



No pictures from this regatta as we were too busy sailing, but in preparation for M sailing the day before the COW Regatta (in 2 weeks!) this is the Joe Damico created “hook” for retrieving Ms. You see, most swing rigs will just pull out so you need a way to grab the whole boat. Good for Joe for recognizing the problem and developing a solution, which is what he does to keep our club first class. This proto passed the test. The final tweaks removed one ladder rung and covered the exposed metal with foam. Joe Damico photo.

## Seattle MYC Regatta #2 – IOM Class (April 13, 2019 at Coulon Park)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

This was an excellent radio sailing test with good competition, long courses and challenging southerly winds. Forecast was SW 7-8 knots with gusts to low 20s. Regulars know that Coulon rarely gets the predicted higher gusts, and as anticipated we were in A-rig the whole day. Velocity in many races ranged from some frustrating light holes to bow sinking puffs, and averaged 6-10 knots. The challenge was to keep moving through the lulls and keep your bow up in the puffs, and in general maintaining speed as you looked for the next shift and/or pressure. There were lots of shifts and more than a few swirls, and positions changed a lot based on who found the right shift and/or pressure. It was cool and wet at times, but everybody has foulies and we were reluctant to leave fun sailing. But after 16 races we had to respect that some folks drive for hours to sail with us, and let them get home to dry out and rest.

My way for tuning in these variable conditions is to setup per Zvonko’s guide for the average wind, but with the Tx lever out a click (or sheet out 6-7mm). In the light you have to pull the booms in further for a little pointing, and in the average wind I’m out a click or two for footing at speed (and trusting the hull/foils to work their VMG magic). In the stronger bursts I’m out two or three clicks and looking for speed upwind. Downwind in the stronger gusts I’m looking for speed and pulling the booms in halfway to reduce sail area, with partial success.

Jerry Brower sailed well for his convincing win, that included five first place finishes. His tendency is to be a footer, which is ideal for the conditions. He also proves that there is something to sailing a lot to improve skills, as he continues his frequent radio sailing travels. This week was not that unusual as he sailed at four different club regattas; Deception Pass on Wednesday, BC’s Long Lake on Friday, Coulon on Saturday, and then he left for Victoria’s Sunday Beaver Lake regatta. Jerry has been in 200+ races to date in 2019, and should easily break 800 again this year. I know this because he told me. Like the Count on Sesame Street, our scorekeeper records these things. He also practiced up for being our COW PRO by calling our courses, as usually I call them. Nice work today, Jerry.

Kelly Martin in 2<sup>nd</sup> place had no serious challenge, but 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> was bunched fairly tightly per usual. Ryan Ruff returned for his second regatta and was thrashed pretty good again. He improved noticeably, but he needs more time with thumbs on the sticks to catch up. As an experienced fleet, the rest of us take turns beating up on each other race after race.

A new boat joined our fleet. *Race Ready IV* is designed and built by David Jensen, and his build log and precise drawings are well documented in the RCGroup.com forums. It was David’s best first outing and the boat seemed to perform well upwind and down when I was next to her. David was pleased with the boat, and probably less so with his own erratic performance. Three 2<sup>nd</sup> place and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place tells me the boat can go if David just stays out of trouble. We can say that about all of us...

**2019 Seattle Cup #2** After 16 races with three throw-outs.

Place	Skipper	Sail	City	Hull	Score
1	Jerry Brower	42	Lk Stevens	K2	23.0
2	Kelly Martin	77	Bellingham	V10	40.0
3	Bob Wells	12	Mercer Is	K2	54.0
4	Steve Young	73	Tacoma	Vision	54.0
5	Joe D'Amico	32	Sequim	V9 (jd modded)	58.0
6	Jim McCaa	36	Seattle	Kantun S	59.0
7	Larry Stiles	64	Sedro Woolley	BP	61.0
8	David Jensen	68	Bellevue	RR IV	75.0
9	Daryl Ruff	67	Fife	Kantun SMX	80.0
10	Ryan Ruff	57	Fife	Disco	120.0

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Per usual Damico hauled the buoy boat and regatta gear, and Wells/Jensen had mark duty. Again, no marks had to be moved as our array of weather and starting marks covered the shifts. The cooling function on the 10hp Honda on the RIB dinghy is fixed, so the oars sat this one out. Joe took it to the dealer and the impeller had given up, and some other things were tweaked like a new prop with a smaller bite so it revved easier to promote more cooling water. We'll have to pass the hat or raise our dues a little, as we won't let Joe shouldn't absorb this himself. Lunch at Toreros was well attended, and then we went home to dry gear. And a much-needed nap for me...

**Next up: COW Regatta – M & IOM Class** (April 26-28, 2019 at Coulon Park)

It has been awhile since I've seen Ms raced in Seattle, but they are back racing at the COW on Friday; followed by IOM weigh-in, IOM skipper's meeting and dinner at the Wells' house on Mercer Island. It is a typical COW with the addition of M sailing. Our entry list of usual suspects is below, and those in red are also sailing Marbleheads. We know for sure more IOM skippers will be attending, and we hope for more Ms too.

First Name	Last Name	City	State
Joe	Damico	Sequim	Washington
George	Pedrick	Pt. Richmond	California
Eugenia (Gene)	Harris	Pt. Richmond	California
Daryl	Ruff	Fife	Washington
Steve	Young	Tacoma	Washington
Kelly	Martin	BELLINGHAM	Washington
Bob	Wells	Mercer Island	Washington
Gary	Boell	Richmond	California
Kurt	wells	Seattle	Washington
Craig	Mackey	Oceanside	California
Bruce	Andersen	Boise	Idaho
Steve	Toschi	Grover beach	California
David	Jensen	BELLEVUE	Washington

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