

# GHMYC Surprise Lake IOM Regatta Num. 2.

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Hosted by

Gig Harbor Model Yacht Club

| Position | Skipper         | Sail # | Club/City     | Hull    | Freq | Score | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    |
|----------|-----------------|--------|---------------|---------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1        | Peter Sternberg | 43     | SMYC          | Arrival |      | 10.0  | 7.0  | 1.0  | 3.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 3.0  |
| 2        | Bill Langjarh   | 188    | Anacortes, WA | Cheinz  |      | 16.0  | 6.0  | 9.0  | 2.0  | 2.0  | 2.0  | 3.0  | 1.0  |
| 3        | Larry Stiles    | 131    | DPMYC         | Pikanto |      | 24.0  | 8.0  | 2.0  | 4.0  | 3.0  | 7.0  | 4.0  | 4.0  |
| 4        | Joe D'Amico     | 86     | DPMYC         | V6.5    |      | 25.0  | 3.0  | 5.0  | 8.0  | 5.0  | 12.0 | 2.0  | 2.0  |
| 5        | Byron Pimms     | 47     | SMYC          | Isis II |      | 27.0  | 4.0  | 3.0  | 1.0  | 8.0  | 6.0  | 7.0  | 6.0  |
| 6        | Kurt Wells      | 25     | SMYC          | Topiko  |      | 35.0  | 5.0  | 6.0  | 6.0  | 7.0  | 5.0  | 6.0  | 7.0  |
| 7        | Scott Thomas    | 05     | SMYC          | V6      |      | 36.0  | 9.0  | 10.0 | 7.0  | 6.0  | 4.0  | 5.0  | 5.0  |
| 8        | Ron Blackledge  | 208    | OMYC          | Fraktal |      | 40.0  | 12.0 | 4.0  | 5.0  | 4.0  | 3.0  | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| 10       | Mike Pearson    | 73     | SMYC          | Arrival |      | 57.0  | 2.0  | 7.0  | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| 9        | Steve Young     | 87     | DPMYC         | Lintel  |      | 57.0  | 1.0  | 8.0  | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| 11       | Ron Hornung     | 78     | SMYC          | Why-Not |      | 65.0  | 10.0 | 11.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 8.0  | 12.0 | 12.0 |

Folks:

Well the weather man said it was going to be a challenge and it was. Variable winds out of the SSW bringing squalls with wind fronts that would come down on you like a hammer. It was a test and it took it's toll.

It happened in what would have been the third race. As the middle of the pack, all under No,1 rigs, came around the windward off-set and started it's long down wind run a very muscular gust of wind knocked everyone flat and sent boats out of control in all directions. My Pikanto was stood on it's nose with it's rudder way up in the air and spun around a full 180 degrees. But the real trouble was happening about 20 ft ahead of me where it seems that a deck patch on Arrival No.73, owned by Steve Young and on loan to Mike Pearson for the day, came undone allowing water to enter. In less time than it takes to clear your throat that sweet little boat was gone. Ron Hornung and Steve tried to recover the boat with a grapple but with no success.

The rest of the races were run and some good competition was had but there was little joy in it. About 2:30 PM the party broke up and we all went our separate ways knowing that what happened to No.73 could have happened to any of our boats.

Steve had called for a diver and he showed up while the last of us were putting our boats away. He searched for quite awhile but with limited visibility the effort had to be called off until Monday. Steve is confident that the boat will be recovered. I hope he's right. As of Tuesday evening the boat still has not been raised. Plans are continuing.

A bright spot in the days proceedings was the launch of a new boat by Joe D'Amico, a one off of his own creation. It's skinny, has hard chines, unmistakably green and seems to go just fine. Larry Stiles.