



Beaver Fever Regatta starting action as Steve Kibble and his Goth XP woody wins the pin. Jerry Brower photo.

2017 Beaver Fever 150 (Western CAN IOM Regionals; 3/18-19/17) Beaver Lake in Victoria, BC

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Beaver Fever has been running since 2010, and was renamed to include “150’ this year to honor Canada’s 150th birthday. And to make it more special, we had record entry numbers. 24 skippers made it to the start line. We had 3 skippers who had to drop out just before the event (all for very good reasons) so if everyone would have shown we would have exceeded any expectations. What a great vote of confidence for the event.

Historically in weeks prior to this event the winds are terrible, weed is present, and we shudder as we hope for something better for the regatta. This year held to the trend, then Mother Nature shines on us, kind of. Friday afternoon practice had a modest wind, but also unfriendly weeds floating on the surface. A few skippers took on the sweeping project and managed a thorough job. Martin Herbert got the award for the most tonnage collected.

We enjoyed a lot of first time Beaver Fever entries. Two made the journey from Calgary, a big showing from Vancouver as their fleet is showing tremendous growth, and we had a thin blooded entry all the way from California (who needed one more layer of clothing to stay warm enough!!). After practice, we all moved to the event check-in, where Nigel Ashman introduced his newly finished tank and did the majority of the measuring. We processed the boats in about an hour and half with a few keels and sails needing a bit of adjusting. The BBQ fired up and most everyone enjoyed a freshly cooked sausage on a bun by chef Dan Henderson. Everyone received Adrian Harrison’s 2017 version of a wooden IOM – an outstanding handcrafted event keepsake.

Saturday, the lake was flat calm on arrival and we prepared our usual windward/leeward course that were good for the day, except for a start line adjustments. Racing began with one lap races in light winds. As we approached noon the stronger wind finally settled, and we went to two lap races for the rest of the day. Afternoon squalls led a few people to #2 rigs, and they looked smart for a while. All the top skippers stayed on their #1 rigs and sailed around the blow-overs and survived the diving. Gusts took a toll with a couple of snapped booms and few blown seams on sails. Saturday night dinner had a great turnout with many tall tales that were enhanced by the big winds.

We trialed the Simple Heat Racing System (SHRS) for event scoring. That is another article, but the effect is that over the event you have a very good chance of sailing against every other skipper. Each heat scores, so you don’t get huge gaps in the scores (why?). At the end of the first day we had ties for 1st through 4th, with the rest of the top ten not too far away.

Sunday began with another flat calm lake, and after a wait we began with a few 1 lap light air races. SHRS uses a process where at about 75% of the event you lock the fleets and sail for the overall

and individual fleet championships. Considering the Sunday forecast, the fleets were locked early and we sailed as Silver and Gold for three more light wind races. A lack of wind closed sailing early.

Silver Fleet awards went to Victoria's Dave Seager in 1st, Mark Verrey of Calgary in 2nd and Rob Mulder from Vancouver in 3rd. At the top of the heap Gary Boell, our frozen Californian, took 1st, his new customer, Calgary's Andrew Baak, in 2nd and Peter Steven from North Saanich in 3rd on tie breaker from Martin Herbert. After 20 heats, we still had ties for 3rd place, 5th Place and 9th place for lots of close sailing over the weekend.

On both days, we enjoyed a nice hot meal by VMSS members Bill and Bev Andrews. The hot dogs, hot chocolate and other snacks hit the spot. Bill has organized this for me every year, and it takes a big chunk of organization work off the table for me and is very appreciated. David Temple-Murray (a Calgary transplant) and Dan Henderson (new Victoria IOM sailor) took turns in the rescue boat as well as setting and retrieving the course markers. They also acted as observers throughout the regatta and to prove their value, protests were resolved through on course penalties with no "real" protest hearings.

Beaver Fever 150 Summary (Western Canadian IOM Championship Regatta – CRYA Ranking)

Class: IOM

Date: March 18 - 19, 2017

Location: Beaver Lake, Victoria, BC

Host Club: Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society (VMSS)

Number of Entries: 25

Winds: Saturday- Light changing to highly variable & frequently strong. Sunday – light.

Races Completed: 14

Scoring System: SHRS 2 Fleets, switching to Gold/Silver after race 11

Race Committee & Assistants: Organizer, Registration, PRO/Scorekeeper – Barry Fox; Measurer – Nigel Ashman; Buoy Boat/Observers – David Temple-Murray, Dan Henderson; Lunches – Bev and Bill Andrews

Beaver Fever 150 Beaver Lake, Victoria BC, 3/18/2017 to 3/19/2017 LINE RESULTS Results are after 14 races and with 2 Discards																						
Place	Sail No	Skipper	Design	City / State	Nat.	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	F1	F2	F3	Total	Disc	Final
GOLD FLEET																						
1	71	Gary Boell	Nitro	Richmond, CA		3	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	3	4	1	8	3	33	12	21
2	171	Andrew Baak	Maxim	Calgary, AB		2	2	1	2	1	1	3	1	6	1	6	12	3	11	52	23	29
3	54	Peter Stevens	V 9	North Saanich, BC		5	2	5	10	2	3	1	4	1	1	2	4	5	8	53	18	35
4	38	Martin Herbert	Dart	Saltspring Island, BC		2	5	9	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	4	2	7	5	51	16	35
5	69	Steve Kibble	Goth XP	Victoria, BC		1	7	4	10	5	4	2	2	4	5	1	3	2	12	62	22	40
6	86	Joe D'Amico	V 10	Sequim, WA		4	1	10	2	4	1	4	5	4	4	5	5	1	13	63	23	40
7	42	Jerry Brower	Kantun SMX	Lake Stevens, WA		4	6	2	1	2	2	1	6	3	7	8	13	6	2	63	21	42
8	23	Adrian Harrison	BritPop!	Victoria, BC		5	5	5	6	3	7	6	4	6	3	3	7	4	1	65	14	51
9	76	Bob Copley	V 8	Port Alberni, BC		6	8	10	5	6	4	6	3	2	6	9	8	9	4	86	19	67
10	281	Ole Andersen	Zoom	Saltspring Island, BC		9	9	2	4	6	8	5	7	5	6	2	6	12	7	88	21	67
11	90	Roger Kibble	Pikanto	Saltspring Island, BC		1	6	6	8	9	DNF 14	4	6	7	4	3	10	10	6	94	24	70
12	94	Stan Schofield	Zoom	Nanaimo, BC		10	3	6	3	5	6	7	5	3	5	12	9	13	10	97	25	72
13	28	Nigel Ashman	Vancouver 3	N. Vancouver, BC		3	3	7	4	8	5	5	10	5	DNF 14	11	11	11	9	106	25	81
SILVER FLEET																						
14	21	Dave Seager	Ska	Victoria, BC		7	10	4	6	7	5	7	3	7	9	5	9	2	4	85	19	66
15	83	Mark Verrey	BritPop!	Calgary, AB		10	7	3	8	10	7	8	7	8	8	6	2	5	3	92	20	72
16	51	Rob Mulder	Otter	N.Vancouver, BC		9	4	3	5	10	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNS 14	11	2	1	7	1	6	101	28	73
17	169	Bill Wilson	Kantun S	Port Ludlow, WA		6	4	RET 14	9	7	9	9	9	9	8	8	1	4	5	102	23	79
18	10	John Thomas	Ska	Victoria, BC		8	11	11	13	4	9	DNF 14	11	12	7	10	5	3	1	119	27	92
19	41	Art Prufer	DC 6	Parksville, BC		13	8	9	7	9	10	11	8	8	9	9	3	6	8	118	24	94
20	93	Gunther Yip	Zoom	Vancouver, BC		12	9	12	7	13	8	10	8	10	11	13	6	7	9	135	26	109
21	27	Craig Scamehorn	Jazzy	Blaine, WA		11	11	8	11	12	6	9	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	7	8	DNF 14	2	141	28	113
22	02	Tony Cox	Widget	Langley, BC		11	RET 14	13	12	11	DNF 14	10	10	9	DNF 14	7	4	8	7	144	28	116
23	87	Wilson Chong	Tinto	Surrey, BC		7	12	7	11	8	10	8	9	11	DNF 14	10	10	DNF 14	DNF 14	145	28	117
24	72	Pat Dion	Calypso	Cocquiltam, BC		8	10	8	9	11	11	DNF 14	11	10	10	DNF 14	DNF 14	9	DNF 14	153	28	125
25	00	Mark Gilbert	Celebration	Vancouver, BC		DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	DNF 14	196	28	168

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