

Stuff happens. Why are Mike Hansow, Craig Rantala, and Daryl Ruff emptying our venerable tin buoy boat the hard way? It seems Jerry Brower accidentally swamped it and his Tx when he jumped into it while attempting to rescue his boat. It is easy to do with this tippy flat-bottomed hull. Unfortunately, that was the end of Jerry's sailing for this day.

Gig Harbor MYC Regatta #4 – IOM Class (June 3, 2017 at Surprise Lake)

Steve Young Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

Our world traveler, J. W. Brower left early after losing his transmitter when trying to board the rescue boat to get his Pikanto ensnared by the weather mark. The rest of us had a good time Ahhhh..... Frustrating, at times. A lead at the first leeward mark could easily change to a mid-pack or worse finish. Surprise Lake variable might be an apt description of the wind state. Changes in direction, some not particularly subtle and changes in velocity were the order of the day. We managed 16 heats. The last few were in a transitional breeze where it was trying to come from NNW but wasn't done shifting from a southwesterly yet. Lots of holes and erratic streaks. Kinda normal regular Surprise Lake.

I know I've been hung up on the marks a time or two, and I am sure that other boats have also found a way to attach themselves to the ground tackle. Perhaps we should consider modifying the marks to make such an incident more avoidable. An easy and inexpensive upgrade might be as simple as a doughnut of 2" closed cell polyethylene that the existing marks just drop through the doughnut hole. A 24" diameter disc with a hole slightly smaller than the diameter of the existing marks would allow for easy storage (take it apart), and will certainly display a mark touch (+/- 80" circumference) and it allows a 12" minimum radius of clearance. It's still possible to snag but much less likely.

See you in a couple of weeks.

2017 IOM Gig Harbor Cup Regatta #4 - Surprise Lake June 3rd.

Pls	Skipper	Sail	City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim	V10	21.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	5.0
2	Bob Dustan	32	Allyn	V9	44.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	1.0	5.0	7.0	3.0	6.0	3.0	2.0	3.0
3	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife	SMX	46.0	8.0	7.0	2.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	1.0	6.0	6.0	1.0
4	Steve Young	73	Tacoma	Lintel	51.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	7.0	2.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
5	Mike Hansow	53	Renton	V10	57.0	5.0	8.0	7.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	1.0	8.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	5.0	2.0
6	David Jensen	68	Bellevue	V9	63.0	6.0	10.0	3.0	8.0	4.0	7.0	1.0	8.0	2.0	7.0	1.0	10.0	8.0	1.0	7.0	8.0
7	Dennis Pittis	57	Clinton	Malteser	65.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	1.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	7.0
8	Craig Rantala	12	Carlborg	SMX	85.0	7.0	6.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	6.0
9	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens	Pikanto	93.0	10.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0



"Quick, we have wind so start the tape." It was too often that kind of day at Surprise Lake... Joe Damico & Craig Rantala in foreground. Jackie Wells image.

In the last SMYC #3 report I added my WC report. Unfortunately, the hyperlinks didn't link, so a copy that should work is here.

It turns out that Brad Gibson was learning to fly instead of sailing in the IOM WC. You can see the interview here. Also, check this related info here.



Craig Rantala's sweet Kantun SMX is for sale, and you can see the AMYA listing here. The boat is priced to sell. The ad fails to mention that Joe Damico performed the sorting of the internal sheeting systems and rigging so those systems are solid. The rigs are a bargain too.