



It was dead calm, coldish, and shady as we were setting up about 10:00AM for GHMYC's last regatta of the year, and Ron Blackledge was openly wishing he had brought pants instead of shorts. Yes, that is the first sighting of a DF95 class boat at our IOM club races (#42 - right-center and on the dock). Jerry trial sailed it a little for his only prep for the DF95 Nationals in Dallas next weekend. His long drive starts tomorrow, and then extends to Florida for R7, our last IOM ranking race of the year Nov 5-6 – good luck, Jerry. Let's hope he is a quick study on how to make a DF95 go in waves, or it could be ugly. Bob Wells photo.

Gig Harbor MYC Regatta #8 – IOM Class (October 22, 2016 at Surprise Lake)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

Summer is over and we have had lots of needed rain the last few weeks. Despite possible showers in our forecast Surprise Lake was good to us once again, providing excellent light air pond sailing in sunshine to where we hated to stop. Early the wind came from the SW and later from the NE, and conveniently we didn't have to adjust the marks. Jerry Brower started sluggishly, but for the last 2/3rds of the regatta he went on a terror for a relatively easy win. I think it was all in the starts and choices made to get to the weather mark first.

It has been a year or so since we had an impromptu group tuning session on the dock, so while the wind was in a calm phase Bob Wells led one. It touched on mast prebend, shroud tensioning/alignment, and mast tuning methods; and then demonstrated fine tuning by the numbers using the Jelacic Sailing tuning guide. Key points: Jelacic tuning guide measurements are for shore tuning with the boat nearly horizontal (gravity is an influence) and assumes steady wind conditions. Add twist or ease sheets (lowers booms) for shifter wind settings, but not too much. Mainsail luff curve is designed so max power is with straight mas; and to depower bend the mast a little with more backstay. The Jelacic Sailing tuning guide happens to be the system that I use with my Croatian products. A Britpop owner would use BG's tuning guide, Ian Vickers V8, V9, or V10 owners would use Ian's tuning guide, etc. For the first time that I am aware in radio sailing, Jelacic's 2016 tuning guide provides twist settings for main and jib, and Zvonko even provides an ink mark on the leach of his sails as your guide for where to measure it. By the numbers indeed.

Joe Damico took the buoys home to freshen them up for 2017. Somebody buy Joe a root beer.

Time flew by too quickly and then we were in the nearby Puerto Vallarta restaurant for a late lunch with smiles all around – see you next March 2017. Schedule TBD.

Gig Harbor MYC Regatta #8 – IOM Fleet

	Skipper	Home Port	Design	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Jerry Brower	Lk Stevens, WA	V9	18.0	5.0	2.0	6.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	Bob Wells	Mercer Is, WA	Kantun S	29.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	10.0	3.0
3	Joe D'Amico	Sequim, WA	britPOP!	29.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	2.0
4	David Jensen	Bellevue, WA	V9	34.0	13.0	3.0	7.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	9.0
5	Ron Blackledge	Portland, OR	britPOP!	43.0	1.0	9.0	8.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	5.0	6.0
6	Daryl Ruff	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX-	61.0	3.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	6.0	10.0	11.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	8.0
7	Byron Pimms	Seattle, WA	ISIS II	62.0	7.0	11.0	2.0	6.0	12.0	12.0	7.0	4.0	10.0	7.0	4.0	4.0
8	Dennis Pittis	Clinton, WA	Alternative	63.0	11.0	5.0	4.0	9.0	5.0	3.0	8.0	10.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	5.0
9	Bill Willson	Port Ludlow, WA	Kantun SMX	64.0	6.0	6.0	11.0	8.0	8.0	6.0	9.0	3.0	5.0	9.0	6.0	7.0
10	Mike Hansow	Auburn, WA	Cockatoo	92.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	11.0	10.0	8.0	10.0	9.0	13.0	10.0	9.0	10.0
11	Rick Shattock	Milton, WA	Pikanto	95.0	10.0	10.0	9.0	12.0	9.0	9.0	5.0	11.0	9.0	11.0	12.0	13.0
12	Dick Dyer	Redmond, WA	MX16	110.0	9.0	12.0	12.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	12.0	11.0	11.0

Season Points Wrap-up: Jerry (aka The Count for Sesame Street aficionados) also tallied our season points, and deservedly he is our 2016 Champion with four 1sts and two 2nds in eight races. No surprise here as he repeated in 2015 and 2014. I looked it up, and in 2013 he finished 8th! Why you wonder? I think he traveled to a lot of regattas that year and missed a lot of local races (and Oscar T. Grouch pointed out he never could get that Widget to go in the light consistently...). Jerry has wised up and is sailing more regularly closer to home now. Joe Damico jumped to 2nd place on the last regatta, and how many times has he finished 2nd overall (the Editor just loves to point that out). Larry Stiles completes the podium, although if we counted two throw-outs he was a solid 2nd place. Jerry, Joe, Daryl Ruff, and Byron Pimms all sailed all eight of our regattas, an award in itself. It was good to get a full season at Surprise Lake again, and we'll be back next year. Let's hope Commodore Steve Young wises up too, and fulfils his responsibilities for more than just a few weekends next year.

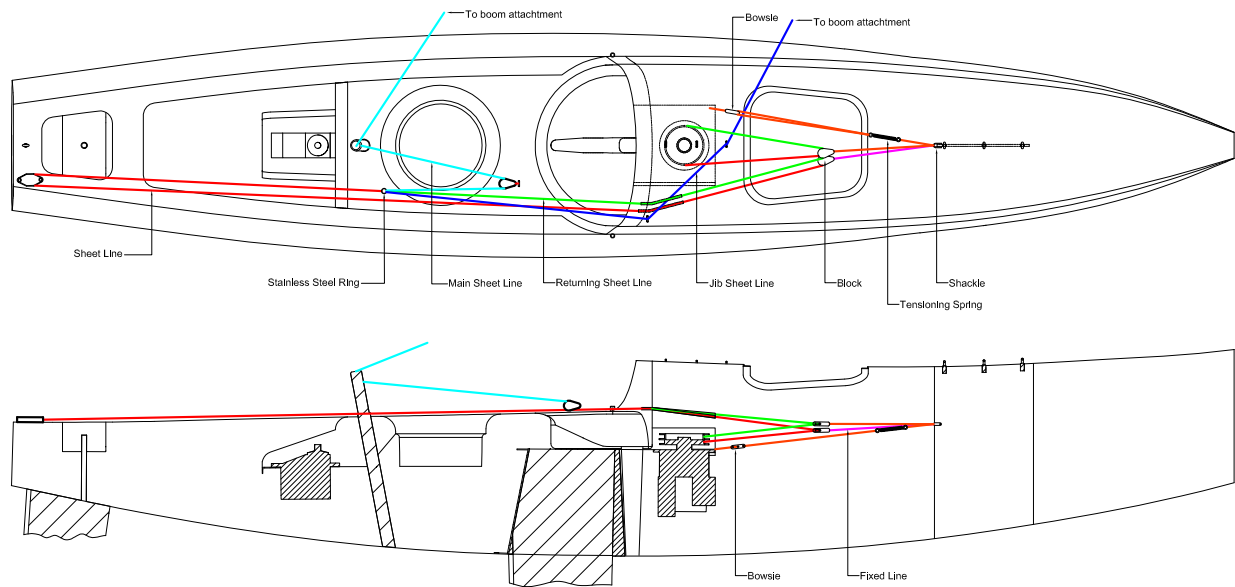
2016 Gig Harbor Cup Season Points

	Skipper	Pts	3/05		4/09		5/07		6/11		7/09		8/13		9/17		10/08	
			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	104	16	1	15	2	13	4	12	4	14	1	13	2	9	1	12	1
2	Joe D'Amico	82	12	5	13	4	15	2	9	7	10	5	9	4	6	10	3	3
3	Larry Stiles	81	14	3	10	7	12	5	14	2	13	2	11	4	7	3		
4	Bob Wells	61	15	2			9	8	11	5			7	8	8	2	11	2
5	Daryl Ruff	59	10	7	12	5	8	9	5	11	7	8	8	7	2	8	7	6
6	Drew Austin	57	11	6	14	3	11	6	10	6	11	4						
7	R. Blackledge	55	15	2			7	10	13	3	12	3					8	5
8	Kelly Martin	52			16	1	16	1	15	1					5	5		
9	Byron Pimms	48	7	10	8	9	6	11	7	9	9	6	2	13	3	7	6	7
10	David Jensen	38	5	12			10	7			8	7			6	4	9	4
11	Bill Willson	38	9	8	7	10	5	12	6	10	6	9					5	8
12	Steve Young	33			9	8	14	3					10	5				
13	Craig Rantala	31			6	11	2	15	14	2	4	11	5	10				
14	Bill Langjahr	25			11	6			8	8			6	9				
15	Dennis Pittis	23	8	9	4	13			4	12			3	12			4	8
16	Mike Hansow	18					4	13	3	13	3	12	4	11	1	9	3	10
17	Kurt Wells	18	13	4	5	12												
18	Rick Shattock	15	3	14	3	14	3	14	1	15	2	13	1	14			2	11
19	S. McConnell	14											14	1				
20	B. Donaher	12											12	3				
21	Scott Thomas	11	4	13					2	14	5	10						
22	Jim McCaa	6	6	11														
23	Jake Dahms	4			2	15	1	16			1	14						
24	Ryan Ruff	2	2	15														
25	Ron, Hornung	2	1	16	1	16												
26	Dick Dyer	1															1	12

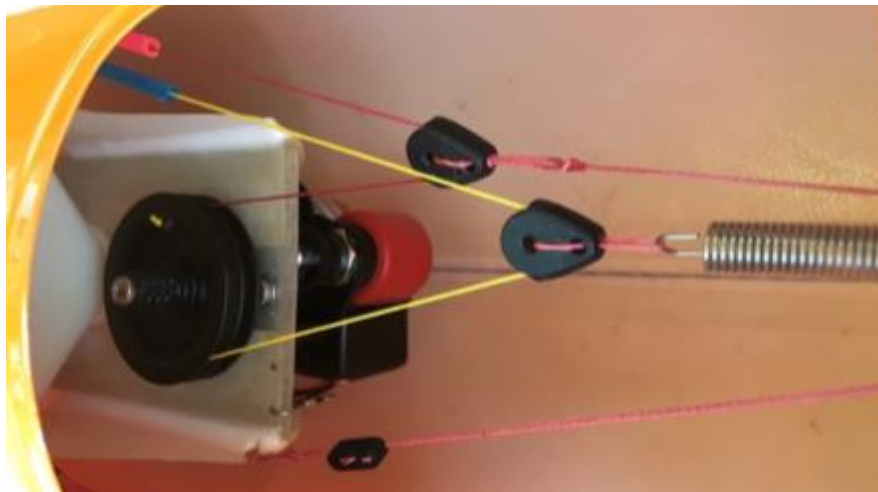
One point for each boat you beat plus 1 point for starting a race in the regatta. PRO 75% gets 2nd Pls Pts.

Follow up #1: In our SMYC #7 report from last Saturday, we wished Jerry Brower well as headed for Victoria's Coastal Cup #5 on Sunday. I was concerned because he was heading to cross the Straights of Georgia in the teeth of the big storm last weekend. It turned out he didn't ride the BC ferry because they had enough sense to shut it down, so for his trouble he just got a nice long ride with two border crossings. See the Coastal Cup Series results here: <http://www.ibextrax.com/RC2016/Results/1016RV.pdf>

Follow up #2: Also in the same SMYC #7 report I had some fun introducing images of a mystery boat (here: <http://www.ibextrax.com/RC2016/Results/1015SCr.pdf>), and the many responses I received were spot on without anybody actually knowing what it was. It is the fiberglass iteration of the Graham Bantock designed and Denis Astbury built *Merlot*, Denis' personal project that began before his Britpop commercial work began. It is light air optimized for light Brazilian conditions, and should be well suited for Seattle and San Diego too. Waterline extends from bow to stern, unlike current practice for all-rounder boats. The sheeting/electronic systems is similar to Denis's BPs, see below. Denis' fiberglass iteration adds flair to the original bow sections and has a revised foredeck with a spine. Read about the woody *Merlot* here, and it includes an insightful discussion about the design by Graham Bantock: <http://www.ibextrax.com/Update/201109.pdf>. The proud new owner is.... Bob Wells.



This drawing by Denis Astbury shows his preferred sheering system on his Britpops, and it varies a little from BG's preference. It is virtually the same on his fiberglass *Merlots*. Advantages are it allows you to use any sized drum, and you can adjust or release the power line tension with a bowsie, which makes living with it a little easier IMHO.



This is Larry Stiles' setup on his Astbury Britpop to give a visual of what the above drawing shows. Bob Wells photo

Good Preowned Boats for Sale from California:



V7 for sale. Formerly Ian Vickers' personal boat. Great light air performance, and Craig is offering her for sale because he finally figured out to make his BP go in light air. Includes #1 and #2 rigs. #3 mast and gooseneck only. \$1,500 or offers. Located in Oceanside, CA. Contact Craig Mackey: [jc1mackey at msn.com](mailto:jc1mackey@msn.com).



Ghosting. A more artistic image of this same V7 that the editor found in his archives that dates from when Ian was working in Valencia, ESP on an America's Cup campaign some years ago. I have always liked the V7 aesthetics and it would be an excellent Pac NW boat for Bowman Bay or Surprise Lake. Apologies to the photographer as I lost the credit.



Mirage Radio Yachts (Jeff Byerley) **MAXIM** for sale (like new Dec 2015), with #1 & #2 Rigs (#3 rig is negotiable). Complete boat w/ RMG & digital rudder servo. Bantock fittings throughout. \$2,800 –firmly on price. Located in Richmond, CA. Contact Gary Boell: gboell at innovaflavors.com (Editor – must be virtually new, I don't recall him sailing her? Am I getting forgetful?)



Mirage Radio Yachts (Jeff Byerley) **MOJO** for sale (new in Jan 2015), with #1 & #2 Rigs (#3 rig is negotiable). Complete boat w/ RMG & digital rudder servo. Bantock fittings throughout. \$2,200 OBO. Located in Richmond, CA. Contact Gary Boell: gboell at innovaflavors.com (Editor recalls the first time Gary sailed this one at our 2015 COW REGATTA – fastest in our fleet out-of-the-box.)



Mirage Radio Yachts (Jeff Byerley) **CHEINZ** for sale (new in Mar 2012), with #1 & #2 Rigs (#3 rig is negotiable). Complete boat w/ RMG & digital rudder servo. Bantock fittings throughout. \$2,200 OBO. Located in Richmond, CA. Contact Gary Boell: gboell at innovaflavors.com (Editor - this has to be a good one, as Gary has sailed this much more than any of the many IOMs he has owned.)