

## 2015 Gig Harbor MYC #2 at Coulon Park

By Bob Wells

Daryl Ruff arrived early to sail his beautiful new KantunSMX for the first time, and then he proceeded to win the practice race outright. That put a smile on his face that remained, but then gremlins spoiled the rest of his finishes this day. Welcome back Kelly, as he showed us how to handle light air again in a mostly sunny and overall very pleasant day. Kelly was all 1sts and 2nds except he had to take a 5th. It was hard for everybody else to stay out of trouble on a course that got very crowded at marks and starts.

We started out in the forecasted middle of A-rig conditions from the south, with excellent "Champaign sailing at Coulon" as Ron Blackledge calls it. But the dreaded switch to westerlies happened way before the forecast, so we trialed moving the course behind the logboom and sailed off the north walkway. This proved to be a reasonable alternative for westerlies, but in this case the fickle wind switched to the NW and messing up a good plan. Overall we had too much reaching in the middle and end of the day, where the premium was on leading the parade by getting a good start and surviving the first cluster at the weather mark. At least now we have an alternative to deal with true westerlies.

Drew Austin volunteered to be our Race Officer and all went smoothly, aided by the first place finishers who did their part to assist when the finish line was congested. We appreciate Drew's helpfulefforts, but we want him to get his boat repaired and be back on the start line. Thank you to our regulars: Joe Damico for the buoy boat, Jerry Brower for scorekeeping and buoys, Ron Hornung for buoys, and Ron Blackledge signs everybody up for the scoreboard.

Sunny light air sailing leaves me mellow, as did our gathering after the regatta at the Wildfin American Grill nearby in Renton's Landing area. This is our new upscale gathering spot going forward, but there are a gaggle of restaurant options if anybody wants something different. In summary, we just had another great day racing and socializing.

### 2015 Gig Harbor Cup Regatta #2 - Gene Coulon Memorial Park April - 4th.

Pls	Skipper	Sail	Home Port	Design	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham, WA	V8	17.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	5.0	1.0
2	Bob Wells	7	Mercer Is, WA	britPOP!	26.0	3.0	9.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	9.0	4.0	1.0	5.0
3	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens, WA	FRAKTAL	31.0	1.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0
4	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim, WA	britPOP!	32.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	8.0	10.0	11.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	4.0
5	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro Woolley	CHEINZ	40.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
6	Peter Sternberg	18	Redmond, WA	V8	48.0	7.0	3.0	13.0	6.0	6.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	1.0	7.0	9.0
7	Bill Langjahr	88	Anacortes, WA	CHEINZ	61.0	14.0	10.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	10.0	13.0	2.0	17.0
8	Ron Blackledge	217	Portland, OR	britPOP!	61.0	6.0	6.0	9.0	7.0	12.0	9.0	11.0	4.0	7.0	13.0	2.0
9	Kurt Wells	25	Seattle, WA	Topiko	68.0	9.0	5.0	6.0	10.0	4.0	12.0	7.0	12.0	10.0	10.0	7.0
10	Byron Pimms	47	Seattle, WA	ISIS II	82.0	15.0	14.0	10.0	13.0	8.0	2.0	9.0	15.0	11.0	9.0	6.0
11	David Jensen	68	Bellevue, WA	Pikanto	87.0	13.0	12.0	8.0	15.0	9.0	15.0	12.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	13.0
12	Scott Thomas	17	Edgewood, WA	MOJO	102.0	12.0	16.0	12.0	12.0	17.0	5.0	15.0	11.0	12.0	12.0	11.0
13	Craig Rantala	12	Sequim, WA	SKA	104.0	8.0	8.0	15.0	14.0	13.0	13.0	14.0	16.0	9.0	16.0	10.0
14	Michael Holly	58	Bellevue, WA	FRAKTAL	104.0	11.0	11.0	14.0	9.0	15.0	10.0	10.0	14.0	14.0	11.0	14.0
15	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX	105.0	10.0	13.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	14.0	13.0	7.0	16.0	15.0	17.0
16	Ron, Hornung	777	Seattle, WA	21 Grams	131.0	16.0	15.0	16.0	16.0	14.0	17.0	16.0	13.0	15.0	14.0	12.0

Official Invigilator: Drew Austin (2nd Pls Season Points) - hosted by Gig Harbor Model Yacht Club