

Gig Harbor MYC Regatta #6 – IOM Class (August 13, 2016 at Surprise Lake in Milton, WA)
Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:



The wet stinky briny socks boys in Diego - Feb 2011...

First a GHMYC Announcement: USA Nats in San Diego on October 7-9 conflicts with our GHMYC #8, so the Events Committee has moved our #8 regatta to October 22, 2016. A lot of Washington skippers are traveling to San Diego for Nats so we need to do this. In case you want to join us in San Diego, there are three WA cars traveling there, and each has space to transport another boat if you want to fly without the potential of the TSA trashing your boat. Contact haulers Joe Damico, Larry Stiles or Kurt Wells if interested (I 'suggest' \$200 round trip covers it). Join Jerry and Joe and many others in Diego, where most of us are staying at the Best Western Mission Bay.

Drew Austin showed up early and saw the calm lake and drove two hours back home displaying a lack of patience, which proved to be shortsighted IMHO. I like to check Windfinder.com before I leave the house, and the forecast was up to 2 knots at Coulon Park for the race duration with gusts to 3. Not good As I drove by that venue it was dead calm. Fortunately we were racing at Surprise Lake this day, where if winds are calm we get a little local thermal created by winds lifting from the shopping centers roof and asphalt areas. It was hot

enough, but the confusing bit of NW and SW winds we were getting didn't allow the thermal to develop properly. So winds were confusing – it is Surprise Lake after all. Starts were tight as were our mark roundings, and the scores reflected our topsy-turvy finishes. Pitfalls were everywhere with so many boats on this tight course and the changing wind bunching us up. Congratulations to Scott McConnell for surviving it all for his first IOM club win!

Farthest traveler wasn't the usual Ron Blackledge (unexcused absence), it was Barry (with an Aussie accent) Donaher from Park City, UT and Scottsdale, AZ. Barry is new to IOMs but not sailing, and he has been in our area sailing with the Deception Pass fleet. His boat is a beautiful Fusion by Craig Smith, and the same design won at Midwinter in San Diego with John Ebey on the helm.

So everybody races we have been having the 1st finisher record scores and the 2nd finisher call them out. Recording the scores was a failure this regatta due to the decision to have one-lap races in goofy wind, and this resulted in the fleet finishing in tight clusters. This didn't allow time to find the clipboard let alone record the scores. We either have to change how we do this or find somebody to replace our frustrated scorekeeper Jerry Brower. The events committee chooses to keep Jerry Brower in his thankless post as scorekeeper, so GHMYC protocol going forward:

1. No one-lap races without a volunteer scorekeeper. If we have to, we'll have somebody drop their Tx to do this, and rotate the privilege through the fleet...

I enjoyed the day, and then at Blackledge's request we switched the post race gathering back to Puerto Vallarta, which has had a nice renovation since I was last there.

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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 |
|-----|-----------------|------|----------------|----------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----|------|------|-----|------|
| 1 | Scott McConnell | 21 | Lynnwood, WA | Kantun S-ZJ&RG | 34.0 | 9.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 11.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | | 13.0 | 5.0 | | 2.0 |
| 2 | Jerry Brower | 42 | Lk Stevens, WA | V9-IanVickers | 36.0 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 12.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | | 1.0 | 2.0 | | 9.0 |
| 3 | Barry Donaher | 147 | Scottsdale, AZ | Fusion-Craig Smith | 37.0 | 4.0 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | | 5.0 | 1.0 | | 7.0 |
| 4 | Larry Stiles | 64 | Sedro Woolley | britPOPI-BG Astbury | 39.0 | 11.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | | 11.0 | 3.0 | | 1.0 |
| 5 | Steve Young | 13 | Tacoma, WA | britPOPI-BG Astbury | 39.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 10.0 | | 2.0 | 7.0 | | 12.0 |
| 6 | Joe D'Amico | 86 | Sequim, WA | Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG | 41.0 | 2.0 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | | 6.0 | 13.0 | | 8.0 |
| 7 | Daryl Ruff | 67 | Fife, WA | Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG | 47.0 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 2.0 | 12.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 9.0 | 7.0 | | 8.0 | 6.0 | | 3.0 |
| 8 | Bob Wells | 7 | Mercer Is, WA | Kantun S-ZJ&RG | 54.0 | 10.0 | 1.0 | 12.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 12.0 | | 10.0 | 4.0 | | 4.0 |
| 9 | Bill Langjahr | 88 | Anacortes, WA | CHEINZ-Jeff Byerley | 64.0 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 11.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 3.0 | | 3.0 | 9.0 | | 11.0 |
| 10 | Craig Rantala | 12 | Sequim, WA | Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG | 69.0 | 13.0 | 10.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 10.0 | 5.0 | 13.0 | | 7.0 | 11.0 | | 5.0 |
| 11 | Mike Hansow | 100 | Auburn, WA | Cockatoo-Byerley | 71.0 | 5.0 | 13.0 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 13.0 | 11.0 | 8.0 | | 4.0 | 8.0 | | 6.0 |
| 12 | Dennis Pittis | 57 | Clinton, WA | Alternative-BG | 79.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 13.0 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 12.0 | 9.0 | | 9.0 | 12.0 | | 15.0 |
| 13 | Byron Pimms | 47 | Seattle, WA | ISIS II-Barry Chisam | 87.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 14.0 | 6.0 | 13.0 | 11.0 | | 12.0 | 10.0 | | 10.0 |
| 14 | Rick Shattock | 94 | Milton, WA | Pikanto-GB, DeJong | 125.0 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 14.0 | 15.0 | 15.0 | | 15.0 | 14.0 | | 13.0 |

Hosted by Gig Harbor Model Yacht Club. Nobody Scoring very well. Kantun designed by Robert Grubiša and Zvonko Jelačić. BG = Brad Gibson.

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I heard from Tim Brown of Radio Race Yachts after my last report:

Hi Bob, Thanks for the Akziom write-up in your latest regatta report. Just to let you know that I will be bringing my AKA to your Nats.

To cut a long story short. Akziom came about after I made Graham's (Bantock) & my Akziom's from my male plug. I decided to make a mould so cut the plug in half. Problem was it twisted. Tried to straighten it on the backing boards but unknown to me they warped under the load when I made the Carbon moulds, so when I went to put them together they did not join down the centerline.

Rather than throw the lot in the bin and start all over again I spent 4 days with an angle grinder making them join. Result was a boat that no longer looks like an Akziom, hence the name AKA. I built the first boat out of the very modified moulds thinking that if it didn't work I would throw it in the bin. I moved the mast & fin aft of where I had it on the Akziom as the forward sections are a lot finer than the Akziom. I just went with my gut feeling with all the changes after my experience sailing and watching the videos of Graham sailing his Akziom.

So far I am extremely happy with the look and performance of the AKA. All customers who were on the waiting list for the Akziom are happy to take the AKA, so the Akziom is on hold for the moment as I don't want to have to get another plug CNC cut and make more moulds, all expensive stuff.

I have attached a couple of photos of the first AKA.

We are looking forward to our US visit and catching up with you guys.

Regards,
Tim

AKA by Radio Race Yachts:

