

2015 Caper Regatta & Region 6N Championship (Bowman Bay in WA)

By Bob Wells

Kelly Martin is our new Region 6N Champion with his dominant performance in the expected light wind in Bowman Bay - which happens to be Kelly's favorite venue. Nothing new here to the locals who have witnessed this played out time after time. Another local, Jerry Brower, finished a distant 2nd place with a nice consistent effort that separated him from the fleet. Third through 5th was more contested, with Californian Gary Boell holding on to his position by his fingertips. After the first day Californian Craig Mackey was in solid 2nd place, but unfortunately he couldn't stay for day 2. Bruce Andersen also had to leave after the first day for one of his patients. Fortunately local regular Rich Cushing, who missed the 1st day for a golf tournament, sailed the 2nd day. Life is good for Rich.

I'm used to a steadier and a little stronger westerly when sailing Bowman Bay where the consistent wind is ideal for timing starts and speed/tactics are the determinant, not who plays the wind shifts best. It is amazing how adding 2mph improves a light wind for sailing. But Michael Doherty explained that this year it has tended to be lighter and flukier like this Caper regatta that included some drifter conditions. Fluky makes starting much more difficult. I eventually learned if you linger in the front row at the line you lack the momentum needed to stay at the front. Then if you fall behind at the start it is hard to recover with all the disturbed air. It is so much easier in the front row. Weed was a factor too as expected, and when you see a top guy with scores in the teens it is most likely weed. Eelgrass is the most common variety here and it was not much of an issue in our 'stronger' light wind, but in drifting conditions it is significant. Overall I'll call it manageable weed.

Given all this it makes Kelly's consistent performance even more impressive, and his V8 was higher and faster upwind as well as very fast downwind. Summer sailing in Bowman Bay's is where the old wider designs still perform, and it was nice to see the vintage Michael's Glam Rock (BG one-off) and Julian's V7 (formerly Ian Vicker's turquoise boat) do so well. In fact Julian has a very nice (lightly molested and used) SailsEtc Pikanto for sale on consignment in his shop right now, and there is another one available in the area from J. Warren Brower. Pikantos perform well and are great starter boats at Deception Pass MYC.

This event is always particularly well organized by Julian Lee, and definitely not a bare-bones style regatta. For example the competitors received their own large framed image taken from past sailing events, wives received packets with local information for their sojourns, and Julian even provided a Porta-Potty at shore edge for the sailors to shorten the walk to restrooms. Craig Mackey had his mast snap just below the gooseneck on Saturday morning, and amazingly Julian had the joiner tube for the groovey mast sections, so Craig was quickly good to go as Julian's shop is just a mile away. Who uses the groovey mast besides Craig anymore?

Another good organizer move was to have Barry Fox serve as our PRO (Barry was our 2015 COW and Hood River Nats PRO also). In summary, this was another great Caper Regatta in picturesque Deception Pass Park. Thank you Julian and all.

Photos by Wayne Martin:





Summary of the 2015 Caper Regatta & R6N Championship:

Class: IOM. Date: Sept 12-13, 2015. Location: Bowman Bay, Deception Pass State Park, WA. Hosted by: Deception Pass MYC. Entries: 18. Winds: 3.1mph avg.; 11.9mph max. Races Completed: 26. Scoring System: 2014 HMS. Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants: Julian Lee—Organizer; Barry Fox-PRO; Jean Lee—Race Office; Jack Gibson—Observer & rescue boat; Marc DeJong—Observer; Julian & Jean Lee—Hosts for party; Collie Martin—registration/scorekeeper.

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Pls	Skipper	Sail	Home Port	Design-Designer	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham, WA	V8-I Vickers, Eldred	43.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	1.0
2	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens, WA	Fraktal-G Bantock	93.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	11.0	1.0	13.0	9.0	4.0	2.0	8.0
3	Gary Boell	71	Richmond, CA	CHEINZ-Jeff Byerley	113.0	3.0	7.0	4.0	10.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	6.0	12.0
4	Peter Stevens	54	N Saanich, BC	V9-IanVickers	116.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	3.0	7.0
5	Bob Wells	7	Mercer Is, WA	Kantun S-ZJ&RG	119.0	12.0	1.0	8.0	4.0	7.0	6.0	14.0	6.0	10.0	14.0
6	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim, WA	Fraktal2-G Bantock	128.0	8.0	6.0	10.0	3.0	13.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	11.0	4.0
7	Julian Lee	40	Fidalgo Is, WA	V7-Ian Vickers	145.0	14.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	3.0	7.0	12.0	12.0	4.0	5.0
8	Mike Doherty	142	Anacortes, WA	Glam Rock-B Gibson	153.0	7.0	13.0	11.0	7.0	15.0	4.0	5.0	10.0	8.0	13.0
9	Steve Young	13	Tacoma, WA	britPOP!-BG Astbury	175.0	10.0	10.0	15.0	15.0	10.0	9.0	8.0	14.0	9.0	11.0
10	Ron Blackledge	217	Portland, OR	britPOP!-BG Astbury	177.0	9.0	9.0	5.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	6.0
11	Craig Mackey	29	OceanSide, CA	britPOP!-BG Robot	198.0	6.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	8.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	2.0
12	Kurt Wells	37	Seattle, WA	britPOP!-BG Vinaixa	225.0	11.0	14.0	13.0	13.0	9.0	14.0	6.0	13.0	5.0	15.0
13	Bill Willson	69	Port Ludlow, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	265.0	15.0	19.0	17.0	19.0	14.0	16.0	13.0	9.0	14.0	16.0
14	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	277.0	16.0	12.0	12.0	16.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	17.0	15.0	10.0
15	Craig Rantala	12	Sequim, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	285.0	13.0	15.0	14.0	12.0	17.0	15.0	17.0	16.0	16.0	3.0
16	Bruce Andersen	16	Boise, ID	britPOP!-BG Robot	291.0	2.0	11.0	9.0	9.0	11.0	11.0	15.0	7.0	13.0	9.0
17	Jim McCaa	25	Seattle, WA	Topiko-G Bantock	310.0	17.0	16.0	16.0	14.0	16.0	17.0	16.0	15.0	17.0	17.0
18	Rich Cushing	131	La Conner, WA	Pikanto-G Bantock	314.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0

Pls	Skipper	Sail	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Score
1	Kelly Martin	77	1.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	11.0	8.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	6.0	2.0	43.0
2	Jerry Brower	42	4.0	3.0	10.0	1.0	4.0	11.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	8.0	4.0	3.0	9.0	4.0	7.0	93.0
3	Gary Boell	71	2.0	17.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	16.0	11.0	7.0	4.0	14.0	6.0	2.0	11.0	14.0	113.0
4	Peter Stevens	54	11.0	4.0	8.0	5.0	8.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	10.0	3.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	1.0	116.0
5	Bob Wells	7	16.0	10.0	5.0	2.0	10.0	3.0	6.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	9.0	5.0	2.0	16.0	2.0	3.0	119.0
6	Joe D'Amico	86	7.0	8.0	9.0	7.0	2.0	9.0	4.0	6.0	12.0	8.0	16.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	128.0
7	Julian Lee	40	13.0	13.0	7.0	8.0	14.0	7.0	12.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	7.0	2.0	9.0	7.0	1.0	15.0	145.0
8	Mike Doherty	142	3.0	9.0	6.0	11.0	15.0	16.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	4.0	14.0	11.0	153.0
9	Steve Young	13	12.0	7.0	11.0	13.0	9.0	8.0	10.0	7.0	7.0	9.0	6.0	9.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	175.0
10	Ron Blackledge	217	14.0	14.0	12.0	10.0	3.0	4.0	13.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	13.0	12.0	6.0	7.0	12.0	177.0
11	Craig Mackey	29	6.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	198.0
12	Kurt Wells	37	5.0	6.0	14.0	12.0	11.0	13.0	8.0	9.0	13.0	15.0	11.0	10.0	13.0	12.0	15.0	4.0	225.0
13	Bill Willson	69	10.0	12.0	2.0	14.0	12.0	10.0	9.0	12.0	14.0	11.0	15.0	11.0	10.0	13.0	13.0	19.0	265.0
14	Daryl Ruff	67	15.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	6.0	12.0	14.0	14.0	16.0	14.0	13.0	15.0	15.0	11.0	10.0	8.0	277.0
15	Craig Rantala	12	17.0	5.0	17.0	15.0	13.0	15.0	15.0	10.0	15.0	13.0	12.0	12.0	16.0	15.0	16.0	9.0	285.0
16	Bruce Andersen	16	9.0	11.0	13.0	9.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	291.0
17	Jim McCaa	25	8.0	16.0	16.0	17.0	16.0	14.0	16.0	15.0	10.0	16.0	14.0	16.0	11.0	14.0	8.0	10.0	310.0
18	Rich Cushing	131	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	7.0	6.0	11.0	13.0	9.0	12.0	10.0	7.0	14.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	314.0

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