



Looking west to big Lake Washington and a portion of our 300' long control area (Parks calls it the "water walk"). Coulon Park is award winning for design and is very well used. We provide free entertainment for the walkers. David Jensen photo.

COW Regatta (April 27-29, 2018 at Surprise Lake)

Bob Wells Reporting

2018 is now officially the third wettest April on record, and our out-of-state guests got to experience a soaker for themselves. But only one soaker, as Sunday brought partial sun and some very welcome drying out with a little afternoon heat. At least we had wind, although there was some down time as we waited for wind both days. Half the fleet was out-of-state, and the farthest traveler award goes to Michel Roure from New Jersey. We kicked it off Friday afternoon with measurement verification and socializing, a brief skipper's meeting, and then our dinner party; all at the home of David and Donna Jensen. If you come from out-of-state you pretty much have to get to Seattle Friday evening anyway, so we do all this before Saturday to maximize sailing time. Skipper attendance was almost 100%, so it is accepted that this is an afternoon and evening worth attending. Since Seattle MYC is a social group, we also got together Saturday night at a local restaurant (Derby at the Shop) for a well-attended no-host dinner after sailing. After the "Derby" dinner we toured the classic and exotic cars parked at "The Shop". This looks to be a nice place to garage your classic and modern Ferraris with other enthusiasts.

Unfortunately, I have to report the streak of a Washington skipper not ever winning the COW continues for the eighth year, but hope springs eternal for next year with local Jerry Brower taking down a second place (as he did in 2010). All hail John Ebey and his *Fusion* for a dominate performance to take a rather easy win, which surprised no one. Craig Mackey completed the podium in third.

In the woody race-within-the-race, we had two stunning varnished examples. Barry Donaher built a sweet *Shuffle* design by Craig Smith and he had a strong lead after Day 1. Canuck Martin Herbert is on his fourth iteration of his *Dart* design, and he finished strong to take the win. Barry ended up with a damaged keel, which may have affected his Day 2 results. In the Custom Design Division, we have our Canuck against Steve Toschi in his white fiberglass Micro Brew 6. Toschi takes this one with consistent solid results to finish 7th, (one point out of 5th). Hats off to these guys for the effort that they put into their boats, which is a lot more than those of us who own production boats. These custom boats are distinctive, easy on the eyes, and fast. Special Recognition to Martin Herbert who also designs and makes his own foils, bulb, and sails. Barry is well along on *Shuffle 2*, with the goals of a lighter hull and locating the fin (and rig) a little further aft. Martin and Steve are no doubt scheming on their next iteration, because they need a justification for more shop time.

Unfortunately, we had a break-in of two of our cars in the morning on Sunday while sailing, something that hasn't happened to us here before. Racing halted to meet with the Police. As disconcerting as this is, I couldn't detect a drop-off in the finishes for John Ebey, Gary Boell and John Skinner after this happened, although John later had IOM electronic problems to really ruin his day.

The COW is a full-service regatta lean in the number of volunteers working it, yet somehow it is well-managed. Maybe with experience it gets easier. Thank you to the organizers and especially Barry Fox for another excellent job as PRO. Barry would prefer to sail, but an old injury restrains him from walking our long dock all day so this is the next best option for him. See you at about this same time next year - More Cowbell...!

Summary of the 2018 COW Regatta (USA Club Ranking 1.0 Event):

Class: IOM

Date: April 28-30, 2018 (2 days racing, with Friday PM a measurement and dinner party day)

Location: Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park on Lake Washington in Renton, WA

Host Club: Seattle Model Yacht Club

Number of Entries: 23

Winds: middle A-rig (with some drifting condition and some gusts in upper rig range)

Races Completed: 12

Scoring System: HMS 2016, version 3.0 (6 promoted/relegated)

Race Committee & Assistants: Organizer, Registration, Measurer – Jerry Brower; PRO/Scorekeeper – Barry Fox; Buoy Boat & Cowbell trophies– Bob Wells; Providing buoy boat & buoys - Joe Damico; and David/Donna Jensen – hosts for the Friday Gathering Party and Dinner.

	Skipper	Club/City	Hull	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	John Ebey	San Rafael, CA	Fusion	20.3	1.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	8.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	3.3	2.0	1.0
2	Jerry Brower	Lake Stevens, WA	V9	42.0	6.0	8.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	10.0	3.0	2.0	10.0	7.0	4.0
3	Craig Mackey	Oceanside, CA	BritPop!	43.0	1.0	5.0	8.0	8.0	14.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	2.0
4	Gary Boell	Richmond, CA	Corbie 5G	47.0	3.0	4.0	9.0	1.0	9.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	3.0	2.0	12.0	8.0
5	Dennis Rogers	San Diego, CA	BritPop!	58.0	10.0	24.0	4.0	6.0	1.0	5.0	9.0	4.0	1.0	11.0	18.0	7.0
6	Michel Roure	Parsippany, NJ	BritPop!	59.0	4.0	11.0	2.0	10.0	19.0	11.0	2.0	6.0	8.0	4.0	9.0	3.0
7	Steve Toschi	Grover Beach, CA	MicroBrew6	59.0	7.0	10.0	10.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	11.0	2.0	13.0	3.0	4.0	9.0
8	Kelly Martin	Bellingham, WA	V10	63.0	2.0	7.0	11.0	11.0	13.0	6.0	13.0	8.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	12.0
9	M. Dewees	Portland, OR	Lintel MMX	72.0	2.0	6.0	6.0	13.0	17.0	20.0	8.0	9.0	11.0	8.0	3.0	6.0
10	Bob Wells	Mercer Island, WA	Kantun 2	91.0	4.0	2.0	15.0	17.0	10.0	16.0	5.0	10.0	9.0	13.0	8.0	15.0
11	Martin Herbert	Saltspring Is., BC	Dart IV	94.0	9.0	13.0	12.0	19.0	6.0	9.0	14.0	21.0	16.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
12	David Jensen	Bellevue, WA	V9	104.0	8.0	15.0	18.0	9.0	7.0	12.0	15.0	18.0	7.0	7.0	10.0	14.0
13	Barry Donaher	Kamas, UT	Shuffle	111.0	7.0	1.0	5.0	12.0	11.0	18.0	17.0	13.0	19.0	16.0	11.0	20.0
14	Steve Young	Tacoma, WA	Vision	114.0	3.0	9.0	13.0	18.0	15.0	14.0	18.0	19.0	10.0	9.0	13.0	10.0
15	John Skinner	Pinole, CA	BritPop!	118.0	5.0	14.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	13.0	7.0	12.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0
16	Larry Stiles	Sedro Woolley, WA	BritPop!	120.0	6.0	16.0	16.0	3.0	12.0	19.0	12.0	24.0	14.0	12.0	16.0	13.0
17	Kurt Wells	Seattle, WA	BritPop!	127.0	8.0	22.0	14.0	16.0	2.0	10.0	19.0	11.0	12.0	22.0	17.0	18.0
18	Joe D'Amico	Sequim, WA	V9-Damicoed	127.0	5.0	12.0	17.0	20.0	18.0	8.0	4.0	16.0	15.0	16.0	20.0	16.0
19	Daryl Ruff	Fife, WA	Kantun SMX	158.0	9.0	18.0	20.0	14.0	16.0	15.0	20.0	14.0	17.0	18.0	21.0	17.0
20	B. Andersen	Boise, ID	BritPop!	166.0	11.0	19.0	22.0	22.0	20.0	21.0	17.0	16.0	18.0	19.0	14.0	11.0
21	Jim McCaa	Seattle, WA	Kantun S	173.0	11.0	17.0	19.0	21.0	23.0	22.0	16.0	17.0	20.0	17.0	16.0	19.0
22	Bill Wilson	Port Ludlow, WA	Kantun SMX	193.0	12.0	21.0	21.0	15.0	21.0	17.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	21.0	22.0	21.0
23	Dennis Pittis	Clinton, WA	Malteaser	198.0	10.0	20.0	24.0	23.0	22.0	23.0	21.0	20.0	21.0	20.0	19.0	22.0



Close reaching to the finish in the Coulon chop, where at times the chop is bigger than the wind. David Jensen photo.



The Coulon Park staging and launching areas during a break in the Saturday action and the rain. David Jensen photo.



While we are not happy with the new 12-story Hyatt Regency Lake Washington distorting our southerly winds, that doesn't mean our visitors need to avoid this hotel. This is a nice view to the north of Seattle and Mercer Island, and our venue is nearby to the right side just out of this picture. It has been open less than a year and room rates can be enticing considering the amenities and location. Michel is staying over to visit some of our PacNW attractions – Joe Damico's shop in Sequim and IOM club sailing at Bowman Bay with Deception Pass MYC. Michel Roure photo.

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