

## 2015 Seattle MYC #2 Regatta (on Lake Washington at Coulon Park in Renton)

By Bob Wells

Wind held out of the North in mid to near top A-rig and the water was very lumpy with miles of fetch – all as forecasted. We know this condition well here, and have learned to look forward to it. We had sun and some warmth too as most everybody peeled their jackets early. This was a quality warm-up for our COW Regatta coming next weekend, where there are only a few out-of-State additions to most of the entries in this regatta. The early COW forecast is a southerly front coming through and grey skies, so for a change we might get into small rigs.

Larry Stiles is sailing a lot and showing steady progress, and this win is his best effort yet. Except for a few hiccups early, he had his Chienz at the front of the fleet consistently, and he closed out with a dialed-in streak of breakaway wins to separate from the pack. Larry also had the best line when in race 4 he had to rescue his non-responding boat, “My Futaba gear did a Spektrum on me”. His electronics worked fine to complete the regatta, so he has a mystery on his hands.

Ever consistent Kurt Wells arrived late again, this time missing two heats. But he had a big smile all day sailing his new/used yellow Pepe Britpop. The cool thing was he introduced his big-boat friend, Scott McKay, to a trial-by-fire radio sailing session with his Topiko. This reminded me of the first time Kurt sailed his Topiko – his trial-by-fire at Hood River no less. Scott clearly knows sailing, but it is a transition to RC sailing from shore. I sold the BP to Kurt a few days before the regatta, and then set about getting my Topiko ready to sail with a new rig and receiver. For whatever reason the receiver didn’t get power to link, so at 10:00PM the night before our regatta I called Joe Damico to see if he had an old V6 I could sail. Instead he loaned me his old BP, and so we had two red twins sailing, USA 86 and 186. Joe, thank you for being so generous; and check the results to see which of us has bragging rights in our mini contest of nearly identical boats.

Scott McConnell also enjoyed sailing his new Croatian KantunS for the first time here. Scott is happy with his green boat that he ordered with rigs, and he enjoyed his dealings with Zvonko Jelacic, the co-designer, co-builder, and sailmaker. I plan to closely look over how Zvonko assembles his rigs. The other Kantun sailing today is Daryl Ruff’s SMX model, and his sailing has improved with his upgrade. More Kantun’s are on order in our fleet, so locally this is the year of new Kantuns and BPs in the fleet.

Ron Hornung had gremlins inside his boat for the second time in a row, so he took on the job as race officer for most of the regatta. Ron had to call a number of recalls plus more than a few over-earlys, and our sailing was higher quality thanks to his efforts. Ron also handled the buoys with Jerry Brower, and Jerry also compiled the race results. Time flew in our glorious winds, and before we knew it we had to wrap up. We take our post race socializing seriously, and this time we crammed into the Red Robin in Renton’s Landing area. In summary, we just had another great day club racing and socializing.

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Pls	Skipper	Sail	Home Port	Design	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro Woolley	CHEINZ	31.0	4.0	1.0	7.0	17.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
2	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham, WA	V8	36.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	2.0
3	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens, WA	Fraktal	38.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	1.0	8.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	14.0	1.0
4	Peter Sternberg	18	Redmond, WA	V8	46.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	8.0	13.0	7.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	10.0	11.0
5	Bob Wells	186	Mercer Is, WA	britPOP!	50.0	7.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	2.0	7.0	7.0	6.0
6	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim, WA	britPOP!	51.0	13.0	6.0	10.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	4.0
7	Scott McConnell	21	Lynnwood, WA	Kantun S	91.0	11.0	10.0	4.0	6.0	10.0	9.0	13.0	9.0	9.0	6.0	9.0	8.0	3.0	8.0
8	Ron Blackledge	217	Portland, OR	britPOP!	100.0	5.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	13.0	6.0	8.0	12.0	8.0	13.0	14.0	10.0	5.0	5.0
9	Kurt Wells	7	Seattle, WA	britPOP!	106.0	17.0	17.0	12.0	2.0	6.0	7.0	14.0	8.0	7.0	9.0	15.0	3.0	13.0	10.0
10	David Jensen	68	Bellevue, WA	Pikanto	108.0	8.0	11.0	6.0	11.0	12.0	15.0	9.0	10.0	13.0	8.0	8.0	12.0	6.0	7.0
11	Byron Pimms	47	Seattle, WA	ISIS II	109.0	12.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	3.0	11.0	7.0	12.0	14.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	13.0
12	Scott Thomas	17	Edgewood, WA	MOJO	118.0	9.0	7.0	14.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	11.0	11.0	13.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
13	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX	127.0	10.0	12.0	11.0	17.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	11.0	13.0	8.0	12.0
14	Mike Pearson	82	Port Orchard	V8	139.0	6.0	13.0	13.0	12.0	14.0	12.0	6.0	17.0	15.0	12.0	12.0	14.0	11.0	14.0
15	Scott McKay	25	unkn	Topiko	167.0	17.0	17.0	15.0	13.0	15.0	14.0	15.0	14.0	14.0	15.0	7.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
16	Ron, Hornung	777	Seattle, WA	21 Grams	201.0	14.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0
Roll your own scoring: Mostly Ron Hornung - hosted by Seattle Model Yacht Club																			