



Some serious eye candy: my 1930s M double-ender skillfully refurbished and converted to radio sailing by Jack Ronda. I took this picture in this morning's sun while loading for the regatta.

Seattle MYC Regatta #7 Report – IOM Class (September 16, 2017 at Coulon Park)

Bob Wells Reporting & Larry Stiles Scoring:

Another good one with a continuation of our amazingly dry late summer weather with 70 degree temps and a nice light northerly wind. We had some lumpy water at times. The windfinder.com forecast was not encouraging, and thankfully they totally missed the consistent northerly direction of the wind. If we can believe weather guru Cliff Mass, this will be our last 70-degree day of this year. Tomorrow we get a much-needed wetting down. Our plants need it and those fighting the mountain fires will appreciate the help.

It was a tough start of the day for Joe Damico though. With our 9:00AM start time he travels the day before towing his dinghy and he usually sleeps at my house. His favorite bed was taken by another guest, so he decides not to intervene and instead chooses the Quality Inn for the night. At midnight, his van was vandalized after breaking through the passenger window. They took his regatta pack with Tx and tools, his spare tool bag with his spare Tx, RMG winch, backup servos, more tools, and they also found his Passport! His Britpop, rigs, and RIB dingy were not harmed though. Adding insult to injury Joe will miss next weekend's CAN Nats because he won't be able to replace the Passport in time.

With Joe dealing with his issues, I invoked our SMYC Plan B after an early phone call from him. I brought the seldom used back-up boat/buoys and Vic Childs and Kelly Martin set and retrieved the buoys. The first start was delayed until 10:00AM as I was late loading and sorting the boat and gear, but we didn't miss anything with the light winds. We tried to get our 4 hours of sailing in by extending beyond 1:00PM, but we called the regatta at 1:30 as weed became unacceptable. In all we had 16 one-lap light air races, and everybody suffered occasionally from weed. Everybody also had their moments of glory. In fact, 70% of us scored at least one bullet, and I don't think that has ever happened here before. Kelly was again the best boat on the water. He started and finished strong, but in between he had more mixed results.

Vic Childs provided home-baked cookies for all. He also mentioned to me how much he enjoys sailing here, yet how he struggles with our chop. Today the modest chop was intermittent and caused the boats to hobby horse at times. My technique for this condition was to set the boat up for light air pointing and to stay in point mode as long as the boat was riding level. When the chop started rocking the boat I went to low mode with eased sheets (a few clicks or 25-35mm). I felt this allowed me to stay high and fast.

It was great to have Ron Blackledge return for his first sail of the year with us. Shingles and the recovery slowed his sailing, but he is very happy to be back finally. Thank you all for coming and making this a great sail and gathering afterwards at *Toreros*.

	Skipper	#	Home Port	Design	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham	V10	29.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	9.0	2.0	1.0	6.0	2.0	2.0	1.0
2	Bob Wells	7	Mercer Island	Kantun S	40.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	5.0	1.0	8.0	3.0
3	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro Woolley	britPOP	49.0	8.0	2.0	7.0	5.0	2.0	7.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	3.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	6.0	1.0	2.0
4	Ron Blackledge	21	Portland, Or	britPOP	63.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	6.0	3.0	10.0	5.0	7.0	1.0	9.0	9.0	6.0
5	Vic Childs	98	Anacortes	Widget-	64.0	10.0	9.0	5.0	2.0	9.0	1.0	10.0	4.0	10.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	7.0	8.0	5.0	4.0
6	David Jensen	68	Bellevue	RR II	66.0	4.0	7.0	8.0	10.0	1.0	9.0	5.0	2.0	8.0	7.0	10.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	8.0
7	Mike Hansow	53	Auburn	V10	67.0	5.0	4.0	10.0	1.0	7.0	2.0	9.0	8.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	4.0	4.0	10.0	10.0	7.0
8	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX	73.0	6.0	6.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	10.0	2.0	9.0	9.0	2.0	9.0	9.0	11.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
9	Bill Wilson	69	Port Ludlow	Kantun SMX	77.0	9.0	8.0	1.0	9.0	10.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	8.0	7.0	5.0	2.0	7.0	7.0	9.0
10	Scott McConnell	21	Seattle, WA	Kantun S	83.0	2.0	10.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	10.0	7.0	6.0	4.0	10.0	9.0	3.0	6.0	11.0

Next up: CAN Nats Sept. 23-24 at High River; GHMYC #8 Oct. 7th; SMYC #8 Oct. 14th; and US Nats Oct. 19-11. The GHMYC and SMYC seasons end with our October regattas, and we return March 2018. Sail at Deception Pass MYC every Sunday and Wednesday in the meantime.

Where was JWB?: Jerry Brower missed this one with an excused absence. He's on the road traveling to radio sailing regattas in his new Prius. First up was the IOM Eastern Canadians, and you can read about it here: <http://www.ibextrax.com/RC2017/Results/0909ECr.pdf>. This weekend he has an ODOM Championship in Minnesota, and he borrowed Joe Damico's ODOM for that one. His last one on this trip is IOM CAN Nats in High River, AB next weekend.

Good luck next weekend Jerry. Also, good luck to Kelly Martin, Bill Wilson, and Bruce Andersen from the PacNW who are also attending. Of the 27 entries 7 are from the US. It would have been 8 with Joe Damico. I think it will be an excellent regatta that is well worth traveling an extra distance to attend.