



A report isn't complete without a picture, but nobody pulled their camera out in our rain. So here is an image you haven't seen from the recent San Diego Midwinters about 15 seconds after an A-fleet start, and the fleet is well spaced already. That's Dennis Rogers USA 43, the (only) original Britpop proto, jumping the fleet. Five Seattle skippers made the trek to race in this one and once again Dago delivered in spades. Alyssa Heyns photo. (all Alyssa's images will eventually be available at lbextrax.com, but not there yet. We'll let you know.)

## Gig Harbor MYC Regatta #1 – IOM Class (February 11, 2017 at Surprise Lake)

Larry Stiles Reporting Scoring:

The sailing season has begun and the first Gig Harbor slug fest is in the books. It was good to see everybody. There wasn't a dry eye in the place. In fact, there wasn't a dry anything as it rains the whole time. But there was just enough wind to provide some terrific tactical racing. I'll take that trade.

Whenever it gets weird you need to watch out for Joe.

Welcome to a new sailor, Bob Dustan and good to see Jake back again.

## Gig Harbor MYC Regatta #1 – IOM Fleet

| Position | Skipper       | Sail # | Club/City         | Hull        | MYA No. | Score | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   |
|----------|---------------|--------|-------------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1        | Joe D'Amico   | 86     | Sequim, WA        | V10         |         | 11.0  | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 2        | Larry Stiles  | 64     | Sedro Woolley, WA | BritPop!    |         | 14.0  | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 1.0 |
| 3        | Bob Wells     | 7      | Mercer Island, WA | Kanton S    |         | 15.0  | 4.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 |
| 4        | David Jensen  | 68     | Bellevue, WA      | V9          |         | 21.0  | 3.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 |
| 5        | Dennis Pittis | 57     | Clinton, WA       | Alternative |         | 24.0  | 8.0 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| 6        | Bob Dustan    | 141    | Reach Island, WA  | V9          |         | 29.0  | 6.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| 7        | Daryl Ruff    | 67     | Fife, WA          | Kanton SMX  |         | 30.0  | 5.0 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 |
| 8        | Jake Dahms    | 167    | Fife, WA          | Goth        |         | 43.0  | 7.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 |

(I'm not sure folks from other areas appreciate how light the wind is that we often sail in, although usually this happens in the warmer months. Here it was so light that usually our booms wouldn't fully wing out downwind, which meant a slow slog of a leg. But if there was a little puff as you rounded the mark then you were set for a

fine downwind leg.

Weather was crappy as predicted, although the wind was dramatically less than predicted and from the opposite direction. Maybe the forecast led to the lowest attendance in years for one of our club regattas. Jerry Brower's missed it because he was attending the Dallas Blowout DF95 race. Steve Young was delivering his Brazilian BP to the new owner from the San Francisco area – meeting half way. The most creative excuse comes from Scott McConnell. He dropped by my office for some Tnemec coating marketing (successful) and to pick up some boat parts (also successful), and we treated him to an excellent office-cooked curry lunch by Chef Ed. I guess he didn't hold his alcohol this time, because he threw his back out putting his coat on after.

Lunch was at the Mexican place. And of course, solid wind came in later in the afternoon, so it was just bad timing for wind.

Bob Wells.)

**Great Potato Regatta Update** (from IOMUSA.org): Organizer Bruce Andersen USA 16 wrote:

*We have negotiated good rates for rooms at a local hotel that's a stone's throw from the pond - contact information on the Calendar section. I plan to have weigh in/measurement on Friday evening in the hotel*

Post Link: <http://www.iomusa.org/forums/topic/famous-potatoes-regatta/#post-1102>

**Next up is SMYC #1**, Saturday, 3/25/17, at Coulon Park.



Nice late afternoon light here as Bob Wells USA 7 is catching the header to reach around the weather mark on the Model Yacht Pond at Mission Bay. My sails look smooth, properly twisted, and powerful at first glance, but do you see the little problem? The head didn't twist off fully this time, and Dennis Rogers USA 43 is the better example for this. Still photos are useful to analyze details like this. Find and fix enough little details, and you will move up in the fleet. Alyssa Heyns photo.