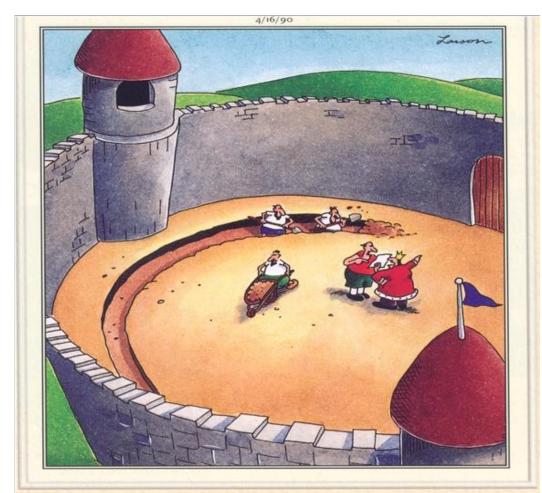
Saturday 4/01/17 Gig Harbor Cup Regatta #2; Surprise Lake, Milton, WA.

Ron Blackledge reporting,

Sorry for the delay reporting the second regatta at Surprise Lake. Our writer in residence, Bob Wells, missed the regatta and has been busy. He had work to do and had the good fortune to join some of his IOM friends at the Famous Potato Region 6 Championship in Boise, Idaho this weekend. He finished a solid sixth while Kelly Martin finished on the podium in third place. Good job guys.

Bob, one of Seattle's most prominent architects, was forced to miss our regatta because he was called back to the office Saturday when one of his projects went awry. He had to make a quick design change and sign off on several change orders. The ill fated project was reported and shown in the Mercer Island News Weekly. See picture to right. Apparently everything is okay now and a major SNAFU was averted but Bob's reputation took a hit.

Although our regatta had fewer participants than the following week at Renton, we had a great time with comfortable temperatures and only a few sprinkles. The wind was light and shifty which is the norm for Surprise Lake. I apologize for forgetting who set up and took down the course. They did a great job. The wind came directly out of the South with occasional shifts from the West. A box course was set up with room at the start making for few collisions and penalties. Because I am not the best skipper I will not critique the heats, the sailing and what was the best strategy. Kelly Martin figured it out though. He was still working out some of the kinks in his new V10 and managed to win handily. Jerry Brower finished a solid second while Scott



Suddenly, a heated exchange took place between the king and the moat contractor.

McConnell joined them on the podium. Good sailing Scott. Also David Jensen had a good day. The rest of us finished in our normal positions. The racing was close which means we are all getting better. For example Bill Wilson finished tenth overall and had a bullet and third.

We had twelve skippers but Joe D'Amico didn't sail. When he learned his little and peaceful home town of Sequim was declared a sanctuary city, he jump in his car to return to start a petition to oust the Mayor and City Council. On a positive note we were able to stage two lap heats instead of one with forgetful Joe absent. We had few breaks until racing was shut down at 2:00 PM completing 15 heats. All was well until the end when there was some controversy. Damn politics again. Our winner Kelly was accused by several skippers of colluding with the Russians. They claimed his sails were made in St Petersburg. Kelly called them a bunch of losers. "Not true, its fake news.", he said. Meanwhile Daryl Ruff claimed he was the winner because he led more laps than anyone making him the Electoral College victor. Also several skippers got in a heated argument. Abusive language was exchanged frightening two of them to run to our designated "safe place" in the clubhouse for safety, support and counseling. Fortunately our spiritual leader, Jerry Brower, calmed things down announcing there would be no winners or losers. Instead we would each receive a participation ribbon in the mail. Thank you Jerry. BTW I don't have Mike or Bob's Email addresses so please pass on.

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Pls	Skipper	Sail	City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham	V10	20.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	8.0
2	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens	V10	34.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	12.0	6.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	1.0
3	Scott McConnell	21	Lynnwood	Kantun S	54.0	9.0	9.0	2.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	3.0	12.0	4.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	2.0
4	David Jensen	68	Bellevue	V9	61.0	8.0	10.0	6.0	3.0	11.0	11.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	3.0	4.0	3.0
5	Ron Blackledge	208	Portland	Fraktal	62.0	2.0	5.0	8.0	8.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	10.0	6.0	8.0	4.0
6	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife	SMX	76.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	8.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	10.0
7	Mike Hansow	53	Renton	V10	87.0	7.0	3.0	7.0	11.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	10.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	10.0	6.0
8	Bob Dustan	141	Allyn	V9	88.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	7.0	1.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
9	Bill Wilson	69	Port Ludlow	SMX	89.0	12.0	11.0	11.0	1.0	10.0	8.0	11.0	12.0	8.0	7.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	6.0	7.0
10	Dennis Pittis	57	Clinton	Malteser	99.0	10.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	9.0	7.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	5.0	8.0	6.0	10.0	7.0	5.0
11	Steve Young	87	Tacoma	Lintel	116.0	3.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	4.0	2.0	10.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0