



Saltspring Island Sailing Club moves the 'big' boats tied to their 450' long outer dock to accommodate our regatta, and most of the time we sailed parallel to the dock. We're looking north on Ganges Harbour and the lively town of Ganges is not quite visible in the background. Photo © Stan Schofield.

2016 IOM Canadian Nationals (June 2-5, 2016 @ Ganges Harbur on Saltspring Island)

Bob Wells Reporting

This is one of the most beautiful of the Pacific Northwest venues and easily the most beautiful to travel too, requiring two ferry rides in the Gulf Islands for most of us arriving from the USA. Everybody enjoys it here, and the draw is strong as 15 of the 35 skippers are from the US. The sailing was really good, camaraderie exceptional, evening meal gatherings were great fun, and our wives/girlfriends found galleries and art studios to visit as well as shopping for artsy custom treasures. And half the fleet camps out on the SISC club grounds, which is it's own little annual party. San Francisco area skipper Jess Atkinson said it well at the awards giving, "You guys are the best to sail with anywhere". Hyperbole maybe, but the sentiment is spot on.

There were lots of new enthusiastic Canuck IOM skippers to meet, and these characters have sailing talent. Mostly they hailed from Alberta and Vancouver, and it does bode well for the future. Woody IOMs were seemingly everywhere - I counted six. But those are just the ones that express the wood with stain. I don't know how many were painted woodies? The Herbert brothers were back with their custom 2015 woodies (Calypso & PDQ were designed by Graham), and this is the first time that I can recall they didn't build a new IOM over the winter. We followed with anticipation the new design and build of both David Cook and David Jensen on *IOM DIY Design* on the RC Forum, and we wondered if they would be finished in time? They both achieved their self-imposed deadlines and they were very pleased with their first outings. And they both show promise with relative minor bugs to sort, a relief for both. Rob Mulder is very new to IOMs having started in February, and his slightly modified (more narrow) Calypso woody is stunning. Rob has building skill and needs some stick time to improve results. Steve Kibble's Goth XP is a Gerald Nutter build, and another distinctive and well sailed woody addition.

This amazing venue suffers occasionally with weed and inconsistent wind issues. Not so much this year though, and the weather was gorgeous. The winner was in doubt to the end, although George Pedrick and his V9 grabbed the lead at the end of the first day and held on to it to the finish. Gary Boell in 2nd sailed his Nitro well the whole regatta (Nitro is a new Jeff Byerley proto), and especially on the last day keeping it interesting. Only three points separated them - coulda, shoulda, Gary. Tied for 3rd were Jess Atkinson and

Graham Herbert, with Jess getting third on count back. Peter Stevens in 5th was the other Canuck in top 5 besides Graham. I noted that the top 10 had a nice distribution with three each from Cali and BC, and 4 from Washington State.

With only two skippers from Saltspring sailing this year, a lot of people traveled to participate. There would have been one more from Saltspring but the event sold out again, and for the first time there were no last-minute drops so Ole Andersen didn't get in. Ole is a laid back islander, who waited too long to enter this time. A big travel effort came from our four Cali skippers, who sailed in Foster City (US ranking) the previous weekend then hustled to arrive in Saltspring on Thursday for CAN Nats. Doug Hawksworth traveled the farthest to participate, as he came from Ontario. This was his first IOM regatta, and he sailed his new used Britpop well. Doug was appreciative of the help he received, typical for the class.

Thank you to Lawrie Neish and his team for another memorable Pac NW event.

Results after 18 Races with 3 Throwouts:

Position	Skipper	Club/City	Hull	Score
1	George Pedrick	Pt. Richmond, CA	V9	48.0
2	Gary Boell	Richmond, CA	Nitro	51.0
3	Jess Atkinson	Alameda, CA	V9	72.0
4	Graham Herbert	Hornby Island, BC	Puff	72.0
5	Peter Stevens	North Saanich, BC	V9	80.0
6	Kelly Martin	Bellingham, WA	V8	88.0
7	Jerry Brower	Lake Stevens, WA	V9	104.0
8	Bob Wells	Mercer Island, WA	Kantun S	111.4
9	Martin Herbert	Saltspring Island, BC	Calypso	128.0
10	Larry Stiles	Sedro-Woolley, WA	BritPop!	132.0
11	Joe D'amico	Sequim, WA	Kantun SMX	157.0
12	John Ball	Parksville, BC	V8	171.0
13	Scott McConnell	Lynwood, WA	Kantun S	174.0
14	Bob Lewis	Vancouver, BC	BritPop!	178.0
15	Luke Harwood	Calgary, AB	PP5	183.0
16	Vic Child	Anacortes, WA	Widget	228.0
17	Dale Chase	Hornby Island, BC	Calypso	229.0
18	Steve Young	Tacoma, WA	Cheinz	252.0
19	Nigel Ashman	N Vancouver, BC	Van 3	259.0
20	Mark Wallace	Saltspring Island, BC	Zoom	268.0
21	Steve Kibble	Victoria, BC	Goth XP	293.0
22	Bill Langjahr	Anacortes, WA	Cheinz	299.0
23	David Jensen	Bellevue, WA	Race a Ready	306.0
24	Gene Harris	Pt. Richmond, CA	Pikanto	306.0
25	Rob Mulder	N Vancouver, BC	Calypso	314.0
26	Doug Hawksworth	Ontario	BritPop!	319.0
27	Daryl Ruff	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX	324.0
28	Bob Copley	Port Alberni, BC	V8	342.0
29	Stan Schofield	Nanaimo, BC	Zoom	346.0
30	Adam Batchelor	Calgary, AB	BritPop!	346.0
31	Bill Wilson	Port Ludlow, WA	Kantun SMX	363.0
32	Gunther Yip	Vancouver, BC	Zoom	404.0
33	David Cook	Victoria, BC	Woody W	421.0
34	Roger Kibble	Saltspring Island, BC	lkon	423.0
35	Derwyn Hughes	Calgary, AB	Cockatoo	425.0

Full Race Results: <http://www.ibextrax.com>

Photos: By Stan Schofield:

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By Jerry Brower: <http://www.ibextrax.com/RC2016/0603CAN/index.htm>

Regatta Summary:

Event: 2016 Canadian IOM National Championship Regatta (US R6N Club Ranking)

Class: IOM

Date: June 6 - 8, 2016

Location: Ganges Harbor on Saltspring Island, BC

Host Club: Saltspring Island Sailing Club

Entries: 35

Winds: Full range of 1-rig

Races Completed: 26

Scoring System: HMS 2014

Regatta Committee: Organizer & PRO: Lawrie Neish; RO & Scoring: Barry Fox; Observer: Leah Mathewson;

Rescue Boat/Course Set Up: Martin Herbert, Vic Childs; Lunch/Dinners: Aileen Neish, Tara Fraser, Roger

Kibble, et all.



Wind was either from the north or south generally parallel with the long dock. USA 57 is regatta winner George Pedrick, again in a nice position after the start and getting on port early. This photo is from Jerry Brower's camera by a volunteer.