



Larry Stiles blasting his Cheinz through the chop on his way to 3rd place. He had the most first place finishes in the fleet with 5 out of 16. Ron Hornung photo.

## Seattle MYC Regatta #1 – IOM Class (March 12, 2016 @ Coulon Park)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

This begins our 6th year with an IOM Fleet, and we enjoyed another nice turnout of 14 skippers for our first regatta of this year. This despite the rainy weather prediction, and happily it was much less moisture than predicted. We were rewarded with a strong wind for Seattle; our most sustained squally weather ever that happened to coincide with a club regatta day. After the first two races in big rigs, there was no perfectly rig choice throughout any race with this unusually unstable wind velocity. All day significant wind shifts were also the norm, keeping us on our toes. It used to be the SSW winds were our stable wind, but I guess the new 12-story hotel under construction is having more effect than we realized. Damn.

On balance I think it was mostly a 2-rig day, and that's what most of us used. Jerry Brower (again) was the outlier staying with his big rig all day. In the lulls he had the edge. Then when the squalls came he floundered – badly at times. Jerry did suffer a jib leach chunk ripping out for his trouble – but he continued on to finish the last few races with his jib loudly snapping. The clatter from his Mylar jib reminded me of cards slapping bike spokes when we were kids. Our fleet needed this work with B-rigs to sort many issues, not the least is quicker rig changes (you could practice this at home – note to self). Lets hope we have more opportunities soon.

Joe Damico was top dog keeping his Britpop moving well all day, whether in his 1 or 2-rig. Generally he stayed out of trouble too. The 2nd and 3rd placed finishers both had more wins, but Joe's consistency allows this relatively easy win. Jerry Brower hung on for 2nd place by one point over Larry Stiles. If Larry doesn't miss race #13 to change up to 1-rig, 2nd place was his easily – bad move. If only we could predict the wind...

SMYC Treasurer, Jerry Brower, announced no dues for 2016! Somebody buy him a beer or three.

### 2016 Seattle Cup #1 - Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. Renton, WA. March 12

Pls	Skipper	Sail	Home Port	Design-Designer	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim, WA	britPOP!-BG Astbury	36.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	9.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	7.0	1.0	4.0
2	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens, WA	Fraktal-G Bantock	52.0	2.0	4.0	7.0	7.0	4.0	6.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	1.0	9.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	6.0
3	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro Woolley	CHEINZ-Jeff Byerley	53.0	9.0	7.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	11.0	15.0	11.0	6.0	9.0	2.0
4	Kurt Wells	37	Seattle, WA	britPOP!-BG Vinaixa	58.0	5.0	8.0	15.0	15.0	2.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	8.0	9.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	1.0
5	Peter Sternberg	18	Redmond, WA	britPOP!-BG Astbury	65.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	15.0	9.0	2.0	5.0	9.0	5.0	7.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	6.0	9.0	4.0	15.0
6	Bill Langjahr	88	Anacortes, WA	CHEINZ-Jeff Byerley	71.0	10.0	12.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	8.0	10.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	8.0	3.0	2.0	7.0
7	David Jensen	68	Bellevue, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	76.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	2.0	1.0	7.0	4.0	5.0	11.0	8.0	10.0	15.0	11.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	8.0
8	Ron Blackledge	217	Portland, OR	britPOP!-BG Astbury	85.0	8.0	2.0	8.0	15.0	11.0	10.0	9.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	11.0	5.0	9.0
9	Bob Wells	7	Mercer Is, WA	Kantun S-ZJ&RG	90.0	3.0	3.0	15.0	15.0	5.0	8.0	12.0	7.0	6.0	10.0	6.0	6.0	10.0	12.0	5.0	6.0	3.0
10	Scott Thomas	17	Edgewood, WA	MOJO-Jeff Byerley	110.0	15.0	11.0	3.0	5.0	8.0	9.0	11.0	11.0	7.0	5.0	11.0	9.0	4.0	9.0	8.0	11.0	10.0
11	Drew Austin	90	Sequim, WA	Wugga/Ska-BG	115.0	15.0	9.0	5.0	4.0	10.0	11.0	10.0	8.0	10.0	11.0	9.0	10.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	10.0	5.0
12	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX-ZJ&RG	148.0	7.0	10.0	9.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	7.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	12.0	15.0	15.0
13	Ron, Hornung	777	Seattle, WA	21 Grams-Own	202.0	12.0	13.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	12.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
14	Ryan Ruff	167	Fife, WA	Goth-Frank Russell	206.0	11.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0

UnOfficial Invigilator: Ron Hornung - hosted by Seattle Model Yacht Club. Kantun designed by Robert Grubiša and Zvonko Jelačić.

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**Eric Clapton / Unplugged is a great album. Ron Blackledge trolling with his drain hole unplugged is not going to catch anything but derision. Ron Hornung photo.**



**Peter Sternberg and his V8 wiggle the rudder to no avail. Those that carried the big rigs often looked good early on, only to plunk their bow in a gust and have the 2-rig boats catch up and often pass. Ron Hornung photo.**