



The first few races were run in flat water like this, but for most of the regatta we had big waves/chop. Photo by Tracey E. Hansow.

Seattle MYC Regatta #4 – IOM Fleet (June 26th @ Coulon Park)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

Summer is finally officially here and we sailed in sun and mild temps. The night before the regatta the forecast improved to a nice southerly with a low chance of rain. In the morning the forecast flipped for the regatta to N and later NW wind in the mid 1-rig range with no rain, and that held. After a nice solid wind for pre-race practice, we had some light wind stretches early. In the end it was another great day of sailing at Coulon Park. Post sailing most of us lunched on Mexican food at Torreros, and we will return there after the next races by popular demand.

Jerry again called the wind direction correctly when he placed an array of three buoys for weather and offset marks to accommodate wind shifts, and we used them all. We have more buoys now and he also placed separate finish and start lines, which allows longer windward legs at the start and finish. In the afternoon the wind went more westerly and the buoys weren't adjusted. This left the start line port biased and going to weather was mostly on port. Sailing to weather on port was bouncy, but it was the much longer hypotenuse to the waves so it was the fast tack by far. On the long weather legs staying away from the dock was faster too, and choosing the best time to tack away from the dock provided gains. Making good tacks in the deep chop provided gains too, as you want to avoid smooth non-aggressive tacks (wallowing in irons is painfully slow, don't ask... and don't look at my last three race scores). Port starts at the favored west end were all but impossible, but the best starters were on the line at this far pin, and tacked on port at the gun. I was impressed with how quickly the fleet figured this out. A few years ago this would have taken longer, so it speaks to our collective improvement. The problem here is we are all improving, so it doesn't feel like you are personally.

Once again Kelly was Kelly, as he ran away with another regatta. In the past I felt he didn't point well with his V8 when the wind was up, well that is the past. Now he is higher and faster with the best of us in the stronger winds and chop. Couple that with a good start almost every race and downwind speed, and he is formidable. Upwind Kelly sailed with less jib twist than most of us and his main was dropped off centerline. In the front where Kelly resides it is easy to look good if you can get there. Back in the congested pack is the most challenging sailing in our club, and where most of us play.

Our newest member, Dick Dyer, volunteered to call the line and record the scores, and he picked a great day to join us. If your boat isn't ready to sail, this is the next best option to join us. He also brought his recently received new MX-16 hull for some advice on the 1/2" crack under the post on the hull bottom. It appears to be in the paint and non-structural. Otherwise a nice looking boat build by Thai Safepack.

2016 Seattle Cup #4 - Gene Coulon Beach Park. Renton, WA. June 25

	Skipper	Sail	Home Port	Boat	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham	V8	14.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	8.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	2.0
2	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro Woolley	britPOP	28.0	7.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	2.0	9.0	2.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.0
3	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens	britPOP	32.0	2.0	8.0	11.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	14.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	1.0
4	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim	Kantun SMX	60.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	14.0	4.0	16.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	18.0	10.0	3.0
5	Bob Wells	7	Mercer Is	Kantun S	60.0	12.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	12.0	14.0	18.0
6	S. McConnell	21	Lynnwood	Kantun S	61.0	18.0	18.0	4.0	6.0	15.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	7.0	6.0
7	Drew Austin	90	Sequim, WA	Wugga/Ska	72.0	4.0	4.0	14.0	12.0	7.0	6.0	12.0	10.0	11.0	5.0	8.0	5.0
8	Bill Willson	69	Port Ludlow	Kantun SMX	83.0	3.0	12.0	8.0	8.0	14.0	4.0	13.0	11.0	7.0	10.0	11.0	9.0
9	Dennis Pittis	57	Clinton, WA	Alternative	83.0	13.0	5.0	3.0	9.0	6.0	14.0	7.0	12.0	9.0	11.0	18.0	8.0
10	Bill Langjahr	88	Anacortes, WA	CHEINZ	83.0	6.0	9.0	7.0	3.0	11.0	12.0	6.0	14.0	12.0	6.0	12.0	11.0
11	David Jensen	68	Bellevue, WA	Kantun SMX	83.0	8.0	6.0	10.0	10.0	12.0	10.0	15.0	7.0	13.0	7.0	6.0	7.0
12	Kurt Wells	37	Seattle, WA	britPOP	91.0	9.0	1.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	15.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	8.0	5.0	10.0
13	Mike Hansow	100	Auburn, WA	Cockatoo	111.0	15.0	15.0	17.0	17.0	9.0	13.0	10.0	15.0	8.0	9.0	3.0	14.0
14	Byron Pimms	47	Seattle, WA	ISIS II	114.0	10.0	11.0	16.0	13.0	17.0	8.0	17.0	8.0	14.0	13.0	9.0	12.0
15	Ron Blackledge	217	Portland, OR	britPOP	123.0	14.0	13.0	13.0	11.0	10.0	3.0	5.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0
16	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX	132.0	16.0	14.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	18.0	11.0	13.0	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0
17	Jim McCaa	25	Seattle, WA	Topiko	135.0	11.0	16.0	12.0	16.0	13.0	11.0	16.0	16.0	18.0	14.0	13.0	13.0

Official Invigilator: PRO, Line Judge, and Scoring is Dick Dyer (2nd PI Pts)

GHMYC Regatta #5 Post-Race Announcement: Red Robin has served us well for our post race gatherings, but variety is good. After our regatta we will switch to this popular Mexican restaurant (E of Red Robin two intersections):

Torreros Landing

920 N. 10th Street, Suite R (NW corner of 10th and Park Ave. N)
Renton, WA 98057
425-228-6180.



This is Bill Wilson's ride - best at this regatta and with top down all the way home. He hit a bear (!) a few months ago, and just got it back from major repairs. The pesky bear left the scene, and the police are still looking for him, as clearly bears are the burdened "vessel" on a wooded road. Fortunately we respect our club sailing rules better than that bear. Photo by Bob Wells

An advertisement for the 2016 IOM Nationals. The background is a photograph of a sailboat with white sails on dark water. The sails have the numbers '43' and '71' on them. In the bottom left corner, there is a white circle containing a black vertical bar. Text is overlaid on the bottom left and right of the image.

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Host: San Diego Argonauts

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2016 USA Nationals has just been reset. Here's the ad sent to Model Yachting this week, and more to follow on IOMUSA.org.