



Gusty grey conditions at the moment, but we generally had more light wind with unstable weather. SISC moves the 'big' boats tied to their 450' long outer dock to accommodate our regatta, and most of the time we sailed parallel to the dock. We're looking south on Ganges Harbour and the lively town of Ganges is to the north a few miles. Photo © Stan Schofield.

## **2018 IOM Canadian Nationals** (June 6-10, 2018 @ Ganges Harbour on Saltspring Island)

Bob Wells Reporting

While Trump ruffles the feathers of all of our G-7 allies this week with tariff barbs in the name of national security, camaraderie and friendly competition was the agenda at Saltspring Island Sailing Club. Ganges Harbour and SISC provide one of the most beautiful of the Pacific Northwest venues and easily the most beautiful to sail or ferry too. This is also the most social event on the IOM calendar because of the ideal club infrastructure and the hosts go all out to provide a friendly full-service event. Lunches are sit-down affairs in the clubhouse, and my wife noted the Saturday clubhouse dinner was the best salmon that she has enjoyed in a while. After sailing, Friday evening warmed up with a rock band in the clubhouse Pub Night, then off to dinner by Martin and Rosemary Herbert. We enjoyed exceptional food and another chance to see Martin's unique work in his shop/studio. Everybody enjoys this event, and the draw is strong as 16 of the 34 skippers are from the US, with Michel Roure from New Jersey was once again farthest traveler. The sailing can be really good at this event, camaraderie is always exceptional, meal gatherings are great fun, and our wives/girlfriends found galleries and studios and the Saturday Street Fair to visit as well as shopping for artsy custom treasures. Many in the fleet camp out on the SISC club grounds, which is its own little annual inexpensive party. A lot gets packed in on this long weekend.

We broke in a new PRO with Victoria's Leah Mathewson taking over what had been Lawrie Neish's post, ably backed up by Barry Fox with others on the buoy boat. Leah's performance was "sweet as mate, all good", to use New Zealand slang as she is part Kiwi. This was a tough one to be in race management because the wind at times created excessive waiting until it settled to allow a race, and she had some tough calls when to start a race. A few races started in what proved to be unstable wind and then abandoned as unfair sailing. I judge the racing well managed until the last two Gold Fleet races, where confusion reigned on what the course marks were. This one issue should be cleaned up for next time, and a National Championship deserves a more visible course board and numbers on the marks for identification. Lawrie is looking quite well, by the way, and he was part of measurement verification and enjoyed the sailing.

After my first experience what do I think of the Simple Heat Racing System? This is one example where HMS probably would have some different results than SHRS because the abbreviated Final Round left no throw-outs in this round, so a few "bad races" had folks dropping in the final standings. For example, Jerry Brower throws out a 4<sup>th</sup> and keeps two (2!) DNFs. In HMS those "bad finishes" go to throw-outs. That said, it

was the same system for all and I don't care what system we race under. I see advantages in SHRS to get more races off quickly in the Final Round with skippers permanently grouped together with others of similar ability. I am also predisposed from familiarity to prefer the HMS philosophy that in every race you have the opportunity to start in the best fleet and/or be demoted to a lower fleet.

If you traveled far only for the racing, you would be disappointed in only 12 races (24 heats) over three days, as this is expensive racing. Blame the fickle wind and not race management, as this extended fluky wind is atypical. And there was some great racing with the boats always in close proximity for great visibility and weed was moderate for this venue, another plus. Jellyfish were abundant again, and the big ones are rarely an issue. There was rain all three days, also atypical. I've been coming here annually since 2010, and we never have seen this much rain. Oh well.



Long-time key players in the large CAN Nats organizing team are Barry Fox (l), Martin Herbert, & Roger Kibble (r). I thank them for the many years I've enjoyed participating in their SISC regattas. This year I also owe Martin and Roger for generously loaning me their boats to finish the regatta after having an internal issue with mine. Maybe I'd have performed better with Barry's V8?

At the top of the Gold Fleet this was a close win for Mark Golison over Kelly Martin by two points, and both had consistently solid performances all weekend to separate from the fleet. Mark led all the way, but it was especially close between them because of no throw-outs in the three Gold Fleet races that completed the regatta. A snagged weed or missing a course mark would add a lot of points and would change the result. Third place saw George Pedrick come out ahead of Gary Boell in a countback, and Michel Roure in 5<sup>th</sup> wasn't far back. Keeping countbacks in the family, Gene Harris joined George in winning a countback for 13<sup>th</sup> over Peter Stevens. There was a lot of close racing, but not for Otter designer/builder Rob Mulder in Gold Fleet. A damaged RMG saw him miss all three. Rob got really tired of hearing the phrase, "did you set your endpoints"?

In Silver Fleet a countback was needed again to resolve a tie between Andy Allen and Jim McCaa, and it went to Andy. Both overcame DNFs in their first race to close strong in Silver Fleet. Steve Young finished in third with one of the three wins in Silver Fleet.

Thank you to Roger Kibble and Martin Herbert and their team for another memorable Pac NW event.

**2018 Canadian IOM NCR**  
**Saltspring Island SC, 6/8/2018 to 6/10/2018**  
**LINE Results**

Results are after 12 races and with 2 Discards

Place	Sail No	Skipper	Design	City / State	Nat.	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	F1	F2	F3	Total	Disc	Final
<b>GOLD FLEET</b>																				
1	55	Mark Golison	V9	Long Beach, CA		1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	6	1	22	6	16
2	77	Kelly Martin	V10	Bellingham, WA		2	3	2	4	1	2	1	3	6	1	1	2	28	10	18
3	50	George Pedrick	V10	Pt. Richmond, CA		2	1	15	3	4	3	11	9	3	3	4	9	67	26	41
4	71	Gary Boell	C5G	Richmond, CA		6	6	1	8	10	2	3	4	3	4	2	10	59	18	41
5	19	Michel Roure	BritPop!	Parsippany, NJ		3	2	7	6	4	1	13	2	1	10	8	7	64	20	44
6	38	Martin Herbert	Dart IV	Saltspring Island, BC		6	5	4	3	7	5	2	1	2	5	12	11	63	13	50
7	127	Barry Donaher	Sedici	Scottsdale, AZ		4	10	4	1	2	5	7	5	RG4.8	16	5	6	69.8	17	52.8
8	11	Steve Washburn	Cheinz	Irvine, CA		5	6	3	2	7	4	6	10	6	8	10	3	70	17	53
9	86	Joe D'Amico	V9jd	Sequim, WA		3	4	5	7	3	11	14	2	8	6	11	8	82	25	57
10	27	Bob Lewis	BritPop!	Vancouver, BC		5	3	14	8	6	6	2	3	4	12	15	5	83	22	61
11	42	Jerry Brower	Kantun 2	Lake Stevens, WA		8	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	2	15	DNF 18	DNF 18	81	12	69
12	09	Bud Fassnacht	Otter	Surrey, BC		4	4	12	6	8	12	15	8	5	7	7	12	100	27	73
13	157	Gene Harris	V9	Pt. Richmond, CA		11	11	3	11	1	7	5	6	11	13	3	14	96	22	74
14	54	Peter Stevens	V9	North Saanich, BC		9	7	5	13	6	13	3	11	7	9	13	4	100	26	74
15	37	Kurt Wells	BritPop!	Seattle, WA		7	5	6	9	DNF 18	14	5	7	9	14	9	13	116	32	84
16	28	Nigel Ashman	Vancouver 3	N. Vancouver, BC		13	9	11	15	11	3	6	5	15	11	14	15	128	30	98
17	51	Rob Mulder	Otter	N.Vancouver, BC		8	8	10	5	16	9	4	8	4	DNF 18	DNF 18	DNF 18	126	26	100
<b>SILVER FLEET</b>																				
18	13	Andy Allan	BritPop!	Victoria, BC		DNF 18	12	8	12	3	17	9	12	12	3	3	1	110	35	75
19	36	Jim McCaa	Kantun S	Seattle, WA		DNF 18	12	9	5	10	8	11	10	9	2	5	6	105	30	75
20	73	Steve Young	Vision	Tacoma, WA		12	7	13	4	13	13	8	9	5	13	1	8	106	26	80
21	12	Bob Wells	Kantun 2	Mercer Island, WA		1	DNF 19	DNC 18	12	5	8	8	14	10	5	10	11	121	37	84
22	7	Alan Gardner	Otter	White Rock, BC		14	13	7	18	12	14	14	6	7	6	4	3	118	32	86
23	94	Stan Schofield	Zoom	Nanaimo, BC		10	11	10	13	8	16	7	13	10	1	DNF 18	2	119	29	90
24	68	Roger Kibble	Pikanto	Saltspring Island, BC		15	10	6	15	12	7	15	RG4.11.6	13	4	2	15	125.6	30	95.6
25	92	Mark Wallace	Zoom	Saltspring Island, BC		10	9	8	7	9	10	9	15	8	10	DNF 18	9	122	25	97
26	168	David Jensen	Race Ready II	Bellevue, WA		7	8	15	10	17	9	12	13	DNC 18	DNC 18	8	4	139	35	104
27	69	Bill Wilson	Kantun SMX	Port Ludlow, WA		14	16	14	11	13	12	13	14	15	7	7	7	143	31	112
28	87	Wilson Chong	Otter	Surrey, BC		13	DNF 19	13	14	16	15	10	7	12	11	9	12	151	35	116
29	72	Pat Dion	Otter	Coquitlam, BC		12	15	9	16	9	16	12	12	16	9	DNF 18	5	149	32	117
30	57	Tony Cox	Rubix	Langley, BC		16	14	11	9	15	15	16	15	13	12	6	10	152	32	120
31	281	Ole Andersen	Zoom	Saltspring Island, BC		9	13	12	14	11	6	10	11	14	DNC 18	DNF 18	DNF 18	154	28	126
32	06	Gunther Yip	Otter	Vancouver, BC		11	14	16	10	14	10	16	16	14	15	12	13	161	32	129
33	04	Dan Henderson	V8	Victoria, BC		17	15	16	16	15	18	17	16	17	8	11	14	180	35	145
34	78	David Woodley	V10	Surrey, BC		DNC 18	DNF 19	DNC 18	17	14	11	17	17	DNC 18	14	13	DNF 18	194	37	157

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 By Wilson Chong: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAGOyRHeCIE>



## Regatta Summary:

Event: 2018 Canadian IOM National Championship Regatta (US 1.1 Ranking)

Class: IOM

Date: June 6-10, 2018 (measurement verification day & 3 days racing)

Location: Ganges Harbor on Saltspring Island, BC

Host Club: Saltspring Island Sailing Club

Entries: 34

Winds: Mostly light to gusts at top A-rig.

Races Completed: 12

Scoring System: SHRS (Simple Heat Racing System)

Regatta Committee: Organizers: Roger Kibble & Martin Herbert; PRO: Leah Mathewson; RO & Scoring: Barry Fox; Measurements: Barry Fox, Lawry Neish, & Martin Herbert; Observer: Steve Kibble; Rescue Boat: Steve Kibble, Martin Herbert, & Rich Ballentyne; Lunch/Dinners: Nelly Tom-Kee, Elizabeth Hayes, Patrice Pothier, et all.



Looking South at the course when a gusty catspaw interrupts the light wind at prestart. Sometimes the catspaws dissipate back to light wind and sometimes it leads a new stronger wind. Not easy for race management to resolve and hopeless for those with bendy masts to find a good average tune. Martin Herbert photo.