



A small portion of Joe Damico's shop with "the lectern" in the foreground and his excellent rib in the background. That's a DF95 sailboat in the background, his new local club boat. The switch to the DF95 has turned attendance around to where his Sequim club is growing again. Joe Damico photo.

Seattle MYC Regatta #5 Report – IOM Class (July 29, 2017 at Coulon Park)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

How different it feels from the top of 2-rig at Hood River Carnage last weekend to light air sailing on the low side of our big rig in flat water. Both are great sailing, but how does one brag about great light air? I won't even try.

We started with the predicted southwesterly and after a few races it settled (in about the time it takes to move marks) as the predicted northwesterly. There wasn't enough wind to develop chop, but fortunately we didn't have wind holes so much as lighter spots. Mostly this was about achieving clear air from a decent start and then speed sailing, and everybody is pretty fast now. It was an ideal opportunity to dial in some pointing, and I kept gradually flattening my main leach incrementally to that purpose. I crown Steve Young as the pointing champ this day, and he said he just followed Jelacic numbers (on his [Jelacic Sails](#) *Correction: Graphite Sails by John Tushingham in UK*). Downwind was often a challenge to keep the sails filled and/or to find the right gybe. Upwind was much more satisfying because the boat is generating a little wind pressure, and not decreasing it like when downwind.

There was some weed that was mostly milfoil. I think I was the lucky one as only a few times did I have modest weed. If you see a bad finish on otherwise good scores, chances are big weed is involved. About the worst thing all day was confusion on our pub location afterwards. Only six of us eventually had a nice lunch at the Santa Fe, a new restaurant for us recommended by Mike Hansow (who went to work at Boeing right after sailing). Mike, we'll need clearer instructions next time, as some skippers went home after searching - and they were parched!

Thank you to Joe Damico who brought the buoys and boat and who just keeps improving our regatta gear. His recent focus has been on incremental improvements on our "lectern" that custom fits on our handrail for starts and finishes as well as the starter, course board, etc. Since we don't usually have designated race officers for club sailing, having everything handy to record a finish has improved the scoring greatly. Bob and David enjoyed using Joe's boat to set and remove the buoys. Another good day, and nap time when I got home...

2017 Seattle Cup #5 Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Renton WA. July 29th.

Pls	Skipper	Sail	Club/City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	Bob Wells	7	Mercer Is	Kantun S	31.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	7.0
2	Jerry Brower	42	Lake Stevens	britPOP!	34.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	6.0	5.0	11.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	3.0	1.0	10.0	3.0
3	Steve Young	73	Tacoma	CHEINZ	40.0	1.0	11.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	4.0	6.0
4	Joe D'Amico	86	Sequim	V10	44.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	10.0	8.0	5.0	1.0
5	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro Woolley	britPOP!	48.0	6.0	10.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	1.0	8.0	6.0	4.0	1.0	2.0	7.0	2.0
6	David Jensen	168	Bellevue	RR II	61.0	3.0	5.0	9.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	5.0	8.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	5.0
7	Mike Hansow	53	Renton	V10	74.0	10.0	8.0	11.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	4.0	2.0	10.0	3.0	6.0	4.0	3.0	9.0
8	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife	SMX	79.0	7.0	4.0	10.0	6.0	8.0	2.0	8.0	6.0	11.0	9.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	4.0
9	Vic Childs	98	Anacortes	Widget	80.0	9.0	6.0	6.0	11.0	10.0	9.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	1.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	8.0
10	Dennis Pittis	57	Clinton	Malteser	101.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	8.0	10.0	9.0	11.0	6.0	11.0
11	Bill Wilson	69	Port Ludlow	SMX	120.0	11.0	9.0	7.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	9.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	11.0	10.0

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*Our hard-working Race Committee has made a schedule move that you need to know about: **our Coulon Park Warning Signal moves to 9:00AM and no race will start after 1:00PM. This is a permanent change beginning with the next regatta, SMYC #5.** The goal is to try to avoid this persistent afternoon westerly wind, where we are forced to set unsatisfactory courses away from the dock. We have observed the wind direction from 9:00AM - 10:00AM tends to align roughly parallel with our dock; and the 1:00PM – 2:00PM is more likely to be from the West. Earlier is better for getting to the restaurant closer to lunch time and home earlier too. Of course, some people do have to get up earlier for this change. We canvassed the regulars that travel the farthest, and all approved the move quickly. Note, this is for the SMYC Coulon Park venue only, and Gig Harbor MYC at Surprise Lake will continue with the 10:00AM Warning Signal with no race starting after 2:00PM.*

DAWSON WINS VIC IOM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

(From <https://www.facebook.com/iomsdownunder/>)

Western Australia's Glenn Dawson has won the 2017 IOM Victorian State Championship ahead of Kirwan Robb (Vic) & Paul Littledyke (SA).

The expected winds arrived on day one and saw the fleet on C rigs with winds gusting 25+ knots. The first couple of races were challenging and it wasn't long before wind gusts of 40+ knots were battering the fleet and with conditions unsafe for ducks let alone our rescue boat teams the racing was suspended.

With a significant chill in the air racing eventually resumed and at the end of day one with nine races completed, Dawson held a slim lead from Robb with Scott Mitchell (SA) and Scott Fleming (Vic) not far behind. Day two saw the winds abate and normality resumed when the A rigs came out of the box and a further 14 races were sailed to complete the 23-race series.

Dawson remained consistent throughout the championship regularly finishing in the top three in each race with only a few blemishes to be marked on his score card.

At the end of the day it was Glenn Dawson finishing on 47pts and claiming victory ahead of Kirwan Robb 79pts, Paul Littledyke (SA) 88pts, Scott Fleming 92pts and Brett Osborn (SA) 93pts.

Check out a short video courtesy of Andrew Cook from <http://www.radiosailingshop.com.au/>
<https://www.facebook.com/iomsdownunder/videos/1751900878172524/>

1	Glen Dawson	76	WA	1747	V9	47.0
2	Kirwan Robb	94	Vic	1791	Britpop	79.0
3	Paul Littledyke	49	SA	1549	Britpop	88.0
4	Scott Fleming	173	Vic	1373	Britpop	92.0
5	Brett Osborn	79	SA	1742	Britpop	93.0
6	Rob Nowak	17	Vic	1807	Britpop	127.0
7	Roger Paul	86	WA	1899	AKA	127.0
8	Lincoln McDowall	97	Vic	1934	Blitz	160.0
9	Mario Gulic	38	Vic	1038	Obsession	161.0
10	Russell Gray	99	Qld	1799	Britpop	167.0
11	Scott Mitchell	52	SA	1652	Britpop	198.0
12	Benson Or	68	Vic	1868	TNT	224.0
13	Peter Smith	47	Vic	1647	Kantum	248.0
14	Rob O'Brien	28	Vic	1476	Blitz	255.0
15	Brian Long	731	Vic	1473	Scharming	262.0
16	Len Hearing	73	SA	1873	Widget	274.0
17	Michael Gosgriff	91	Vic	1591	Britpop	290.0

(Editor – Glenn Dawson and four other Aussies are attending US IOM Nats in October in Dallas. Glenn's ready. Don't miss that video!)