



## 2023 DF95 Regatta #1 – Gig Harbor MYC

By Bob Wells

Well, we're still in a long cold winter, but the 2023 Gig Harbor Sailing MYC sailing season begins this coming Saturday (3/4/23) at Sail Sand Point in Magnuson Park in Seattle. Our first sail at Sail Sand Point so even more anticipation than usual for a kick-off regatta for the year. (And the following two Saturdays are IOMs – see schedule!)

Weather prediction is great – they have wind from the SE (parallel to the dock). Bring foulies for the rain/snow mix and temps just above or below 40 degrees - brisk. To monitor the weather Sail Sand Point uses SailFlow.com and has a live camera of the venue to look at the conditions - see on the Sail Sand Point website or download the app to have it handy.

Big Mike is bringing his tugboat for buoy placement and Daryl is bringing the buoys, so we should be good. After sailing we'll put our kit away in our cars and walk to the nearby Sand Point Grill to warm up and talk about how cold it was over a beverage. See you there...

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## 2023 PacNW IOM & DF95 Regatta Schedule (partial)

Gig Harbor Model Yacht Club • Seattle Model Yacht Club

(Other selected regattas listed for reference.)

Date	Time	Club - Event Name	Location	Contact	Phone
1/20-21	See NoR	<b>IOM - R5 Championship</b> – 1.1x Ranking	Corpus Christi, TX	See NoR	
2/18-19	See NoR	<b>IOM - R6 Midwinters</b> – 1.1x Ranking	San Diego, CA	See NoR	
3/17-18	See NoR	<b>IOM - Gator Roundup</b> – Club Ranking 1.0x	Hobe Sound, FL	See NoR	
3/4	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
3/11	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #1	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
3/18	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #1	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
4/1	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Spring Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
4/8	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #2	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
4/14-15	See NoR	<b>IOM – R3 Championship</b> – 1.1x Ranking	Charleston, SC	See NoR	
4/15	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #2	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	(206) 232-9036
4/28-30	See NoR	<b>IOM – CAN Nats</b> – 1.1x Ranking	Saltspring Island, BC	See NoR	
5/6-7	See NoR	<b>IOM – R1 Championship</b> – 1.1x Ranking	Mystic, CT	See NoR	
5/13	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #3	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	(253) 205-9965
5/20	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #3	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
5/27	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Spring Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
6/2-4	See NoR	<b>DF95 - PacNW Region 6 Championship</b>	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	
6/9-10	See NoR	<b>IOM - R6 Championship</b> – 1.1x Ranking	Foster City, CA	See NoR	
6/17	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965

(Green) **Multi-day national IOM events** – See IOMUSA.org for NoR

(Ochre) **ARCS IOM Regattas** (info not available for this draft)

(Blue) **Gig Harbor DF95 Regattas**

((White) **SMYC & Gig Harbor IOM Regattas**

(Red) = Revisions

### Local Regatta Venues:

**Seattle MYC @ Sail Sand Point** (in Magnuson Park) @ 7861 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, Seattle, WA

**Gig Harbor MYC @ Surprise Lake:** Surprise Lake Village, 2800 Queens Way, Milton, WA.



October's R7 was our last Coulon Park photo opportunity for two years while the walkway is rebuilt. Big Mike Hansow with his red #53 is our 2022 series champion. Yes, that is fire smoke haze in the sky that a nice northerly could not eliminate this day.

## 2022 DF95 Series Championship – Gig Harbor MYC

Bob Wells Reporting & Mike Hansow Scoring:

Here it is mid-October, and the heat continues so it still feels like August – complete with a fire smoke haze that just won't go away until the rain and wind comes. We wrapped up our 2022 Coulon Park series yesterday with another excellent contest in a northerly that at times was near the top of our A-rig. Our season is now complete, and it is easily our best year yet in terms of number of skippers and of new skippers. We averaged 8 skippers per regatta and five different skippers snagged a win so there is no lack of competition. Couple this series with Dan Shier of Olympia Model Sailors hosting the R6-PNW Championship at Coulon Park and the other DF sailing locally, and this all bodes well for DF95 sailing here going forward.

Our 2022 champion is organizer, Mike Hansow, and is well deserved. Mike took the lead on Race #3, lost it on #4, recovered it on #5 and held on from there over David Jensen. David was close to Mike all series long and even finished in front of Mike on 4 of the 7 events. Overall, Mike was a little more consistent. However, these top two finishers unusually only had one 1<sup>st</sup> place combined between them. Ian Beswick and Peter Conze led with two regatta wins each. Jess Atkinson, on his one visit to our area, defeated all the local winners. Bob Wells got the other win with a loaner 95 with issues, which surprises everybody, including Bob. Way too many DNC entries held all these winners back on the final score, as it did for many others.

### 2022 DF95 Series Score Summary

Sail	Sailor	Rank	Total	R 1 (Mar)	R 2 (Apr)	R 3 (Jun)	R 4 (July)	R 5 (Aug)	R 6 (Sep)	R 7 (Oct)
53	Mike Hansow	1	16	3	3	1	4	3	3	3
68	David Jensen	2	19	2	2	5	2	6	7	2
539	Peter Conze	3	27	DNC (10)	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	1	2	1
99	Ian Beswick	4	30	1	1	DNC (8)	7	DNC (9)	5	DNC (10)
67	Daryl Ruff	5	33	6	4	DNC (8)	6	4	6	7
7	Bob Wells	6	36	DNC (10)	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	1	DNC (9)	4	6
121	Dan Shier	7	39	9	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	3	5	DNC (11)	4
69	Bill Wilson	8	42	5	7	3	DNC (8)	DNC (9)	DNC (11)	DNC (10)
47	Art Lent	9	43	7	6	DNC (8)	5	8	DNC (11)	9
41	Ryan Ruff	10	43	DNC (10)	DNC (8)	6	DNC (8)	2	9	DNC (10)
56	Jess Atkinson	11	44	DNC (10)	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	DNC (9)	1	DNC (10)
31	Rafe Beswick	12	44	DNC (10)	DNC (8)	4	DNC (8)	DNC (9)	DNC (11)	5
57	Dennis Pettis	13	44	8	5	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	7	8	DNC (10)
77	Kelly Martin	14	47	DNC (10)	DNC (8)	2	DNC (8)	DNC (9)	DNC (11)	DNC (10)
153	Sean Trew	15	47	4	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	DNC (9)	DNC (11)	DNC (10)
55	Mike Schoonover	16	52	DNC (10)	DNC (8)	7	DNC (8)	DNC (9)	10	DNC (10)
46	Garner Miller	17	52	DNC (10)	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	DNC (8)	DNC (9)	DNC (11)	8



Mike Hansow and David Jensen were the only ones sailing in every event. I think the real winners are anybody who sails with us, and the more you sail the more you win. I think Dan Shier sailed on all the days of our regattas, but three of those days he was sailing out-of-state, so he scored DNC at home. That's a tough job, but a few are compelled to travel and sail at bigger events...

DF95 sailing exists at Gig Harbor MYC because of organizers Mike Hansow and Daryl Ruff, who still place the buoys, scoring, scheduling and promote their 95 events. They were early adopters that hosted 95 regattas with the main goal of providing sailing opportunities for newcomers. The first few years they didn't get many newcomers, but they provided more sailing opportunities for our local IOM fleet that obtained 95's to join the fun. Dan Shire's of Olympic Model Sailors recent promotion of radio sailing in general locally has helped a grow the Gig Harbor fleet. I think GHMYC has a critical mass of 95 sailors now, which will only grow from here.



Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park is an award winner for design, and it works well for local and regional DF95 regattas. Alas, where we sail closes now for two years for a rebuild. What about future GHMYC DF95 sailing you ask? GHMYC is looking at other alternates and will trial them soon and work on approvals. The plan is to run a similar schedule as Coulon had, just at a different venue. Stay tuned for our racing announcements on: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/ghmycdf95/> and



David Jensen's 95. Even though the sails are flat by rule, somehow the main develops some shape. The jib just looks flat, and that bugs me. DF95s are full of impressive design and engineering elements that I admire, but I just can't unsee the jib shape.





Sophia hauling the buoy out for placement. Organizer Mike Hansow uses her to launch buoys and for boat rescue work when club sailing DF95s at our inside venue at Coulon Park. This is so much easier than launching the motorized rib dinghy that we use in the open water for IOMs outside the water walk at Coulon.

I asked Mike what this was, and he wrote, "Sophia is a used Zippkit tug purchased used from a RCGroups listing. Zippkit.com calls it the Tugster Tug Boat Kit that you assemble from precut plywood plus their other components they call the Ultimate Hardware Set (motor, controller, etc.). We had a smaller tug that was way under powered and Sophia works much better. Mike assembled the foam noodle and PVC tube frame separately and is still experimenting with it for launch and retrieve." He admitted to contemplating purchasing yet another tug kit as they have improved since this was offered.

Length: 18"  
 Beam: 6"  
 Weight: 6-8 pounds  
 Prop: 40 – 44mm

