

## 2015 Seattle MYC #8 (on Lake Washington at Coulon Park)

By Bob Wells

This was our last scheduled Coulon regatta for 2015, and we had a nice turnout to enjoy mellow racing in light to drifting conditions. Windfinder.com mostly got it right; the wind was light out of the south for most of the regatta, then the last few races we were in a slightly stronger NW wind. The 70% chance of rain at 11:00AM became a gray drizzle that lasted a few minutes, and much of the time we were in unseasonably warm sun. My car thermometer read 70 degrees as I left for our pub. What a crazy warm year.

Unfortunately dependable Joe Damico called in sick so regatta management went to Plan B, and I dusted off my 1980's inflatable and hodgepodge of lobster pot buoys. It takes a little longer to row instead of using power, but it works. Joe, everybody appreciates your bigger buoys, and your boat – especially me. Get well.

Kelly Martin once again demonstrated his light air prowess as he sailed away from the fleet often with break-aways. Jerry Brower sailed his beautiful orange V9 for the 2nd time on Lake Washington with many nice finishes too, though I thought he was a little off Kelly's pace. Now that I see the scores they actually tied on points, and Kelly won on the count back with 5 wins to 3 for Jerry. That was a nice battle, and Jerry will have to console himself with the knowledge he is our 2015 Seattle Cup Champion.

With the lighter wind we ran shorter courses with two laps, and with 15 boats we were seriously congested at marks. Being at the front of the fleet was where you wanted to be of course, but when the wind died it was stressful there too. Too many of the finishes were drifting nail-biters as you wondered if you could maintain your slight momentum on the glassy water. Lose momentum and you lose a lot of places as the fleet finished in bunches, as is our want lately. Notice how tight the scores are from 5th – 10th for example. Weed is always present on Lake Washington, and it became more a factor in the afternoon with the wind change as it often does. Everybody was tagged a few times and got big scores as a result, although Kelly and Jerry seemed to be less affected than the rest of us.

Our boisterous post-race pub gathering had a nice turnout and we all agreed it was a great year. In anticipation I've started on the 2016 schedule already, which will be similar to this year. Our club regatta program is staying essentially the same in 2016.

## 2015 Seattle MYC IOM Regatta #8 - Coulon Park, Renton, 10/17.

Pts	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	14.0	1.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	6.0
2	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens, WA	V9-Ian Vickers	14.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0
3	Bob Wells	7	Mercer Is, WA	Kantun S-ZJ&RG	27.0	8.0	2.0	2.0	9.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	12.0	1.0
4	Kurt Wells	37	Seattle, WA	britPOP!-BG Vinaixa	44.0	13.0	6.0	4.0	2.0	9.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	11.0	3.0
5	Drew Austin	90	Sequim, WA	Wugga/Ska-BG	49.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	4.0	7.0	12.0	12.0	3.0	16.0	7.0
6	Ron Blackledge	217	Portland, OR	britPOP!-BG Astbury	51.0	7.0	12.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	9.0	10.0
7	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro Woolley	CHEINZ-Jeff Byerley	51.0	9.0	3.0	14.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	10.0	4.0
8	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	53.0	4.0	13.0	6.0	13.0	8.0	9.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	9.0
9	Byron Pimms	47	Seattle, WA	ISIS II-Barry Chisam	55.0	3.0	10.0	11.0	6.0	5.0	3.0	11.0	11.0	6.0	16.0
10	Mike Pearson	82	Port Orchard	V8- I Vickers, Eldred	57.0	6.0	9.0	8.0	14.0	13.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	4.0	5.0
11	David Jensen	68	Bellevue, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	63.0	16.0	7.0	13.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	6.0	4.0	3.0	12.0
12	Jim McCaa	25	Seattle, WA	Topiko-G Bantock	72.0	10.0	8.0	12.0	10.0	14.0	13.0	4.0	13.0	7.0	8.0
13	Scott Thomas	17	Edgewood, WA	MOJO-Jeff Byerley	93.0	11.0	14.0	9.0	12.0	11.0	11.0	13.0	14.0	13.0	13.0
14	Dennis Pittis	57	Clinton, WA	Goth-Frank Russell	94.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	7.0	12.0	14.0	14.0	12.0	8.0	11.0
15	Ron, Hornung	777	Seattle, WA	21 Grams-Own	109.0	12.0	11.0	10.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	15.0	16.0	16.0

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

## 2015 Seattle Cup Series Championship

Scorekeeper Jerry Brower keeps us current on the Seattle Cup points that are attached below. He has been recording our regatta scores and season points since our EC-12 period beginning the late 80's, and Jerry was Seattle Cup Champion regularly with EC-12s. This year he finally becomes our IOM Seattle Cup Champion for his first time. Jerry has always been one of our top local IOM skippers, and this year he raced in all our regattas for his first time. In the past he missed a few local regattas to travel to out-of-state ranking regattas with the goal of qualifying for Worlds, which he accomplished regularly. Jerry won this years championship easily over Bob Wells, who likewise distanced himself from the fleet to finish in second place.

Four different skippers won a SMYC regatta including; Kelly Martin (3), Brower (2), Wells (2), and Larry Stiles won his first Seattle MYC regatta in April. Ron Blackledge was the other skipper to race in all our

regattas, and he traveled the farthest so somebody please buy him a beer. Kurt Wells moved up from 8th last year to 5th this year, a sizeable jump because the closer to the top the harder it is to move up. Next year Kurt will have the extra burden of “expectations”, and a pack of boats that will likely be harder to separate from.

Overall our fleet performance and consistency keeps getting incrementally better with our increased experience and kit improvements. We’ve had a lot of new or used IOMs purchased in the last few years, and our fleet is very current now with the new skinny designs popularized by the Britpop. I did a brief informal survey of our fleet plans for new boats/gear for 2016, and most of us are improving what we have. David Jensen is our outlier with a Vickers V9 on order and he is designing/building his own IOM, so we can look forward to seeing David’s new boats. See you next year.

2015 Seattle Cup Season Points		With all 8 regattas complete																rev 10/19/2015				
		3/14		4/18		5/23		6/27		7/25		8/15		9/26		10/17		pls		pls		
Skipper	Points	SC 1		SC 2		SC 3		SC 4		SC 5		SC 6		SC 7		SC 8		T/B	With 2 pt throw-outs	Pts	T/B	
		pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls	pts	pls					
1	Jerry Brower	108	9	6	14	3	18	2	13	2	15	1	14	1	11	2	14	2	1	Jerry Brower	88	
2	Bob Wells	95	14	1	12	5	15	5	14	1	14	2	13	2			13	3	2	Bob Wells	83	
3	Joe D'Amico	81	13	2	11	6	17	3	11	4	11	5	9	6	9	4			3	Kelly Martin	74	
4	Kelly Martin	74			15	2	19	1			13	3			12	1	15	1	4	Joe D'Amico	72	
5	Kurt Wells	70	3	12	8	9	8	12	9	6	10	6	12	3	8	5	12	4	3	Larry Stiles	59	1
6	Ron Blackledge	70	7	8	9	8	14	6	10	5	6	10	8	7	6	7	10	6	5	Kurt Wells	59	3
7	Larry Stiles	59	10	5	16	1			12	3	12	4					9	7		Ron Blackledge	58	
8	Daryl Ruff	47	4	11	4	13	9	11	5	10	5	11	7	8	5	8	8	8	8	Steve Young	46	
9	Steve Young	46	12	3			13	7					11	4	10	3			9	Bill Langjahr	45	
10	Bill Langjahr	45	8	7			11	9	8	7	8	8	6	9	4	9			10	Peter Sternberg	43	
11	Byron Pimms	44			6	11	5	15	6	9	3	13	10	5	7	6	7	9	11	Byron Pimms	41	
12	Peter Sternberg	43	11	4	13	4	12	8			7	9							12	Daryl Ruff	39	
13	David Jensen	37	5	10	7	10	10	10	2	13	4	12	4	11			5	11	13	Scott McConnell	35	4
14	Scott McConnell	35			10	7	16	4			9	7							14	David Jensen	35	10
15	Scott Thomas	33	6	9	5	12	4	16	7	8	1	15	5	10	2	12	3	13	15	Ron, Hornung	33	
16	Ron, Hornung	33	2	13	1	16	3	17	13	2			13	2			1	15	16	Scott Thomas	31	
17	Mike Pearson	18	1	14	3	14	7	13					1	13			6	10	17	Mike Pearson	18	
18	Drew Austin	17					6	14									11	5	18	Drew Austin	17	
19	Jim McCaa	13			2	15			4	11			3	12			4	12	19	Jim McCaa	13	
20	Craig Rantala	5					2	18	1	14	2	14							20	Craig Rantala	5	
21	Rick Martin	3													3	10			10	Rick Martin	3	10
22	Rick Shattock	3											1	14	2	11			11	Rick Shattock	3	11
23	Bill Wilson	3							3	12									12	Bill Wilson	3	12
24	Dennis Pittis	2															2	14	24	Dennis Pittis	2	
25	Ryan Ruff	1					1	19											25	Ryan Ruff	1	

One point for each boat you beat plus 1 point for starting a race in the regatta. PRO all day gets 2nd Pls Pts.