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2018 Seattle MYC Regatta #7 – IOM Fleet (September 22nd @ Coulon Park)

Bob Wells Reporting & Scoring:

This was our first day of Fall after a warm and dry summer, and the forecast was an unsettled southerly of 11-13 knots with gusts in the low twenties and a high probability of some rain. We got most of that, with a brief deluge and again the gusts at our venue were generally less than forecasted. Those new 12-story buildings to our south made it extra fluky, gusty and dare I say swirly at times. Just set your IOM up in acceleration mode for a fluky 3 - 25 knots with chop. A lasting groove was elusive. And if you were low or slow it was often weed, not your trim. Challenging sailing.

Our entries continue to be fewer than recent years, but the sailing is still competitive and a whole lot of fun. The last time SMYC had only four skippers in a scheduled regatta was EC-12s in the early 90s and our first year of IOMs in 2010.

A well-deserved win for wily Joe Damico. Daryl Ruff came back after a long summer cruising, and spent most of the regatta fixing a broken shroud that occurred in practice and then an internal sheet issue that needs more time to sort. Lunch was well-attended at Toreros.

Results after 19 races:

Position	Skipper	Sail #	Club/City	Hull	Score
1	Joe Damico	32	Sequim, WA	V9 JD	22.0
2	Bob Wells	12	Mercer Is., WA	K2	26.0
3	David Jensen	68	Bellevue, WA	RR11 - woody	41.0
4	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX	76.0



Jerry Brower Repeats at Eastern Canadians (Kingston R1, Sept. 8-9, 2018)

By all accounts Kingston Yacht Club does a great job of hosting and managing the racing on this big-water and big-wind venue, a bucket-list IOM venue I'm been told many times. The only downside is it is a bit of a travel challenge from the west coast, similar to Hood River if coming from the east coast. The good news is there is a direct flight from Seattle to Kingston, the bad news: if you need a rental car the next closest is Toronto. Jerry chose Toronto. From Toronto it is a three-hour drive east across the top of Lake Ontario.

The link is to Jerry's regatta report with his many insights as to what worked and didn't work for him: <http://www.ibextrax.com/RC2018/Results/0908R1r.pdf>



After light wind allowed only 5 races (4 heats) completed in 2 days at French Nationals, I read this from JWB; "It is just like the States here because soon after they called the racing for the day, the wind filled in nicely and the half-dozen of us diehard's got in the best sailing of the regatta". Michel Roure image.

Brower & Roure at 2018 Championnat de France – Classe IOM (Marseilles, Sept. 20-23, 2018)

A few days after their return from Eastern Canadians (article above), Jerry Brower and Michel Roure are off to Marseilles for French Nationals at the venue 2007 Worlds venue. It is an easier trip for Michel with his dual citizenship, a New Jersey base, and he visits France often where he has family and his own vacation flat at the edge of the Med. Maybe most convenient, he sailed his Father's Britpop with Xavier Liger sails/rigs already in France, so he doesn't have to ship it. That Michel guy thinks ahead.

As I write this all I know from the attached full results is that Jerry Brower finished 14th and Michel Roure 21st: <http://classe1m.ipbhost.com/topic/3343-en-direct/?tab=comments#comment-53608>



Congested marks at 2018 MYA M Nats at Manor Park, a reportedly ‘shifty’ place to sail – it looks complicated. This zoomed image makes our Surprise Lake look wide open, and we know how shifty our venue is. One of the many Sue Parkington images found on the link above.

2018 MYA M Nationals (Sept 8th & 9th at Manor Park RSC)

Regatta Report here: <https://marbleheadsailing.wordpress.com/2018/09/16/2018-nationals-round-up/>



This caught my eye because of the wave piercing bow, very different from a few recent aggressively raised bows I see in IRSA Ms. With the rounded hull-deck edge to shed water this is super-clean and aero. Curiosity led me to modest Internet digging and the designer/builder is the UK's Mike Cooke. I wondered if he might have a rudder t-foil to resist diving, but an under-construction image on his website suggests none: <https://www.facebook.com/aardvarktech/>. His Rocket Moths with the rigid wings are sensational to my eye, which knows little about Moths and Ms designs. With two lime-colored Rocket Ms sailing, maybe this will be another purchase option in this performance class? Sue Parkington image.



2018 Scottish Wooden Sailing Championship – IOM Fleet (May 6th @ Forfar Loch)

I like to report on this annual woody IOM championship because it is a unique event and Ian Dundas often emails the report link to me. Not this year, so I looked it up and here is the link. Nice to know this tradition continues, and it is an informative report:

<https://www.sail-world.com/news/195787/MYA-Scottish-District-Wooden-IOM-Championship>

Here's the Scottish IOM Championship link too. Lots of woodies performing well at this open championship too:

<https://www.sail-world.com/news/204827/Scottish-District-IOM-Championship>

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