



No this is not our sailing at Coulon Park, we were too busy racing to grab a camera. This is a just posted image of UK IOM Nats in West Kirby on the Irish Sea by Stan Wallace, where BG is leading after 10 races. It was the same weekend though; with similar cloudy sky, and we apparently had stronger wind! Would not have expect Coulon to have the stronger winds...

## **Seattle MYC Regatta #6 – IOM Fleet** (August ~~25~~<sup>27</sup>, 2016 @ Coulon Park)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

This has been a long hot August dry stretch in Seattle, but for this regatta the onshore flow came in overnight and brought some relief in the form of morning clouds and much cooler weather. The forecast was for strong S – SW winds at 12 knots with gusts in high teens, and building.... Usually we don't get the stronger winds even when forecasted, but damned if we didn't have 2-rig conditions with whitecaps for the last three races to finish the regatta. Unfortunately this is August and that means weed is out drifting in the lake, and fortunately our early morning southerly moved most of it away from our venue. Unfortunately the southerly always clocks more westerly and this brings weed into our venue, and in the end the weed forced us to quit a little early. Sailing was excellent except weed was a factor the whole regatta, and just gradually grew to utterly unacceptable.

Jerry Brower once again set an array of weather marks for us and PRO Kelly Martin fine-tuned the marks as needed. Kelly intended to sail, but his RMG fried itself when he turned it on so his Plan B was to join us as PRO. Kelly just passed his injured RMG to Larry Stiles for the repair, and where would be without Larry fixing our winches? The pre-race tune-up was in blustery, choppy, top 1-rig conditions even stronger than our previous regatta – excellent sailing. It moderated a bit for our first races, where Jerry and his Britpop were the hot ticket for about four races.

By coincidence (I think) the attrition level was our highest ever, as a lot of guys had boat gremlins beyond Kelly's RMG short. First Jerry's winch line "untied" (his words), and Jerry's Plan C was to go home and fix it on the bench. Initially Jerry's Plan B was fix it on the dock, but while working on his boat a racing Larry Stiles tripped over him – so Plan C became the preferred option. (Larry is OK as a surprised visitor caught him instead of the deck.) Peter Sternberg brought his Arrival out of retirement, but something led him to invoke his Plan B - head home early after a only two races? Mike Hansow is in his first year sailing, and he too had boat issues missing the last few races, but his Plan B involved hanging with us and joining us for the post regatta dinner. I don't think Mike has missed a race until this regatta. Our newest skipper, Dick Dyer, sailed his sweet new MX-14 for the first time, and he had a reasonable first sail in challenging conditions. I'll call it a successful first dip even though rig construction issues forced an early retirement. I'm not sure why others sat out the last few races?

The rest of us stuck with Plan A and went sailing. Even if you didn't snag weed it was challenging to keep your boat consistently on pace. We had chop with waves and a shifty wind varied from gusts to light spots – Mama Mia. It didn't slow a consistently fast Larry Stiles and his Britpop though, as he just sailed away

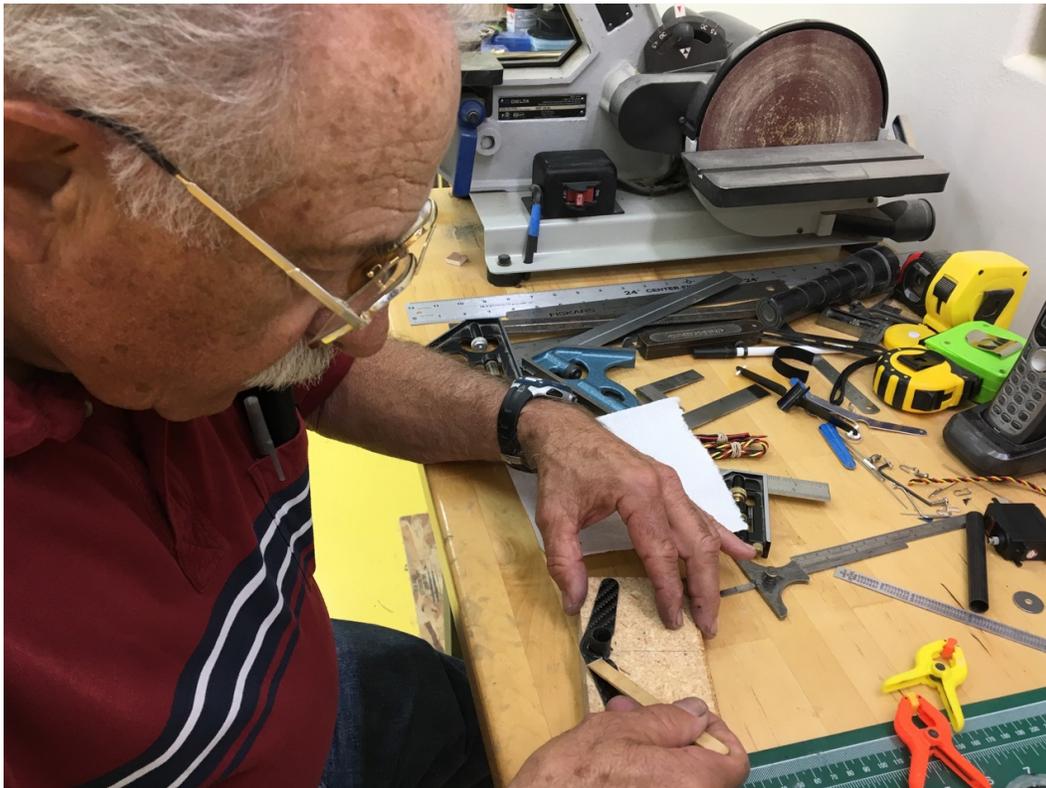
from us with his win. With his lowest drop a 4th, obviously he didn't snag big weed like some others. The last three races in 2-rig were fun, but more accurately they were a random contest to see who could avoid big weed. Afterwards we gathered at Torreros Landing for food and libations.

Reminder – SMYC Regatta #7 is next Saturday at Coulon! I know it is Labor Day weekend, but our history is this Holiday doesn't affect our attendance.

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Pos	Skipper	Home Port	Design-	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Larry Stiles	Sedro Woolley	britPOP!	18.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
2	Bob Wells	Mercer Is, WA	Kantun S	30.0	10.0	5.0	6.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	1.0	6.0
3	Bill Langjahr	Anacortes, WA	CHEINZ	40.0	7.0	3.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	4.0	7.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	2.0
4	Ron Blackledge	Portland, OR	britPOP!	42.0	6.0	1.0	8.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	14.0	4.0	14.0	14.0
5	Kurt Wells	Seattle, WA	britPOP!	44.0	12.0	8.0	11.0	8.0	4.0	10.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	4.0	1.0
6	David Jensen	Bellevue, WA	Race Ready	51.0	3.0	14.0	7.0	7.0	14.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	2.0	5.0
7	Byron Pimms	Seattle, WA	ISIS II	52.0	8.0	4.0	9.0	6.0	5.0	9.0	8.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	4.0
8	Scott McConnell	Lynnwood, WA	Kantun	62.0	2.0	6.0	3.0	5.0	8.0	7.0	3.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
9	Joe D'Amico	Sequim, WA	Kantun SMX	64.0	5.0	7.0	4.0	12.0	6.0	5.0	14.0	6.0	5.0	14.0	14.0
10	Jerry Brower	Lk Stevens, WA	britPOP!	85.0	1.0	10.0	1.0	3.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
11	Mike Hansow	Auburn, WA	Cockatoo	95.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	9.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
12	Peter Sternberg	Redmond, WA	Arrival	116.0	9.0	9.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
13	Dick Dyer	Seattle, WA	MX16	118.0	13.0	12.0	12.0	11.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0

PRO, Line Judge: Kelly Martin (2nd Pls Pts.)



Joe Damico at work in his shop making his excellent snap-on carbon spreaders – check them out. They are works of art that include making the snap on tube on a mandrel and using carbon plate formed from many tons of pressure. Not for sale...

As suggested before the regatta, Joe was forced to use the ferry instead of the Tacoma Bridge, and those attending this race are donating \$10 each to share that ferry cost. Get it to him when you can if you missed the announcement at the regatta. Thanks Joe for getting up at 4:00AM to make sure you brought "our" dinghy on 7:00 AM crossing. I made the announcement, but haven't got around to getting my money to Joe yet ☹️...

Jerry was good enough to also share our season points with 75% of the season complete. There's that Larry name again on top, do you think he is happy with his new this year BP? With all due credit to the BP designer and builder, also credit Larry for the commitment to race twice a week regularly for years now:

## 2016 Seattle Cup Season Points

With 6 of 8 regattas complete

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	Skipper	Points	3/12		4/16		5/21		6/25		7/30		8/27		9/03		10/15	
			SC 1		SC 2		SC 3		SC 4		SC 5		SC 6		SC 7		SC 8	
			pts	pls	pts	pls												
1	Larry Stiles	85	12	3	18	2	12	4	16	2	14	2	13	1				
3	Kelly Martin	78			19	1	15	1	17	1	15	1	12	2				
2	Joe D'Amico	73	14	1	17	3	11	5	14	4	12	4	5	9				
4	Jerry Brower	66	13	2	14	6	13	3	15	3	7	9	4	10				
5	Bob Wells	60	6	9	6	14	14	2	13	5	9	7	12	2				
7	Kurt Wells	50	11	4	11	9	7	9	6	12	6	10	9	5				
6	Scott McConnell	47			16	4	5	11	12	6	8	8	6	8				
10	Ron Blackledge	45	7	8	9	11	6	10	3	15	10	6	10	4				
9	David Jensen	44	8	7	13	7	8	8	7	11			8	6				
13	Bill Langjahr	42	9	6	10	10	4	12	8	10			11	3				
8	Drew Austin	41	4	11	12	8	3	13	11	7	11	5						
11	Peter Sternberg	35	10	5			10	6			13	3	2	12				
12	Daryl Ruff	31	3	12	8	12	14	2	2	16	4	12						
14	Byron Pimms	30			5	15	9	7	4	14	5	11	7	7				
16	Dick Dyer	17							16	2			1	13				
15	Ron, Hornung	17	2	13	15	5												
17	Jake Dahms	15			1	19					14	2						
19	Mike Hansow	13					2	14	5	13	3	13	3	11				
18	Bill Willson	10							10	8								
20	Dennis Pittis	9							9	9								
21	Scott Thomas	9	5	10	4	16												
22	Craig Rantala	7			7	13												
23	Jim McCaa	7			3	17	1	15	1	17	2	14						
24	Rick Shattock	2			2	18												
25	Ryan Ruff	1	1	14														
26	Art Lent	1									1	15						

One point for each boat you beat plus 1 point for starting a race in the regatta. PRO 75% of day gets 2nd Pls Pts.

### Smart Sailor or Wise Ass?

I thought I heard some say I'm a smart sailor. Boy do I have them fooled. Like when Kelly compliments me on picking off Larry at the finish line on the short beat from the leeward offset: He said, "That was a smart move." I have to ask because I had no clue, "Wha chew mean? Wha dye do?" Kelly explains some confusing thing about pointing and footing, all stuff that is way over my head. And another example of my smartness: The jib sheet was hanging up on a big knot on my winch line. Smartly I trimmed down the big knot with my diagonal cutters. Alright, it won't get caught now. Latter I notice the sheets aren't going in any more. I cycle the winch stick in and out unknowingly making sure all the wraps are thrown of the drum. I'm guessing the winch line needs to be connected to the sheets at all times. Now that would be smart. JWB