



A-fleet start on Day-3 at 2018 UK IOM Nationals at Fleetwood in glorious C-rig conditions, and I want to know why USA 121 Steve Landeau is so late for this start. Hats off to the well-known UK podium finishers; Walsh, Gibson and Tushingam; and the host - historic Fleetwood. Well-done to the USA guys; Landeau in 9th, Mark Golison in 20th and Jerry Brower in 29th with 82 competitors. Gavin Watson's full excellent report is here: <https://gbriom.com/2018/08/29/fleetwood-delivers-2018-iom-nationals-report/>. The report includes links to lots of nice images from Damian Ackroyd and Susan Sharman, and Damian shot the above intriguing image.

You might think that Jerry Brower is finally done traveling to IOM National events this year, but you would be wrong. After attending Nationals in AUS, CAN, USA, and GBR; he still has the French and New Zealand Nationals coming up for 2018. I can't think of a better way to see the world, but it is not easy or cheap hauling all our sailing kit overseas.

Gig Harbor MYC Regatta #7 – IOM Class (September 1, 2018 at Surprise Lake in Milton, WA)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

It was a nice Surprise Lake day, but not for sailing because of light to non-existent wind. The wind that we had was too often so light it couldn't push our booms out, yet the boats could drift ever so slightly with rudder steerage. An important tactic in this condition is to anticipate the lull and have your booms in reach mode when you go into it. Jerry Brower and his V9 are good at this, which helped him creep further down course for when the wind showed. It is frustrating when you ease your sails and the boom doesn't move, minute after minute. It is more frustrating when your booms don't extend after others already have – where's my crew when I need them! Most parts of the world don't bother to race in wind this light. Our solution was to give it a try for a few hours. When the wind showed signs of worsening, we went to the pub early for a nice lunch with 100% participation.

We said goodbye to Art Lent, who was on his annual trip to visit his daughter from the Space Coast Model Sailing Club in Melbourne, FL. Art has been doing this trip for years, including visiting Surprise Lake for radio sailing even before we began racing IOMs regularly here in 2011. Art is amazed at how light the wind consistently is in the PacNW. I'll close with that...

Pos	Skipper	Sail	Club/City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens	V9	7.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
2	Joe D'Amico	32	Sequim	V9jd	10.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0
3	Bob Wells	12	Mercer Is	K2	15.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	3.0
4	David Jensen	68	Bellevue	RR II	24.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	7.0	3.0	4.0
5	Dennis Pittis	57	Clinton	Alternative2	25.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
6	Art Lent	5	Enumclaw	SKA+	33.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0

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There are many great images in C-rig from this year's UK Nats at Fleetwood. I especially liked this one of Ian Dundas blasting through on wave tops with the splash halfway up the mast - in perfect balance. The entry list has Ian sailing a Corbie 5, the Woody Ian and Jeff Byerly refined and sell as a builder's kit. I'll bet 100 quid (whatever that is) that this is a Britpop. Damian Ackroyd image.

Editor's Preface: I met Michel Roure in 2016 at San Diego Nationals, and we have been sailing friends since. Michel purchased his orange IOM Britpop from Pedro Stier at the end of the 2015 Foster City WC, where he was enamored with the friendly and international flavor of the competition. He founded his Lake Parsippany home club and travels regularly to race in Central Park, where he is a member. He also travels regularly to sail IOMs in California, at Hood River, our own COW Regatta, and earlier this year at the Salt Spring Canadian Nationals (finished 5th), and most recently our San Diego US Nationals (I got him on this one). Michel is not done traveling to race IOMs, as this September he is headed to Kingston IOM Regionals and then French IOM Nationals, where he will join our local IOM traveler, Jerry Brower. Michel doesn't just travel and sail IOMs, he is promoting his own destination IOM regatta. You can follow his progress in this report, and I look forward to visiting Michel and Lake Parsippany when it grows to be a 2-day or 3-day event:



The Lake Parsippany venue with the usual westerly lake breezes of late summer parallel to shore. At LPMYC's Third Annual IOM Invitational they were light off-shore southerlies, casting wind shadows and bringing challenges. Michel Roure photo.

IOM Third Annual Invitational at Lake Parsippany, NJ (August 25th, 2018)

By Michel Roure

17 skippers made the trip from up and down the east coast, with the farthest away awards going to Walter House from Virginia; overtaking Daniel Thomas from Maryland and Campbell Rivers, and Johnny Goldsberry from Newport R.I. Our fleet had 14 different types of IOMs, including seven homemade hulls; were admired by a regular passage of curious visitors alerted by a nice front page of the local newspaper.

The usual westerly lake breezes of late summer decided to take a serious nap and our regatta was held in a 0-4 mph variable southerlies casting at times a challenging wind shadow on the race course. Still, all of the visiting skippers commented how lucky the LPMYC is to have such a great place to sail.

Jon Elmaleh with his DeBow2 fresh from the San Diego nationals dominated the fleet like he does at Central Park in winning 7 of the 12 races. This left six other skippers fighting in his wake and swapping positions at every race, and in the end 2nd through 8th finished within 10 points of each other. Tim Aubert sporting his new V10 barely popped in front of the beautifully crafted woody of Brian Kerrigan named Reltne! All and all a beautiful summer day at the beach of this private lake, whose management is welcoming every year this event with a lot of attention and cooperation.

Thank you to our Race Director John Tucker, who was Commodore and 50-year member of the Central Park Yacht Club, and his assistants for making this a success in spite of our calm wind conditions. Also, thanks to the support and help we received from other Lake Parsippany clubs. We want to thank the Ladies Club for providing another great lunch for the Skippers. Also, this year, Lainie McDonnell, Don Phelps and his son from the Kayak Club set and moved buoys as well as rescued boats needing assistance.

Regatta Summary:

Date: August 25, 2018

Location: Lake Parsippany, NJ

Host: Lake Parsippany MYC

Entries: 17

Wind: South 0-4 mph

Races Completed: 12

Scoring: Low points, Two Throw-outs, Single Heat

Race Committee: RD John Tucker, Assistant Eric Plouzennec, Scoring Allen Malsbury, Organizer Michel Roure

Results: Third IOM Invitational Lake Parsippany, NJ

Place	Skipper	Hull	Sail#	Points
1	Jon Elmaleh	DeBow2	2	17
2	Tim Aubert	V10	23	39
3	Brian Kerrigan	Reltne	73	41
4	Michel Roure	BritPop	19	41
5	Walter House	Topiko	66	47
6	Morley Flynn	Elmaleh	85	47
7	Daniel Thomas	BritPop	121	49
8	Bob Shluger	Widget	14	59
9	Bob Lombard	Disco	65	82
10	Skip Hall	MB-3	96	90

Remaining skippers: Fred Schneider CT, Fred Goebel CT, Allen Malsbury NJ, Giovanni Seijo NY, Joe Wojcik NY, Campbell Rivers RI, Johnny Goldberry RI

Darrell Peck is 2018 North American Finn Champion

By Bob Wells

I know nothing of Finns other than some people call them a pain-box (a physical Olympic Class yacht to sail). But I just saw on one of my rare visits to Facebook that Darrell Peck from Gresham, OR just won the NA's at Willow Brook YC in Cazenovia, NY with 31 competitors. It is also the 50th Annual Toilet Bowl Regatta, and while the significance of 'toilet bowl' totally escapes me, there is history there.

I think this is a significant win for burly Darrell. I mention this here because he is an occasional IOM skipper, having competed in the last two Hood River Carnages. I guess it fits that the only radio sailing this Finn skipper does is at the Hood River Carnage, which always leaves me more tired than other regattas. Darrell has already learned that unlike Finns, no amount of body English helps IOM performance. Something I prove every regatta when things get tight. Video here: <https://vimeo.com/284562630>.

CRYA Newsletter - Summer 2018

The Canook Summer CRYA newsletter just came out here: http://crya.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/CRYA_Summer2018-final.pdf.

In it John Ball added a brief rules article worth looking at, which is titled "The importance of Protesting". It was timely as we had a similar example in our GHMYC #7 (above), where two barging boats (with testosterone flowing) at a congested start line ignored W-L contact (Rule 11). They both got away with it because their leeward guy on the same tack would not protest them, but he was protested by the most leeward (4th) boat and he was willing to exonerate himself with a penalty turn.

The proper response to protect yourself and promote fair sailing requires protesting the offending windward boat, and when there are four boats overlapped on the same course each leeward boat protests the windward boat immediately above them. The key is you have to do this as the incident occurs, as waiting to think about after you are protested it is too late. Hopefully, you will learn to anticipate W-L situations and encourage the offending windward to "stay up"!

For more of John Ball's RC Rules & Tactics: <https://sites.google.com/site/johnsrcsailingrulesandtactics/>.