

Seattle MYC Regatta #6 Report – IOM Class (August 26, 2017 at Coulon Park)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

This was a good one with ideal late summer weather and a northerly all day cooling the heat nicely. The Windfinder.com prediction was spot on, except they missed the west component added to the northerly in the afternoon races. We had long races parallel to our longish 300-yard dock, and congested starts and mark roundings the whole day. What we also get with a northerly is waves from many miles of fetch, and it was bouncy. If you can sail this combination of waves (aka “holes”) and upper-middle 1-rig well you are a top sailor. Weed was tolerable because it had blown from the north for a few days allowing it to drift south of us.

10 bullets out of 13 long two-lap races is easily the best performance we have seen locally from Jerry in a long time. Do you think “Boat-Trader” Jerry Brower is happy with his new-used red V9 that he just purchased from Barry Donaher, and sailed for the first time at this regatta? It helps that Jerry is sailing a lot this year and he has recently owned a V9 and a V10. While it appeared that he was on-his-game; Jerry complained about his tune with too much weather helm in the afternoon waves. Some guys just can’t be satisfied...

We have our little competitions within the competition. In the wooden boat contest Barry Donaher’s *Shuffle* easily out performed local David Jensen’s *Race Ready II*. Both are beautifully built woodies, and it is no surprise Barry is the more experienced race-day skipper. Somehow Barry got the *Shuffle* lines from Aussie Craig Smith, who produced this boat in fiberglass. Maybe his Aussie accent helped, which hangs on after 35 years in the US. Barry’s work was exceptional, especially for a first effort in wood. David had his moments of good performance, but kept doing dumb things leading to his crappy “character-building” results. I think this was just a bad day coupled with a lack of racing experience in a fairly fast fleet.

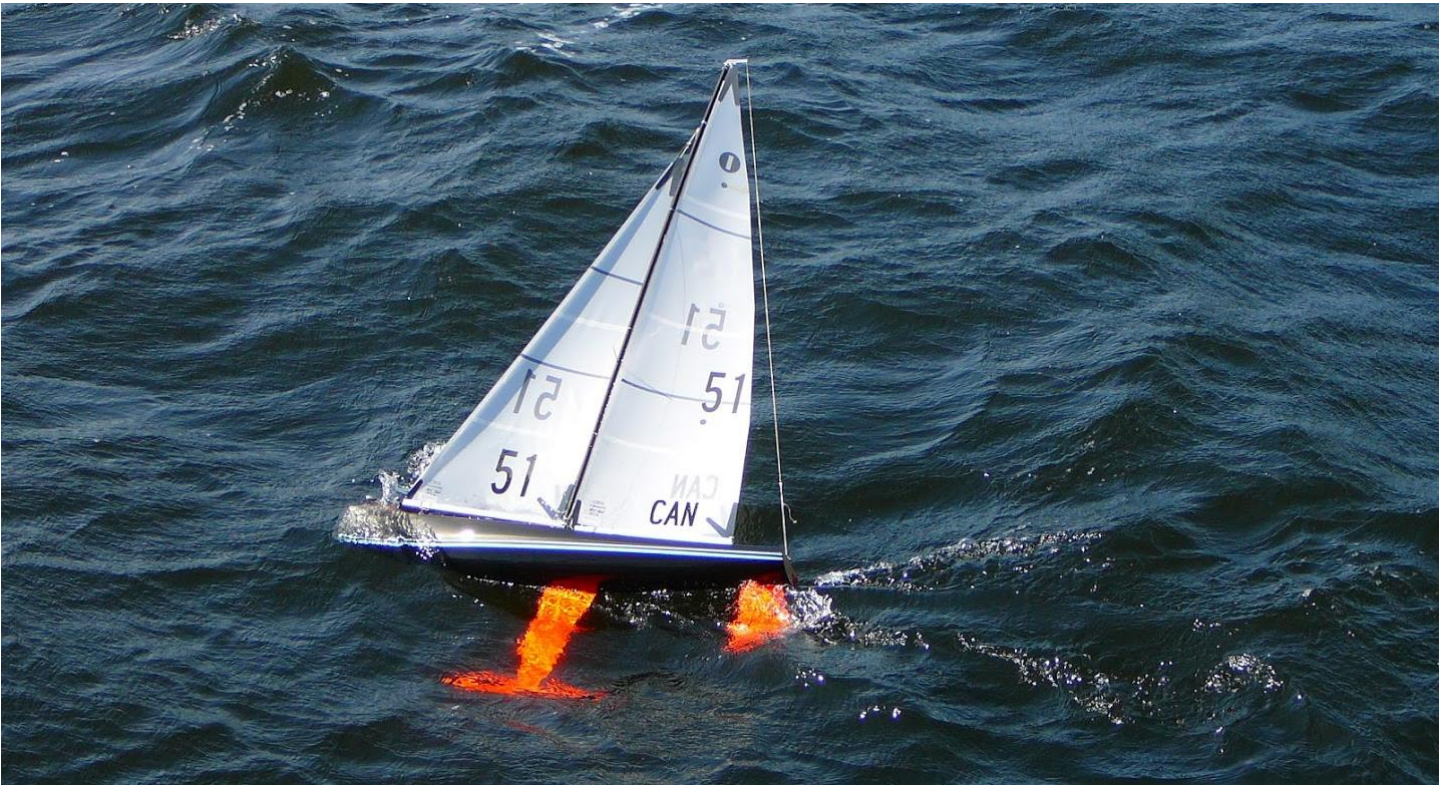
In the contest of “who traveled the farthest” for our little club race, the winner is Rick Martin from the shores of Lake Mendota in Madison, WI (his 2nd visit to sail with us this year). Rick traveled 1,923 miles and easily bested Barry Donaher from Scottsdale, AR at 1,422 miles. However, Rick used an airline and Barry is towing his trailer vacation home, so Barry easily wins “most time on the road”. In distant third place is Joe Damico from Sequim, WA at 123 miles (2hours and 15 minutes – one way), but Joe does this every time we sail and tows his rib dinghy with all our marks, etc. Thank you all for coming and making this a great sail and gathering afterwards at *Torberos*.

The crowd on the docks enjoyed the show too.

| 2017 Seattle Cup #6 Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Renton WA. Aug 26th. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Pls | Skipper | Sail | Club/City | Hull | Score | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 1 | Jerry Brower | 47 | Lk Stevens | V9 | 11.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 2 | Barry Donaher | 27 | Scottsdale | Shuffle | 25.5 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 7.0 |
| 3 | Bob Wells | 7 | Mercer Is | Kantun S | 34.0 | 9.0 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 11.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 4.0 |
| 4 | Joe D'Amico | 86 | Sequim | V10 | 41.5 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 11.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 13.0 | 2.0 |
| 5 | Steve Young | 73 | Tacoma | CHEINZ | 52.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 10.0 | 4.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 |
| 6 | Mike Hansow | 53 | Renton | V10 | 61.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 10.0 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 |
| 7 | Scott McConnell | 21 | Lynnwood | Kantun S | 63.0 | 3.0 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 8.0 | 10.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| 8 | Daryl Ruff | 67 | Fife | SMX | 68.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 |
| 9 | Bill Wilson | 69 | Port Ludlow | SMX | 74.0 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 10.0 | 11.0 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 8.0 |
| 10 | Rick Martin | 34 | Madison, WI | Italiko | 81.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 9.0 |
| 11 | Dennis Pittis | 57 | Clinton | Malteser | 89.0 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 12.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 11.0 |
| 12 | David Jensen | 168 | Bellevue | Race R II | 105.0 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |

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Rob Mulder powering his distinctive Otter design upwind through waves in #2 rig off Harbour Quay. Art Prufer image.

Pier Pressure (Coastal Cup Series #6 at Port Alberni, BC)

By Barry Fox

What a day! For the last few years we have been trying to get a regatta at Port Alberni because, “the wind always blows there”. Last year was our first trek to Harbour Quay, and of course it didn’t. Although we stayed all day long, we barely got in 7 races and even those were mostly one lap of what was a pretty short course. It has to get better, right?

This year we started off with light winds and a lot of drifting. Better than last year but not a lot better. 6 races in we took our lunch break, and hoped for the afternoon to be better.

Well it was!! The wind just kept building and before long we switched to #2 rigs. When most of the fleet had switched there were 3 hold-overs that stayed on #1 rigs, but by the time the clock started it was glorious #2 conditions to complete the day. From the links, you will see some good photos and video of the venue with whitecaps and waves. As the afternoon wore on we had our own set of carnage as boats started to take on water and otherwise be pushed harder than they are used to. But what fun!!! You can easily see that Graham Herbert stole (actually dominated) the day with his non-wins being his only drops. Graham was excellent in all conditions. There were some good scraps for position quite a way down through the fleet.

Thanks to Stan Schofield for fronting this for us and to Lawrie Neish and Art Prufer for handling the scoring and race operations. Lots of others chipped in to help get setup and taken down. We need to go back!! For those that don’t know this venue, the briny water is tidal and wind is usually blowing here. The control area is an excellent elevated concrete pier. The launch area is behind the pier and you sail around the pier for launch access, which is not too much of a hardship. With the #1 rig, you can launch by grabbing the top of the rig, but that is not an option with smaller rigs. It is lively here with lots of shops and restaurants close by. That tugboat right beside the dock is a B&B so your accommodation can be nautical and convenient. What’s not to like? Parking is some ways away, but fortunately you can unload your gear at the pier and then park your car and vice versa. No venue is perfect.

Art Prufer’s Images: https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOfPlyUMBI2DRfneqC5ewkc-P-VpZk82F-pAPVVeokSR97-X37aIH7Q1_wnUsf2QQ?key=VFFqYmplMEhDcDZ4U1EtZnpNbUNXYI9CRjIwUIVn

Art Prufer’s Cap Video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OM9ZTd_Yj90&feature=youtu.be
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ls8BW9Z3lvA&feature=youtu.be>

Pier Pressure Regatta Results after 13 races with two throw-outs:

| Position | Skipper | Sail # | City | Hull | Score |
|----------|----------------|--------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Graham Herbert | 31 | Hornby Island | PDQ | 11.0 |
| 2 | Jerry Brower | 42 | Lake Stevens, WA | Pikanto | 28.0 |
| 3 | Martin Herbert | 38 | Saltspring Island | Calypso | 44.7 |
| 4 | Rob Mulder | 51 | Vancouver | Otter | 54.0 |
| 5 | Stan Schofield | 94 | Nanaimo | Zoom | 55.0 |
| 6 | Barry Fox | 46 | Victoria | V8 | 57.0 |
| 7 | Bob Copley | 76 | Port Alberni | V8 | 63.0 |
| 8 | Roger Kibble | 68 | Saltspring Island | Pikanto | 78.0 |
| 9 | Bob Gilligan | 3 | Nanoose Bay | Popeye | 94.0 |
| 10 | Gunther Yip | 06 | Vancouver | V8 | 97.0 |
| 11 | Dale Chase | 37 | Hornby Island | Calypso | 99.0 |
| 12 | David Cook | 22 | Victoria | DC4 | 106.0 |
| 13 | Tony Cox | 157 | Langley | Rubix | 139.0 |

Full Results: <http://www.ibextrax.com/RC2017/Results/0819PA.pdf>

Pier Pressure Summary (Coastal Cup Event #6)

Class: IOM
Date: August 19, 2017
Location: Harbour Quay in Port Alberni, BC
Host Club: West Coast Model Yachting Association (WCMYA)
Number of Entries: 13
Winds: Saturday- Light changing to strong with 1 foot + waves.
Races Completed: 13
Scoring System: HMS 1 Fleet
Race Committee & Assistants: Organizer, Registration – Stan Schofield; PRO – Lawrie Neish; Scorekeeper – Art Prufer; Buoy Boat and other help – Graham Herbert, Dale Chase, Bob Copley, Gunther Yip and others.



Nice to have the elevated viewing from the quay, but uh oh. Just after the start Graham Herbert's beautiful PDQ one-off woodie is about to be speared by port tacker Rob Mulder (51) and it appears too late to duck without masts touching. This must have worked out OK, because Graham finished with a whole lot of bullets. Thank you, Barry (46), for keeping clear. Art Prufer image.



Martin Herbert's woodie displaying her sweet & unique hull construction from the bottom to topsides. Art Prufer image.



The view from Harbour Quay looking back to Port Alberni. Art Prufer extracted this image from his video to show what the pier looks like. Harbour Quay is David Cook approved!

Preventative 'Pre-event' Maintenance:

One of the things separating the top guys from the rest is they seldom have boat issues at events. What is a good maintenance regime for IOMs? Look no further than this comprehensive list by Brad Gibson here: <https://marbleheadsailing.wordpress.com/2017/06/16/three-weeks-for-tweaks/>. This article was republished for Marblehead Class Radio Sailing and is BG Sails & Design ©2012.

I liked Brad's intro, "*Preparation is the key here where preventative maintenance and a little love shown to your boat will be paid back to you in spades in the sometimes harsh salt water environment. Below we have acquired a list of tips to help you prepare so clear the work bench or dining table, grab a brew and press on*".

Used IOMs wanted in Calgary:

Hey Bob hope things are well. I was just asked if I knew of any newer boats for sale by one of our new sailors who just retired and wants to start with a good boat. Are you aware of any down your way? If so could you pass on the details? Thank you.

We currently have 30 boats registered for the Canadians so looks like a great turnout. *(Editor – I'll add I think Alberta has lots of wind, which is good for IOMs. My only trip to Alberta was about 10 years ago on a 9-day ski trip. We started at Red, traveled in a snow storm to Fernie, and then left BC for Alberta to ski Castle Mountain. As soon as we went over the continental divide the easterly was very strong, and stayed that way for the three days we skied the wind pack at out-of-the-way Castle. They don't even have grooming machines, because the Chinook wind blows so often! Most of the locals were from Calgary, and they were very friendly Canucks. Bodes well for this year's Canadians)*

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Joe's New 3-Wheel Mast Bender: I think it is overkill for IOM mast bending, but I have to admit it is a mighty impressive addition to Joe Damico's excellent boat shop. What I don't understand is Joe has quit using prebend, so does this mean he is going start pre-bending his masts now?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nv4Gf1aj7SQ>

2017 GBR IOM Nationals Form Guide: From Yachts & Yachting here:

<http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/198019/2017-IOM-Nationals-Form-Guide>

(Editor's pick is Rob Walsh, but it is wide open. From the images, this is another excellent UK venue.)