



Practicing before the race with our safety fence establishing the Control Area and Barry Fox's new loudspeaker system on a tripod with postpone flag up. The elevated spit used to provide great sight lines to the action. That is not the case anymore as the vegetation (partially seen on left) has been on a growth spurt creating blind spots near shore. Significant blind spots frankly, and it is causing way too many otherwise avoidable collisions. It also has all but eliminated playing the lefty near shore making the course more one-dimensional. So we will not schedule regattas at this venue unless we get Port and Army Corp of Engineers approval to trim them, which is highly unlikely. Barry Fox photo.

2016 Hood River Carnage - IOM R6N (July 22-24 at Hood River Marina)

Bob Wells reporting

We schedule this annual regatta for the middle of July because it has the highest likelihood of the famous Gorge winds, and IOMs in small rigs is great radio sailing. We call it Hood River "Carnage" because it tests our boats like no venue that I've been to. A few boats practiced in 3-rig conditions on Thursday, and Larry Stiles was all smiles. Jerry Brower wasn't so thrilled with both his 2-rig and 3-rig to repair after his short trial session. The Gorge just loves to straighten forestay hooks to the mast and manifest other carnage... By regatta's end I had witnessed the usual "carnage": broken vang, ripped sail, electronics failures, mangled internal sheeting systems, and this time we even had two boats that locked up and then were flushed out of the marina into the Columbia River.

Day 1 - Friday: Larry Stiles once again efficiently led the measurement of our boats in the morning and we raced in the afternoon as planned. The concern at the Skipper's Meeting was the potential of too much single fleet sailing and pretty much everybody was happy our HMS scoring system limited us to 41 races. You laugh, but it is a serious concern for us older guys with memories of the 2014 marathon lingering. I am not the only one that wears down with the large amount of walking on gravel, endless dust, facing the hot sun, and wind to deal with whether sailing or tuning. The sailing is grand, but at times I'll admit getting grumpy. Our first day had the prevailing westerly in upper 1-rig range, although some did sail in 2-rig at times at the end of the day to their detriment. After 12 races John Ebey had a solid lead and Gary Boell was established in second. It was surprising how tired I felt after only 12 races, but a good tired and I slept well. I wondered how Jeff Byerley from Tasmania was feeling with jet lag added to the mix, but he wouldn't give a straight answer if I asked.

Day 2 - Saturday: A long day of sailing in solid 2-rig conditions - this is what we come here for. John Ebey continued his dominance to nobody's surprise. John is that rare skipper that does well without big boat racing experience, a credit to his commitment that he sails at his high level. Boells is still second. Cohen and Byerley are in a close battle for third with Byerley finishing strong with two bullets. After excellent sailing, we showered and enjoyed the anticipated

outdoor dinner on the golf course at Divots Restaurant. This is still the most pleasant post race group dinner I've experienced. Smiles all around for this great day.

Day 3 – Sunday: Unfortunately wind went light and from an unusable direction so PRO Barry Fox mercifully canceled the regatta at 10:45. It was already hot and heading to about 100F. Historical records say there is a 2% chance of light wind in July, but we have had 50% light air in the last two years on our six scheduled racing days. Blackledge says the record high temps in Portland are messing with the Gorge thermal. Anyway, awards were presented and we all received an early start to our distant homes.

Once again Seattle MYC joined forces with Oregon MYC to co-organize this regatta, and organizing a regatta with these guys has been my pleasure. Jerry Brower once again ably handled the entries and finances. Our PRO, Canadian Barry Fox, did another great job for us. I marvel at the high quality PRO's and race management we attract in IOMs. Larry Stiles again expertly handled the measure-in process. Joe Damico hauled his RIB dinghy again for us. Drew Austin sacrificed sailing to man the rescue boat. Ron Blackledge was everywhere assisting race management before and during and after the regatta. We collected \$10 per head on the entry fee, for an additional \$180 going to the class. Oh yes, and Boells served as the Skipper Representative, as he was voted him in when he worked on his boat instead of attending the Skipper's Meeting. A fine example of social engineering.

I have no plans to repeat as organizer of this regatta despite the many great features of this venue, because the bushes have grown to the extent where they significantly impair the sailing near shore. The result is too many collisions caused by blocked vision. It also largely eliminates playing the lefty along shore, making the course one-dimensional. We will request permission to trim them, but getting Port and Army Corp of Engineers approval is daunting red tape. Morgan Dewees had the inspiration to sail here after enjoying the Blowout, and we've had a great run in a great City. I think it is the end unfortunately.

2016 Hood River Carnage. AMYA R6N Regional Championship. July 22-24.

Pos	Skipper	Sail	City	Design-Designer	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	John Ebey	193	San Rafael, CA	Britpop!-B Gibson	59.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	12.0	2.0	5.0	3.0
2	Gary Boell	71	Richmond, CA	Nitro-Jeff Byerley	98.0	6.0	7.0	11.0	8.0	5.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	6.0
3	Stepan Cohen	28	Los Angeles, CA	Britpop!-B Gibson	120.6	4.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	15.0	4.0	6.0	19.0	8.0
4	Jeff Byerley	711	Tasmania, AUS	Maxim-Own	121.0	7.0	3.0	10.0	7.0	10.0	16.0	5.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	2.0
5	Morgan Dewees	98	Portland, OR	MMX-David Creed	132.0	8.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	7.0	4.0	12.0	2.0	7.0	10.0	1.0
6	Bruce Andersen	16	Boise, ID	Britpop!-B Gibson	139.0	10.0	13.0	7.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	6.0	9.0	3.0	6.0	7.0
7	George Pedrick	57	Pt. Richmond, CA	V9-Ian Vickers	147.0	11.0	8.0	15.0	11.0	13.0	11.0	2.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	9.0
8	Jerry Brower	42	Lake Stevens, WA	Britpop!-B Gibson	167.0	5.0	17.0	9.0	2.0	6.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	18.0
9	Steve Toschi	94	Grover Beach, CA	Micro Brew 5-Own	219.0	3.0	4.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	4.0	15.0	12.0	12.0	4.0
10	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham, WA	V8-Ian Vickers	237.0	9.0	9.0	17.0	5.0	8.0	17.0	16.0	10.0	19.0	4.0	17.0
11	Bob Wells	7	Mercer Island, WA	Kantun S-ZJ&RG	238.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	13.0	14.0	13.0	14.0	8.0	15.0	11.0	5.0
12	Bill Wright	82	Alameda, CA	Pikanto-G Bantock	250.0	17.0	18.0	5.0	15.0	11.0	3.0	8.0	19.0	10.0	7.0	14.0
13	Barry Donaher	47	Park City, UT	Fusion-Craig Smith	252.0	15.0	10.0	13.0	14.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	14.0	9.0	9.0	11.0
14	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro-Woolley	Britpop!-B Gibson	281.0	12.0	12.0	6.0	9.0	2.0	7.0	9.0	6.0	13.0	14.0	10.0
15	Steve Young	73	Tacoma, WA	Cheinz-Jeff Byerley	305.0	14.0	16.0	14.0	16.0	15.0	9.0	18.0	16.0	16.0	13.0	13.0
16	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	310.0	13.0	11.0	8.0	10.0	1.0	18.0	13.0	13.0	11.0	15.0	15.0
17	David Jensen	68	Bellevue, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	362.0	16.0	14.0	16.0	19.0	16.0	15.0	11.0	11.0	14.0	16.0	16.0
18	Bill Wilson	69	Port Ludlow, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	405.0	18.0	15.0	18.0	17.0	19.0	14.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	12.0

Hosted by Oregon Model Yacht Club and Seattle Model Yacht Club. Regatta Chair Bob Wells. PRO Barry Fox. Scoring and Logistics Ron Blackledge.

Pos	Skipper	Sail	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Score
1	John Ebey	193	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	10.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	59.0
2	Gary Boell	71	7.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	8.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	98.0
3	Stepan Cohen	28	19.0	6.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	19.0	4.0	6.0	1.0	12.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	6.0	6.6	120.6
4	Jeff Byerley	711	9.0	7.0	7.0	12.0	11.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	7.0	3.0	8.0	6.0	2.0	7.0	13.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	121.0
5	Morgan Dewees	98	4.0	9.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	10.0	6.0	2.0	9.0	1.0	10.0	13.0	6.0	12.0	16.0	12.0	5.0	132.0
6	Bruce Andersen	16	12.0	2.0	10.0	4.0	7.0	4.0	13.0	2.0	11.0	13.0	7.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	9.0	19.0	139.0
7	George Pedrick	57	3.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	4.0	7.0	9.0	7.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	9.0	10.0	3.0	147.0
8	Jerry Brower	42	16.0	4.0	11.0	8.0	2.0	16.0	6.0	4.0	1.0	19.0	9.0	19.0	19.0	8.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	6.0	167.0
9	Steve Toschi	94	10.0	8.0	16.0	5.0	10.0	12.0	8.0	15.0	6.0	8.0	11.0	12.0	7.0	9.0	15.0	7.0	8.0	11.0	219.0
10	Kelly Martin	77	2.0	15.0	15.0	9.0	6.0	9.0	7.0	19.0	15.0	10.0	12.0	5.0	5.0	11.0	9.0	13.0	7.0	9.0	237.0
11	Bob Wells	7	13.0	19.0	8.0	15.0	12.0	8.0	4.0	9.0	9.0	5.0	10.0	13.0	10.0	12.0	11.0	10.0	16.0	19.0	238.0
12	Bill Wright	82	8.0	10.0	6.0	13.0	13.0	10.0	15.0	12.0	10.0	7.0	13.0	9.0	11.0	15.0	5.0	8.0	13.0	14.0	250.0
13	Barry Donaher	47	5.0	13.0	14.0	14.0	17.0	15.0	16.0	11.0	8.0	14.0	14.0	7.0	8.0	10.0	7.0	11.0	5.0	7.0	252.0
14	Larry Stiles	64	6.0	14.0	13.0	16.0	14.0	14.0	11.0	16.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	10.0	14.0	11.0	19.0	281.0
15	Steve Young	73	11.0	11.0	9.0	10.0	9.0	11.0	12.0	14.0	12.0	12.0	4.0	11.0	9.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	18.0	10.0	305.0
16	Joe D'Amico	86	15.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	16.0	13.0	17.0	8.0	14.0	11.0	15.0	15.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	15.0	8.0	310.0
17	David Jensen	68	14.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	18.0	17.0	14.0	13.0	13.0	15.0	16.0	19.0	15.0	13.0	16.0	12.0	14.0	12.0	362.0
18	Bill Wilson	69	17.0	17.0	18.0	17.0	15.0	18.0	18.0	17.0	19.0	19.0	17.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	14.0	15.0	17.0	13.0	405.0

Course Set and Rescue boat by Drew Austin. Registration Jerry Brower. Kantun designed by Robert Grubiša and Zvonko Jelačić.

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Summary of the 2016 Hood River Carnage & the IOM R6N Championship Regatta

Class: IOM

Date: July 22-24, 2016

Location: Hood River Marina at Hood River, OR

Host Club: Oregon MYC & Seattle MYC

Entries: 18

Winds: 5 – 18 knots plus gusts.

Races Completed: 29

Scoring System: 2014 HMS

Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants: Bob Wells – Organizer; Barry Fox – PRO & Scorekeeper; Larry Stiles - Measuring; Jerry Brower – Entries & Finances; Joe Damico – provided buoys and boat; Ron Blackledge – Lunches, Dinner, Safety Fence, and Race Management; and Drew Austin rescue boat.