



Despite record rainfall so far this year, we got unseasonably warm and sunny weather. Bob Wells photo.

Gig Harbor MYC Regatta #1 (March 5, 2016)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

A nice turnout of 16 skippers had plenty of enthusiasm for our first regatta of the year, and our first time to walk on the new docks on Surprise Lake. The old docks were shut down for rebuilding well over a year ago, and the new dock is pretty nice. My verdict on the new dock for sailing: it is noticeably smaller and closer to shore so for those reasons it is not as good as the old docks for radio sailing. It is still the same good vibe being “surprised” by the wind here, but the course does shrink. Not only does being closer to shore restrict us, but also we have to avoid the abandoned pilings to the south. With the old dock placement we just sailed outboard and south of the pilings so they weren’t a factor. Jerry Brower might not be so generous in his assessment of the new “crowded” dock itself:

- First his 4-wheel loaded gear cart almost rolled into the water when the floating dock tipped slightly with all the skippers on one side. Larry Stiles was the hero by grabbing it with no time to spare at waters edge.
- Later Larry Stiles became the goat when he accidentally knocked Jerry’s empty aluminum cradle into the water. Bill Wilson was the hero on this recovery, as he just happened to have a pole that extended to 17’ with a hook on it. What are the odds somebody has that tool in their car when you need it?

The sailing was classic Surprise Lake light air with holes and shifts, so this is still the same fun venue that keeps you on your toes. The shortened course puts more of a premium on good starts and tactics versus legging out over a long weather leg to the SW from the leeward mark. I always felt mellow sailing on the flat water here with long course legs, and it is going to be consistently more exciting on this tighter course full of boats. Last year’s fleet champ, Jerry Brower, showed no rust, as he was easily the best sailor this day. I’ll give a shout-out to Larry Stiles in 3rd for his sailing consistency, as it was hard to avoid some bad races on this congested course. Do you think sailing all winter at Deception Pass MYC gave him an edge?

Joe Damico did more than a few good things at this regatta. He didn’t complain with his usual vehemence when called OCS (by an inch or so). I saw him make some exoneration turns immediately with no whining. Over the winter Joe Damico determined the 30-year old buoys built by Tom Jordin could not be saved – plastic does harden and crack with age. So he built 6 new ones, and his costs were reimbursed by a \$20 each donation – simple bookkeeping. Next Joe will upgrade our on-site tippy metal boat with a new/old Livingston dinghy. Finally he picked Dave’s Restaurant as our new close-in lunch spot, and it turned out to be a good one. Thanks Joe.

Usually somebody shows us their new boat after a winter layoff, but not this time. There are some new ones we can look forward to this year though. Stay tuned...



Uh oh, everybody is on port nearing the weather mark. Bob Wells photo.

2016 Gig Harbor Model Yacht Club Regatta #1 - Surprise Lake March 5th.

Pls	Skipper	Sail	Home Port	Design-Designer	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens, WA	V9-Ian Vickers	32.0	3.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	6.0
2	Ron Blackledge	217	Portland, OR	britPOP!-BG Astbury	40.0	1.0	13.0	4.0	6.0	1.0	9.0	2.0	1.0	11.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	1.0
3	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro Woolley	CHEINZ-Jeff Byerley	48.0	6.0	4.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	3.0	9.0	4.0	10.0	8.0
4	Kurt Wells	37	Seattle, WA	britPOP!-BG Vinaixa	62.0	2.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	2.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	2.0	5.0	2.0
5	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim, WA	britPOP!-BG Astbury	63.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	10.0	4.0	8.0	9.0	1.0	3.0	11.0	5.0	5.0	8.0	7.0
6	Drew Austin	90	Sequim, WA	Wugga/Ska-BG	68.0	8.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	7.0	11.0	11.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	13.0	12.0	5.0
7	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	87.0	10.0	9.0	5.0	7.0	9.0	2.0	12.0	5.0	9.0	11.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	2.0	4.0
8	Bill Willson	69	Port Ludlow, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	100.0	13.0	14.0	10.0	11.0	4.0	8.0	1.0	13.0	12.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	4.0	3.0
9	Dennis Pittis	57	Clinton, WA	GothXP-F Russell	103.0	11.0	8.0	9.0	8.0	5.0	3.0	13.0	14.0	7.0	9.0	7.0	4.0	12.0	7.0	13.0
10	Byron Pimms	47	Seattle, WA	ISIS II-Barry Chisam	107.0	9.0	5.0	14.0	2.0	12.0	7.0	3.0	10.0	15.0	10.0	12.0	12.0	9.0	6.0	10.0
11	Jim McCaa	25	Seattle, WA	Topiko-G Bantock	112.0	7.0	11.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	12.0	6.0	12.0	4.0	8.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	11.0	11.0
12	David Jensen	68	Bellevue, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	115.0	4.0	12.0	7.0	9.0	8.0	10.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	12.0	13.0	17.0	7.0	15.0	9.0
13	Scott Thomas	17	Edgewood, WA	MOJO-Jeff Byerley	163.0	14.0	10.0	13.0	13.0	14.0	14.0	16.0	13.0	13.0	10.0	13.0	11.0	14.0	12.0	12.0
14	Rick Shattock	94	Milton, WA	Pikanto-GB, DeJong	168.0	12.0	7.0	15.0	16.0	16.0	17.0	17.0	11.0	10.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	9.0	16.0
15	Ryan Ruff	167	Fife, WA	Goth-Frank Russell	177.0	16.0	15.0	11.0	15.0	15.0	13.0	10.0	15.0	14.0	17.0	17.0	11.0	15.0	13.0	14.0
16	Ron, Hornung	777	Seattle, WA	21 Grams-Own	190.0	15.0	16.0	16.0	14.0	14.0	15.0	17.0	8.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	16.0	15.0

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Reminder: Seattle MYC opens their season next Saturday at Coulon Park. See you there I hope...