



No images from GHMYC #8 because we were too busy sailing, but here is an excellent recent one of a start at CAN Nats at High River in Alberta, where the smart money wants the outside pin. CAN 46 is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier without wind. Image by C. J. Bennington

## Gig Harbor MYC Regatta #8 – IOM Class (October 7, 2017 at Surprise Lake)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

We were rewarded with the strongest winds of the year to close out our 2017 regatta season on Surprise Lake. Instead of the usual light and fluky, it was a blustery southerly from mid to top of 1-rig. There were even a couple of races our boats struggled to make progress when we should have been in 2-rig, but nobody bothered. It was a good day of sailing, and the sun even popped out ever so briefly. We also lucked out with no rain during the regatta, despite a forecasted +50% chance. It rained at my house before the regatta, and later that evening we had a brief impressive thunderstorm with wind, hail, and lightening.

### 2017 IOM Gig Harbor Cup Final Regatta #8 - Surprise Lake, Milton, WA. Oct 7th.

Pls	Skipper	Sail	Homr Port	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Ross Bennett	39	Perth, AUS	V10	25.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	11.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0
2	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim	V10	51.0	6.0	1.0	6.0	4.0	2.0	11.0	8.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	11.0
3	Jerry Brower	42	Lake Stevens	Pikanto	54.0	2.0	8.0	4.0	11.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	7.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
4	Bob Wells	7	Mercer Is	Kantun S	63.0	1.0	6.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	1.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	9.0	11.0	6.0	7.0	4.0
5	Ron Blackledge	217	Portland	britPOP!	64.0	10.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	8.0	2.0	10.0	7.0	9.0	1.0	5.0	7.0	6.0	1.0
6	Steve Young	73	Tacoma	CHEINZ	67.0	7.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	2.0	10.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	6.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	2.0	6.0
7	Mike Hansow	53	Renton	V10	89.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	9.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	9.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	5.0
8	David Jensen	68	Bellevue	RaceR II	97.0	9.0	11.0	11.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	9.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	10.0	6.0	4.0	9.0	9.0	11.0
9	Bill Wilson	69	Port Ludlow	SMX	100.0	3.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	9.0	10.0	6.0	9.0	7.0	4.0	7.0	5.0	8.0	8.0
10	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife	SMX	111.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	2.0	7.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	5.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	8.0	10.0	11.0	8.0	5.0	7.0

Hosted by Gig Harbor Model Yacht Club. Line Judge: Ms Bennett.

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From the start Rosco and his V10 dominated the sailing with half the points of the nearest competitor, Joe Damico in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. It was hard to find consistency in the shifty wind - if you were a local. Marks and

finishes were crowded per usual, and a mistake drops you to the back of the fleet. Ron Blackledge uncharacteristically has missed most of our regattas recovering from shingles, and he was happy to be sailing with us again. Ron got another bullet on the last race providing a happy memory for the offseason.

Who traveled the farthest to sail with us? It was no contest as Rosco and Andree Bennett travelled about 9,243 miles from Perth, WA. That has to be a record for miles traveled to sail on Surprise Lake with us. They are executing Elaine Brown's plan to travel and sail in the PacNW on the way to US Nats in Garland, TX. Rosco will sail with us next weekend at Coulon Park on Saturday and at Bowman Bay on Sunday. Now they are headed to Victoria and then on to Vancouver, BC before returning.

Afterwards everybody enjoyed a late lunch at our usual spot, the Puerto Vallarta. I don't know when we have had more seats filled in the restaurant than we had skippers, but we did this day.

Thank you to many for the fun sailing this year. To Daryl Ruff for hauling and storing the buoys and ground tackle the whole season. To Joe for improving and maintaining the gear. To Mike Hansow, who seemed to always be in the boat setting and hauling buoys. To Jerry Brower, aka The Count, for being our scorekeeper. And to Andree Bennett, who called the line and scored the finishes. This was obviously not her first time.

For future travelers to our Seattle MYC Coulon Park venue, the new Hampton Inn & Suites - Seattle/Renton just got a thumbs-up from Rosco and Andree. This is the one tucked into the hillside across Lake Washington Boulevard from Coulon Park: <http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/washington/hampton-inn-and-suites-seattle-renton-SEARNHX/index.html>.

## Gig Harbor MYC 2017 Season Wrap-up:

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

For the first time, no one sailed in all out regattas. Usually we will have three to four entering all the regattas. Life just gets busier I guess, and disrupts the more important matters like attending our regattas.

Congratulations to our 2017 fleet champion, Joe Damico, for his first time I think. After finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place so often, he left no doubt this year with all firsts or seconds. Nobody else was close. Our Champion the last few years, Jerry Brower, sailed well enough; but he missed too many regattas to score well. Jerry has a good excuse though, he traveled more this year to bigger deal regattas.

## 2017 Gig Harbor Cup Season Points

With all 8 regattas complete

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		3/11		4/01		5/06		6/03		7/08		8/12		9/09		10/07		pls	
	Skipper	Points	GHC 1		GHC 2		GHC 3		GHC 4		GHC 5		GHC 6		GHC 7		GHC 8		T/B
			pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	
1	Joe D'Amico	58	8	1			9	2	9	1	10	2	7	1	6	2	9	2	
2	Bob Wells	39	6	3			8	3			9	3	6	2	3	5	7	4	
3	Jerry Brower	35			10	2			1	9	11	1	5	3			8	3	
4	David Jensen	32	5	4	8	4	3	8	4	6	4	8			5	3	3	8	3
5	Steve Young	31			1	11	6	5	6	4	8	4	3	5	2	6	5	6	4
6	Daryl Ruff	31	2	7	6	6	2	9	7	3	5	7	4	4	4	4	1	10	
7	Kelly Martin	28			11	1	10	1							7	1			
8	Bob Dustan	27	3	6	4	8	5	6	8	2	7	5							
9	Mike Hansow	26			5	7	4	7	5	5	6	6	2	6			4	7	
10	Scott McConnell	17			9	3	7	4			1	11							
11	Ron Blackledge	13			7	5											6	5	
12	Ross Bennett	10															10	1	
13	Dennis Pittis	9	4	5	2	10			3	7									
14	Larry Stiles	7	7	2															2
15	Bill Wilson	7			3	9							1	7	1	7	2	9	7
16	Rick Martin	3									3	9							
17	Jake Dahms	2	1	8			1	10											8
18	Craig Rantala	2							2	8									8
19	Art Lent	2									2	10							10

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

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**2018 Gig Harbor Regatta Schedule:** This ends the 2017 regattas for GHMYC. We begin again in March 2018 per usual. We'll have a coordinated Pac NW regatta schedule out sometime early 2018. Best source for PacNW regatta schedule updates is still Jerry Brower's excellent website: <http://www.ibextrax.com>.

This year there will be no *Seattle IOM Update* in December 2017 to wrap up the year and present the 2018 schedule. I'm too busy on non-sailing projects, but we will get the schedule out.



The control area at CAN Nats at High River in Alberta, where the sky was kinda gray and the wind sock saggy on Day 1. Unfortunately, the wind stayed very light all three days. Organizer Andrew Baak and his team were excellent hosts as expected, and IOM sailing is alive and well on "The Prairies". Jerry Brower photo.

### Canadian Nats – IOM Class (September 22-24, 2017 at High River, AB)

Results after 14 races with 2 throw-outs:

Pls	Skipper	Sail	Home Port	Hull	Score
1	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham, WA	V10	25.9
2	Mark Golison	55	Long Beach, CA	V9	31.8
3	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens, WA	V9	38.0
4	Gary Boell	71	Richmond, CA	britPOP!	47.0
5	Barry Donaher	27	Kamas, UT	Shuffle	56.0
6	Bob Lewis	127	Vancouver, BC	britPOP!	84.0
7	Martin Herbert	38	Saltspring Is, BC	Dart 3	88.0
8	Luke Harwood	95	Calgary, AB	PP5	107.0
9	Steve Kibble	69	Victoria, BC	Goth XPTD	121.0
10	Adam Batchelor	112	Calgary, AB	britPOP!	121.7
11	David Cook	22	Victoria, BC	DC 4	126.0
12	Joe Damico	86	Sequim, WA	britPOP!	136.0
13	Rob Mulder	51	North Vancouver, BC	Otter	138.0

14	Barry Fox	46	Victoria, BC	V8	143.0
15	Bob Copley	76	Port Alberni, BC	V8	147.0
16	Murray Cummings	65	Strathmore, AB	Cockatoo 2	153.5
17	Roger Kibble	68	Saltspring Is, BC	Pikanto	170.0
18	Bruce Anderson	16	Boise, ID	britPOP!	190.0
19	Colin Aldridge	02	Okotokes, AB	Alternative	196.0
20	Bill Wilson	169	Port Ludlow, WA	Kantun SMX	198.0
21	Derwyn Hughes	85	Calgary, AB	Cockatoo 2	205.0
22	Art Prufer	41	Qualicum, BC	DC 6	208.0
23	Mark Verrey	83	Calgary, AB	britPOP!	229.0
24	Hans Konig	276	Calgary, AB	Kite	261.0
25	Gifford Hawn	74	Los Lunas, NM	Kantun SMX	261.0
26	Andrew Baak	171	Calgary, AB	Maxim	265.0
27	Tony Irwin	10	Calgary, AB	Kantun SMX	271.0
28	Craig Scamehorn	176	Blaine, WA	Otter	272.0
29	Wilson Chong	87	Surrey, BC	Otter 3	277.0
30	Gunther Yip	06	Vancouver, BC	V8	280.0
31	Tony Cox	57	Langley, BC	Rubix	280.0

Hosted by: Calgary Model Yacht Association. Chair: Andrew Baak. PRO: Lawrie Neish.

Full results & Images/Video: <http://www.ibextrax.com/RC2017/Results/0922CAN.pdf>

C. J. Bennington images: <http://www.cjbenningtonphotography.ca/p977479335> (highly recommended)



Jerry Brower sailing his sweet V9 at CAN Nats at High River, AB. He purchased her lightly used from Barry Donaher. It is good when he buys used boats because if Jerry buys new his color of choice is consistently boring gray. Image by C. J. Bennington.

## **Jerry's September Regatta Travels**

Bob Wells reporting:

Jerry Brower defines "serious commitment" to competitive radio sailing. Below are some raw numbers from his last three regattas for you to digest:

Regatta day's sailing: 11

Nights on the road: 22

Miles travelled: 5,735 in his new Prius. Total is 6,840 miles counting side trips to Mt. Rushmore, Niagara Falls, Queens College, Red Rock (Ont), Grand Portage, Mall of America, Royal Tyrrell (Drum Heller Dinosaurs), and Glacier Highway to Jasper.

Finish positions:

1<sup>st</sup> of 9 at IOM Eastern Canadians and USA R1 Championship at Kingston, ON

2<sup>nd</sup> of 15 at US ODOM Nats in Edina, MN

3<sup>rd</sup> of 32 at CAN IOM Nats in High River, AB

Get the rest of the story from Jerry...

PS Upon Jerry's return he set to work building an A+ rig for the DF65 CAN Nats in Stevensen, BC; and then a few days later he was off to that one. He finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Next are Two Interesting New Boat Offerings from Oz:**





**For Sale: AKA** "Turnkey" Package – available after IOM Nats in Garland, TX:

Latest AKA by Aussie Tim Brown of Radio Race Yachts. Read more about AKA in the interview here:  
<http://www.ibextrax.com/Update/201612.pdf> . Bullet points:

- Craig Smith Fin & Rudder
- RMG 290 EF Winch
- Digital HiTech Rudder Servo & RMG Smart Switch
- Bantock Fittings/Hardware
- A, B & C Rigs fitted with Vam Sails (Spain)
- Boat sailed in just one Regatta with only the A Rig used. \$3350.00 US
- Solid Golf Case \$ 185.00 US
- Aluminum Sail Box \$ 300.00 US
- Transmitter by negotiation

(A Saving of \$520.00 US on new price for boat, plus a saving of \$370.00 US in Freight from Australia.)

(Editor Bob Wells – I don't know if I've ever seen such a complete turnkey IOM package offered. IOM class is ideal for those that want to travel to regattas, and this offering simplifies obtaining all your kit at a good price point. Tim is a first-class builder of hulls and rigs, as well as a good guy. Not in Garland at Nats – Tim could ship the package easily via FedEx to you... Very tasteful colors & color coordination BTW.)







## **For Sale: *Corbie 5*** [New woodie(s) under construction by Jeff Byerley in Oz]

By Bob Wells

Jeff Byerley's *Corbie 5* is your chance to own your own high-performance new IOM woodie, a hull package offering that seldom, if ever, comes around. Read about the original Corbie collaboration between Jeff and Ian Dundas here: <http://www.ibextrax.com/Update/201111.pdf>. Development continued after the 2011 *Corbie 1*. For a recent performance update Ian sailed his *Corbie 5* to 15<sup>th</sup> out of 69 at the very competitive and Britpop dominated 2017 UK Nationals. The other *Corbie 5* sailing was Ian's Scottish club mate, Steve Taylor, who finished 28<sup>th</sup>.

For his "production" *Corbie 5* Jeff is using Western Red Cedar for the planking with a contrast strip of Mahogany below the chine and King Billy Pine for the keelson. The stern is made with Queensland Cedar. The fore deck will be Birch aircraft ply and the rear deck is fiberglass for the weight and the ease of making the boom kicker well. Colour of the rear deck can be specified. The hull is sheathed in 60gm fiberglass inside and out, and 2k Clear is used to finish it off. Fin, bulb, and rudder are standard Mirage Radio Yachts components. It will have deck fittings attached. The complete hull package is \$2,495AUD with hull, fin, rudder, and bulb.

The attached photos are of the hull under construction and the previously completed one. Please contact Jeff at [miragej@bigpond.com](mailto:miragej@bigpond.com) or phone Mirage Radio Yachts on 0401026216. Check out Jeff's fiberglass IOMs on his nicely refreshed website: <https://www.mirageradioyachts.com>.

I wanted to know more about *Corbie 5* so we asked Jeff:

**Bob Wells:** How's life in Tasmania? Well settled in?

**Jeff Byerley:** Yes Bob, we have settled into life in Tassie. It is a different lifestyle down here. Very laidback and so quiet where we live on the beachfront in Primrose Sands. A piece of paradise except when we get the Southerly Winds from the South Pole!!!! Takes a bit of getting used to the lower temperature range. 3 - 28 deg C during the year versus 8 - 38 in Brisbane!

Of course, my work life has changed a little with production of IOM's and RG65's being done offshore. Now spending time on rigs and sails as well as the final completion of the production boats. This has led to having some time to spend on the construction of for example the "Woodies".

**Bob Wells:** I wish you every success on your collaboration with Thailand fabricator Rood Ars of Ars-Composites. I've only read good things about his work. Since the performance key is the total package, I imagine you still have plenty to do with rigs, sails, Ms, repairs, etc.

**Jeff Byerley:** Yes, I have plenty to do. Very busy with sails and rigs. Also work on the production RG65 has created another avenue.



It has been a pleasure to work with Rood on the production boats He understands what I require and his standard of work is second to none. Most impressed!

**Bob Wells:** I'm impressed with your *Corbie 5*, it is a beautiful boat and I very much like your fiberglass aft deck functionally and aesthetically. Why a production IOM in timber? How many do you plan to make?

**Jeff Byerley:** Bob, thanks for your comments on the *Corbie 5*. As you mentioned the Woodie's came about through discussions I had with Ian Dundas in Scotland after he saw the success of the *Cheinz*. I drew up what became *Corbie 1*. This proved to be very successful, but as is usual I could not help myself and designed a couple more variants that became *Corby 3* and *4*. Don't know why there was no #2?

I had not intended to produce these boats, but after some requests I became involved. They are certainly not a money spinner as the labour involved is immense. But, and it is a big but, the satisfaction of seeing the results of your labour in this finished product sort of makes up for it.

Ian has been the driving force in supplying the building stations for the home builder, and also instructions. While I have no plans to go fulltime on the Woodies, Ian and I are working on changes in the way we handle the supply of stations and the plans/instruction package. This will be announced shortly. Appendages and fin/mast box are available from myself or through David Creed (UK).

**Bob Wells:** How does *Corbie 5* differ from the original *Corbie*, which is a derivative of your *Cheinz* for timber construction.

**Jeff Byerley:** The *Corbie 5* is not a variant, but a completely new design. With input from Ian the result is a very powerful boat that is great in a breeze, but also able to match others in the light. It has rounded sections forward, and LCB is forward also. Freeboard is lowered to reduce windage, and there are a few other touches. The end result is a boat able to compete with any other design in glass and seems to be better than other "Woodies".

I have limited the release of the *Corbie 5* until it had proved itself. This has now happened so it will become an available design.

**Bob Wells:** About how much corrector weight?

**Jeff Byerley:** Depending on construction methods, timber used, and battery weight; they should require 100 - 180gms of corrector weight.

**Bob Wells:** Does it come with a rig guide?

**Jeff Byerley:** Yes, I can supply a rigging guide. Under our proposed new arrangement, the rigging guide will be included in the package along with either laser cut stations and/or plans to enable the builder to cut their own.

**Bob Wells:** Well you just clarified the coming package for Woodie home builders more, and we'll look forward to the details.

**Bob Wells:** While you ignored my question, "how many you intend to make", I'm under the impression that if anybody wants a Jeff Byerley built *Corbie 5* then they better act soon. There won't be many made available.

**Jeff Byerley:** That is true, but if somebody wants one I can be bribed!

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