

2015 Seattle Cup Regatta #4

Gene Coulon Beach Memorial Park

Lake Washington, Renton. 6/27

Bob Wells Reporting. [Scoring by JW Brower](#).

Another great regatta with sun and a solid NNW-NW wind, and temps were over 90 degrees! How often do we get heat and wind? Saturday was Coulon Park at its lumpy best with mid 1-rig wind and waves often bigger than the wind. With miles of fetch and waves rebounding off our walkway you had to power up, and maintain speed for the long windward legs. It was a speed course more than a tactical course this day.

Starts near the walkway in the confused waves are a kick. During a tack or gybe behind the line sometimes you're on the surging inbound wave and other times you're riding the rebounding wave, and all this is happening just a 10'-15' in front of you. Jerry Brower per usual owned the inside pin start, but I thought it was generally better to sail away from the rebounding waves before tacking to port. Then the problem was you can be stuck on starboard longer than you want.

This was my first time good test with my new/old Kantun S in waves, and it balanced nicely with a wide groove. I set it up per Zvonko's trim guide and mostly stayed off the rudder except for corrections when the wave tossed the bow off course. I was active on the sheets when the bow was jumping to keep the power on. I felt I had a slight edge on our fleet upwind either in pointing or speed depending on who I was next to, and that is a big advantage here.

This was a particularly well run club regatta with Ron Hornung as PRO. Ron didn't get his boat repairs done, so he came to manage the regatta and hang out. We all benefitted. I hope somebody bought him his root beer.

Jerry Brower has also provided the overall scores for [Seattle Cup season points](#). Half way through 2015 three different skippers have a first place finish and the Seattle Cup is up for grabs.

Bob



Bill Wilson beginning his long 1.5 hour trek home to Port Ludlow after sailing and our required visit to the pub. His ride is the 1st generation Porsche Boxster, and he claims all the bits for his Kantun SMX are in the car. What a great day for a little open top ride in a Boxster! Bob Wells photo.