



Bowman Bay Benefit Regatta & COW CanAm #4 (8/9-10/14)

Wayne Martin – photo

Bowman Bay in Deception Pass State Park; Fidalgo Island, Washington State

Bob Wells Reporting:

It is so rare to radio sail in a steady light 2-4 knot breeze, but those were the conditions for 32 of our 33 races at the scenic Bowman Bay venue in Deception Pass State Park. There was not a fluky shift to be found, just the occasional modest shift that you could note before you start. Our control area is perched 15'-25' in the air at the end of the 400' dock so visibility is as good as it gets without a magic carpet. This is the height of summer and the sun shined every regatta day and this time the Pacific NW marine air was welcome because it moderated the temperatures so we didn't get too hot. Typical summer conditions maybe for the locals, but it was magical racing for those that don't visit often.

Friday was measurement day with practice sailing available, and weed was a problem at times I'm told. I was the last to check in and when I started sailing at 3:00PM the weed had cleared. Sailing and the scenery were perfect as was the light for taking photos. We finished the day laughing with each other at a no-host pizza parlor dinner. Anticipation was high for some great single-heat racing. A lot of great single-heat racing as it turned out.

Early Saturday morning weed was "as bad as it gets" with the minus tide and organizer Julian Lee was concerned. His concern in this area didn't last long as the tide line crept in helped by the onshore breeze, and swept the weed to the shore well before start time. The fog burned off early too, and sailing conditions were back to perfect except for the occasional weed. The technique for weed control is to back your boat down before the start, and if it is there it floats away. This is surprisingly easy in this flat water and steady breeze. Weed remained an occasional issue through the regatta. If a top guy had a finish in the teens, most likely he snagged weed. This occurred for each of us 10 – 15% of the races on average by my math, which is manageable. DPMYC's system of three races in a row then providing a 10-minute break before the next series of races worked well. Racing was serious yet courteous and very friendly. Sunday was a repeat of Saturday without the tide line or fog to burn off.

With this light and consistent wind coupled with our elevated viewing we could maneuver very close to other boats with few issues. Overlaps were easy to call, as was mark room. Regatta winner Jerry Brower in particular shined in these close quarters with his boat handling and knowledge of how to employ the RRS to advantage. He schooled me more than once I have to admit – in public for all to see. Joe Damico led after the first day where he could point higher and faster than anybody. Maybe getting lost in discussion and then losing his boat under the barnacle-

encrusted piers cost him this regatta. As during the rescue a shroud was broken and he never regained his special pointing ability. Racing was close as this fleet is improving. Nine different skippers scored wins, and the most popular ones went to Kurt Wells and local Vic Childs.

Julian Lee didn't just organize this regatta, but also hosted the Saturday evening party at this house following the racing. The well-attended party included a potluck dinner on their quintessential Pacific Northwest property, where the Lee's live near the edge of the park with elevated southwesterly views of Bowman Bay and the Straits of Juan de Fuca. In every sense this was a feel-good event, including the benefit part where the regatta contributed \$1,000 to the Deception Pass Park Foundation. Deception Pass State Park is over 4,134 acres and has 120 historic structures, and the Foundation helps fund restoration of these chronically underfunded treasures. I caught a glimpse of one of the Foundations recently renovated park structures on the drive to the bay, as the fresh large custom cedar shakes to original spec are unmistakable.

What about the one race that I downgraded in the first paragraph. That one went very light for the last half to the finish, but it wasn't fluky and the wind never totally shut down. You see when conditions get so perfect I get extra critical. In a year where I have attended a number of excellent feel-good IOM regattas, this one stands out. Thank you DPMYC, and see you September 27-29 for the Cranberry Caper (hopefully on Bowman Bay).

Summary of the 2014 Bowman Bay Benefit Regatta:

Class: IOM. Date: August 9-10, 2014. Location: Bowman Bay in Deception Pass State Park, Washington State
 Host Club: Deception Pass Model Yacht club. Entries: 18 Races Completed: 33 Winds: Max 7.0 knots, Avg. 2.5 knots.
 Scoring System: 2007 HMS, scoring version 2.0

Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants: Julian Lee – Organizer & PRO; Jean Lee & Collie Martin – Scorekeepers; Larry Stiles – measurement; Ray Fiedler, Trish Bechtold, & George Way – Race Officers; Julian & Jean Lee – Hosts for party; Collie Martin – registration; Wayne Martin – photographer.

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Pls	Skipper	Sail	Home Port	Design-Designer	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens, WA	FRAKTAL-G Bantock	81.0	4.0	9.0	4.0	14.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	8.0	2.0	2.0	9.0
2	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim, WA	britPOP!-BG Vinaixa	82.0	10.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	19.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	8.0	1.0
3	Bob Wells	7	Mercer Is, WA	britPOP!-BG Vinaixa	101.0	3.0	10.0	2.0	1.0	12.0	4.0	1.0	6.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	3.0
4	Peter Sternberg	18	Redmond, WA	V8-Ian Vickers	107.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	2.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	4.0
5	Dave VanAmburg	71	Anacortes, WA	Ericca-M Firebrace	134.0	1.0	8.0	6.0	15.0	5.0	2.0	8.0	5.0	9.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	5.0
6	Larry Stiles	156	Sedro Woolley	CHEINZ-Jeff Byerley	177.0	7.0	13.0	5.0	4.0	9.0	7.0	4.0	3.0	14.0	7.0	6.0	4.0	6.0
7	Steve Young	73	Tacoma, WA	CHEINZ-Jeff Byerley	183.0	5.0	4.0	8.0	3.0	8.0	10.0	3.0	12.0	5.0	9.0	8.0	10.0	7.0
8	Ron Blackledge	208	Portland, OR	FRAKTAL-G Bantock	205.0	15.0	16.0	14.0	10.0	3.0	19.0	12.0	10.0	10.0	3.0	7.0	6.0	12.0
9	Kurt Wells	25	Seattle, WA	Topiko-G Bantock	219.0	6.0	14.0	11.0	6.0	10.0	9.0	7.0	1.0	6.0	4.0	12.0	14.0	14.0
10	D Vic Childs	198	Anacortes, WA	Widget-Chris Dicks	262.0	9.0	15.0	15.0	9.0	15.0	13.0	10.0	15.0	7.0	13.0	9.0	16.0	15.0
11	Mike Doherty	142	Anacortes, WA	Glam Rock-B Gibson	265.0	8.0	12.0	9.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	13.0	11.0	12.0	15.0	13.0	10.0
12	Julian Lee	40	Fidalgo Is, WA	V8-Ian Vickers, Proto	269.0	12.0	2.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	5.0	5.0	14.0	8.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
13	Bill Langjahr	88	Anacortes, WA	CHEINZ-Jeff Byerley	269.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	16.0	14.0	11.0	16.0	9.0	17.0	11.0	10.0	7.0	8.0
14	Craig Rantala	12	Sequim, WA	SKA-Brad Gibson	359.0	16.0	5.0	17.0	13.0	13.0	12.0	13.0	11.0	13.0	15.0	13.0	12.0	13.0
15	Scott McConnell	60	Lynnwood, WA	Pikanto-G Bantock	366.0	13.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	7.0	15.0	9.0	7.0	12.0	14.0	14.0	9.0	2.0
16	Denis Pitts	57	Clinton, WA	Goth-Frank Russell	408.0	17.0	7.0	13.0	11.0	16.0	19.0	11.0	17.0	15.0	16.0	17.0	17.0	19.0
17	Steve Bechtold	10	Anacortes, WA	Ericca-M Firebrace	420.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
18	Rich Cushing	118	Anacortes, WA	Vector-G Bantock, SE	434.0	14.0	19.0	16.0	17.0	17.0	14.0	14.0	16.0	16.0	17.0	16.0	15.0	16.0

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1	Jerry Brower	42	1.0	5.0	2.0	15.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	9.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	9.0	81.0
2	Joe D'Amico	86	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	10.0	2.0	1.0	8.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	8.0	2.0	8.0	4.0	4.0	82.0
3	Bob Wells	7	3.0	6.0	14.0	12.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	5.0	1.0	5.0	10.0	14.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	101.0
4	Peter Sternberg	18	4.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	9.0	13.0	16.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	8.0	2.0	11.0	2.0	7.0	3.0	16.0	2.0	14.0	6.0	107.0
5	Dave VanAmburg	71	7.0	11.0	4.0	13.0	3.0	1.0	7.0	5.0	9.0	8.0	4.0	1.0	8.0	4.0	4.0	12.0	7.0	9.0	1.0	3.0	134.0
6	Larry Stiles	156	6.0	3.0	15.0	6.0	8.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	12.0	1.0	12.0	9.0	6.0	7.0	11.0	4.0	12.0	7.0	11.0	11.0	177.0
7	Steve Young	73	11.0	7.0	5.0	9.0	4.0	10.0	12.0	17.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	12.0	13.0	8.0	2.0	9.0	3.0	6.0	7.0	183.0
8	Ron Blackledge	208	9.0	10.0	10.0	1.0	6.0	16.0	9.0	12.0	10.0	7.0	6.0	10.0	4.0	6.0	10.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	2.0	205.0
9	Kurt Wells	25	13.0	4.0	7.0	14.0	11.0	6.0	3.0	10.0	5.0	13.0	17.0	11.0	7.0	11.0	9.0	6.0	4.0	10.0	12.0	5.0	219.0
10	D Vic Childs	198	12.0	12.0	11.0	11.0	13.0	8.0	10.0	7.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	3.0	15.0	15.0	1.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	10.0	262.0
11	Mike Doherty	142	5.0	9.0	12.0	8.0	7.0	11.0	8.0	9.0	8.0	10.0	14.0	14.0	10.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	5.0	14.0	8.0	13.0	265.0
12	Julian Lee	40	17.0	15.0	9.0	7.0	15.0	7.0	17.0	3.0	14.0	19.0	7.0	13.0	14.0	8.0	6.0	11.0	11.0	12.0	16.0	8.0	269.0
13	Bill Langjahr	88	10.0	8.0	6.0	2.0	5.0	9.0	5.0	13.0	13.0	12.0	10.0	8.0	9.0	12.0	14.0	14.0	8.0	11.0	15.0	12.0	269.0
14	Craig Rantala	12	15.0	14.0	13.0	10.0	16.0	12.0	13.0	11.0	17.0	14.0	11.0	16.0	16.0	14.0	17.0	15.0	13.0	13.0	10.0	17.0	359.0
15	Scott McConnell	60	8.0	13.0	8.0	5.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	366.0
16	Denis Pitts	57	16.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	19.0	17.0	11.0	15.0	11.0	16.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	13.0	19.0	10.0	17.0	13.0	16.0	408.0
17	Steve Bechtold	10	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	12.0	14.0	14.0	16.0	15.0	11.0	13.0	12.0	13.0	9.0	3.0	7.0	15.0	15.0	9.0	14.0	420.0
18	Rich Cushing	118	14.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	14.0	15.0	15.0	14.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	16.0	16.0	17.0	16.0	17.0	15.0	434.0

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