4/04		5/02		6/13		7/11		8/22		9/05		10/03		pls	T/B	With 2 throw-outs	Pts	T/B		
		GHC 1		GHC 2		GHC 3		GHC 4		GHC 5		GHC 6		GHC 7		GHC 8								
		pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls							
1 Jerry Brower	86	16	3	14	3	13	1	11	2	9	5	12	1	11	2			2	1	Jerry Brower	66			
2 Joe D'Amico	86	18	1	13	4	11	3	12	1	11	3	11	2	10	3			3	2	Joe D'Amico	65			
3 Bob Wells	62	11	8	15	2					13	1	11	2	12	1				3	Bob Wells	62			
4 Peter Sternberg	58	13	6	11	6	12	2	10	3	12	2								4	Peter Sternberg	58			
5 Kurt Wells	55	12	7	8	9	10	4	8	5	5	9	8	5	4	9					5	Ron Blackledge	46	4	
6 Byron Pimms	52	8	11	7	10	9	5	7	6	6	8	7	6	8	5					6	Kurt Wells	46	5	
7 Ron Blackledge	46	14	5	9	8	5	9	9	4					9	4					7	Larry Stiles	39	2	
8 Larry Stiles	39	17	2	12	5					10	4								2	8	Bill Langjahr	39	3	
9 Bill Langjahr	39	15	4	10	7					4	10	10	3						3	9	Byron Pimms	39	5	
10 Scott McConnell	33	10	9							8	6	9	4	6	7					10	Scott McConnell	33		
11 Drew Austin	31	9	10	15	2	7	7												7	11	Drew Austin	31		
12 Craig Rantala	31	4	15	4	13			5	8	12	2	3	10	3	10				8	12	David Jensen	29		
13 David Jensen	29	7	12	6	11			6	7	3	11			7	6					13	Craig Rantala	28		
14 Scott Thomas	28	6	13	5	12	8	6	2	11	1	13	6	7							14	Scott Thomas	27		
15 Daryl Ruff	23	5	14	2	15	4	10	3	10	7	7	2	11							15	Daryl Ruff	21		
16 Kelly Martin	16			16	1															16	Kelly Martin	16		
17 Mike Pearson	14					1	13	4	9			4	9	5	8					17	Mike Pearson	14		
18 Ron, Hornung	11	3	16	1	16	6	8							1	12				8	18	Ron, Hornung	11		
19 Jim McCaa	5					3	11			2	12									19	Jim McCaa	5		
20 Rick Shattock	4	1	18									1	12	2	11					20	Rick Shattock	4		
21 Ryan Ruff	3					2	12	1	12											12	21	Ryan Ruff	3	12
22 Michael Holly	3			3	14															14	22	Michael Holly	3	14
23 Dennis Pittis	2	2	17																		23	Dennis Pittis	2	

One point for each boat you beat plus 1 point for starting a race in the regatta. PRO all day gets 2nd Pls Pts.