

In an obvious yet feeble attempt to never again be asked to submit another regatta report, our favorite Oregonian Ron Blackledge provides the following. JWB: Send questions and/or remarks to: [ronblackledge3666@comcast.net](mailto:ronblackledge3666@comcast.net)

**Seattle Cup IOM Regatta # 7. Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Renton, WA. 9/26/2015.**

Ron Blackledge reporting:

I arrived Saturday morning to find inviting sunshine shining beneath some patchy dark clouds. Perfect light for photographers and French painters. The temperature, as it would remain all day, was in the mid 60's. Comfortable and sunny. The wind was light but steady enough to sail a leg without serious shifts. Jerry set up a round about course that would allow for the forecasted wind to start from the west, move to from the northwest, from the north and later in the day from the northeast. In our first heat we sailed a complete counter clockwise course(a circle) around every mark. We always sail a windward leeward course so this seemed kind of weird, and we know what weird means having Jerry Brower in our fleet who is the standard by which all others are measured. There were 12 skippers and we were racing by 10:30. We finished slightly after 2:15. The second to last heat took almost a half hour when the wind disappeared. Several other heats were time consuming resulting in a total of only eleven heats completed. We followed this with some libations and burgers at the Red Robin.

It appeared everyone had a good time although Scott had to retire early due to equipment problems. As expected the Pacific Northwest's finest, Kelly Martin, ruled the event. He finally has his V8 dialed in. (Two weekends ago he soundly beat the two top ranked skippers in the country at Bowman's Bay.) Congratulations. Jerry was a solid second followed by Steve Young and Joe D'Amico separated by a point fighting it out for the podium. On a positive note the next five places were separated by only ten points proving the depth chart is getting better all the time.....

Is this boring you? This report is about exciting as stuffing a cardboard box up your..... So much for the typical dry regatta report we seldom read, or want to read. Each of you looks for your name and where you finished. That's all. I would like to offer several observations from the far side of the dock that will better color a picture of our great day of sailing Saturday and maybe hold your interest.

Every regatta at Coulon, and every other sailing event we attend, finds us repeating the same old complaints. The wind is too flukey or light. It's too gusty. We might get some rain. Chop is ridiculous. Everyone barges. My jib sheet keeps getting stuck. His boat is faster than mine in these conditions. Could you hold the start for a minute. And on and on and on. Please take a deep breath and enjoy what we have gentlemen. As my favorite lady Roseanne Roseanna Anna Danna once said:



However one thing did not repeat itself. Joe D'Amico did not forget a mark or miss the finish line for the first time ever. He also got the lap count correct each heat. Joe explained advice from his famous friends that frequent Sequim helped him "focus on being focused" Saturday. Here is some of the advice he was given on finishing.

"I invented the finish line." Al Gore.

"It was a fresh line, a strong line, a clean line." Ernest Hemingway.

"I deleted the line.", Hillary Clinton.

"I changed the line." Kaitlyn Jenner,

"Did the line move or was it the lake." Albert Einstein.

"No one called to warn me where the line was. No insider information whatsoever here." Martha Stewart.

"I did not have line with that women." Bill Clinton.

Our fleet has some of the smartest skippers. We have doctors, architects, software designers; etc. Did you know Daryl Ruff, the namesake of the "Ruff Zone....a small pocket on the course where there is no air hence no pressure and is inescapable", studied Nuclear Physics at UW.

Despite all our smart guys I hear some dumb statements. And in memory of the beloved Yogi Berra here are my favorite statements from the guys Saturday:

"All the custom built IOMs are exports so most of them come from overseas."

"If you lose races you can't win." And,

"The wind is beyond the weather." What the heck does that mean??

I have noticed attendance is down this year. We thought for sure we would reach 20 boats at the start. We are averaging less and Saturday saw only 12. We talked about this and concluded it is nothing to worry about but we should always be on the lookout for new skippers. Good news is we added three new names this year. Bad news is there have been extended vacations, busy work schedules, health and family issues. For example Kelly Martin and Drew Austin have not been joining us as often. Not due to lack of interest however. A daughter's wedding, a move, and home/shop remodeling has detained them. It has forced them to stretch their pocketbooks and search for part time jobs. They missed the prior regatta to audition for some night time work. They were nice enough to show us the audition tape under their stage names Adrian and Barney. It looks promising.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qflfp736qoo>

I heard a beer fall out of my refrigerator so it is time for me to go. But first I need to mention we had quite a controversy Saturday. Jerry Brower sailing on port recklessly t-boned the quiet and reserved Byron Pimms on starboard tack. The contact caused a gash. Byron said nothing but was very agitated throughout and after the final heat had the misfortune of finding a cop writing a ticket in the parking lot to make the day worse. Byron went up to him and said, "Come on man, how about giving me a break?". The cop ignored him and continued writing the ticket for late registration. Byron, still agitated about Jerry damaging his boat, surprised everyone and called the cop an idiot. The cop glared at Byron and wrote him another ticket for worn out tires. Then Byron called him an A\*\* hole. The cop finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield next to the first. And he wrote more tickets. This went on for about ten minutes. The more Byron verbally abused the cop, the more tickets. Finally the cop drove off. Then Byron step away from the black Toyota Prius, walked several spaces down to his car, loaded his boat, and drove away to the Red Robin with a smile. Thank you all for a wonderful Saturday and for those of you not in the know, Jerry drives a black Toyota Prius.

## 2015 Seattle MYC IOM Regatta #7 - Coulon Park, Renton, 9/26.

Pls	Skipper	Sail	Home Port	Design-Designer	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham, WA	V8-I Vickers, Eldred	12.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
2	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens, WA	Fraktal-G Bantock	22.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	9.0	7.0	4.0	11.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0
3	Steve Young	13	Tacoma, WA	britPOPI-BG Astbury	34.0	5.0	2.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	3.0	10.0	3.0	5.0
4	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim, WA	Fraktal2-G Bantock	35.0	8.0	8.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	13.0	4.0	4.0	6.0
5	Kurt Wells	37	Seattle, WA	britPOPI-BG Vinaixa	47.0	4.0	9.0	8.0	5.0	8.0	7.0	3.0	4.0	9.0	5.0	3.0
6	Byron Pimms	47	Seattle, WA	ISIS II-Barry Chisam	52.0	10.0	7.0	10.0	4.0	9.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	4.0
7	Ron Blackledge	208	Portland, OR	Fraktal-G Bantock	54.0	1.0	11.0	9.0	3.0	6.0	6.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	8.0
8	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	55.0	12.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	5.0	9.0	6.0	7.0	3.0	7.0	10.0
9	Bill Langjahr	88	Anacortes, WA	CHEINZ-Jeff Byerley	57.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	11.0	2.0	11.0	7.0	9.0	6.0	10.0	7.0
10	Rick Martin	34	Madison, WI	Italiko-G Bantock	64.0	11.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	13.0	8.0	8.0	5.0	8.0	9.0	9.0
11	Rick Shattock	94	Milton, WA	Pikanto-GB, DeJong	94.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	13.0	11.0	11.0	13.0
12	Scott Thomas	17	Edgewood, WA	MOJO-Jeff Byerley	106.0	7.0	12.0	12.0	10.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0

Roll your own scoring - Hosted by Seattle MYC. Kantun designed by Robert Grubiša and Zvonko Jelačić.

## 2015 Seattle Cup Season Points

		With 7 of 8 regattas complete																rev 9/27/2015				
		3/14		4/18		5/2		6/27		7/25		8/15		9/26		10/17		pls	With 2 pt throw-outs		Pts	
Skipper	Points	SC 1		SC 2		SC 3		SC 4		SC 5		SC 6		SC 7		SC 8		T/B				
		pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls					
1	Jerry Brower	94	9	6	14	3	18	2	13	2	15	1	14	1	11	2			1	Jerry Brower	74	
2	Bob Wells	82	14	1	12	5	15	5	14	1	14	2	13	2					2	Bob Wells	70	
3	Joe D'Amico	81	13	2	11	6	17	3	11	4	11	5	9	6	9	4			3	Joe D'Amico	63	
4	Ron Blackledge	60	7	8	9	8	14	6	10	5	6	10	8	7	6	7			4	Kelly Martin	59	
5	Kelly Martin	59			15	2	19	1			13	3			12	1			5	Larry Stiles	50	
6	Kurt Wells	58	3	12	8	9	8	12	9	6	10	6	12	3	8	5			6	Ron Blackledge	48	
7	Larry Stiles	50	10	5	16	1			12	3	12	4							7	Kurt Wells	47	
8	Steve Young	46	12	3			13	7					11	4	10	3			8	Steve Young	46	
9	Bill Langjahr	45	8	7			11	9	8	7	8	8	6	9	4	9			9	Peter Sternberg	43	
10	Peter Sternberg	43	11	4	13	4	12	8			7	9							10	Bill Langjahr	41	
11	Daryl Ruff	39	4	11	4	13	9	11	5	10	5	11	7	8	5	8			11	Scott McConnell	35	
12	Byron Pimms	37			6	11	5	15	6	9	3	13	10	5	7	6			12	Byron Pimms	34	
13	Scott McConnell	35			10	7	16	4			9	7							13	Ron, Hornung	32	
14	Ron, Hornung	32	2	13	1	16	3	17	13	2			13	2				2	14	Daryl Ruff	31	
15	David Jensen	32	5	10	7	10	10	10	2	13	4	12	4	11				10	15	David Jensen	30	
16	Scott Thomas	30	6	9	5	12	4	16	7	8	1	15	5	10	2	12			16	Scott Thomas	27	
17	Mike Pearson	12	1	14	3	14	7	13					1	13					17	Mike Pearson	12	
18	Jim McCaa	9			2	15			4	11			3	12					18	Jim McCaa	9	
19	Drew Austin	6					6	14											19	Drew Austin	6	
20	Craig Rantala	5					2	18	1	14	2	14							20	Craig Rantala	5	
21	Rick Martin	3													3	10			10	21	Rick Martin	3
22	Rick Shattock	3											1	14	2	11			11	22	Rick Shattock	3
23	Bill Wilson	3							3	12									12	23	Bill Wilson	3
24	Ryan Ruff	1					1	19											24	24	Ryan Ruff	1