



2023 SMYC #1 is our first IOM regatta at our new venue, Sail Sand Point in Magnuson Park, Seattle. We're just beginning to figure this venue out. This image of Scott McConnel's Kantun S (purchased new 2017±) shows our A-rig mast matches the height of the bulkhead. We'll normally be in A-rig, and we proved you can launch and retrieve from the dock edge (at this water level anyway). That answers one big question for a quick weed check or tune, and we brought two tall launchers that provide that option too. More launchers will be built and shared, and you can always launch from the floating launch area, which requires a longer walk from our normal control area. Larry Stiles photo.

2023 Seattle MYC Regatta #1 – IOM Class (March 19th at Coulon Park in Renton, WA)

Bob Wells Reporting and Mike Hansow Scoring:

This was our first IOM test at Sail Sand Point and just like two weeks earlier with 95s, the wind did not cooperate. It was light and fluky, or too often the dreaded non-existent. On the plus side, we had a nice turn-out with sunny warm weather, and almost no weed this time. One of our concerns was could we launch from the dock about 6' above the water, and we proved we can. We can grab the mast top and raise (or lower) from there. We trialed some long launchers and those work too, which will be required with smaller IOM rigs (or DF95s).

While the sailing was disappointing with the lack of wind, when we could sail in light air the courses were not up to our standards for fair sailing because the dinghy motor had a broken shear pin. The backup dinghy doesn't row well so it was taking forever to set marks. Slow mark placement couldn't keep up with the wind shifts so we finally just made do with compromised courses with the marks as is. Our race management needs to improve, but Sail Sand Point can work for us. That's the important thing going forward. As bad as the sailing was, Cully Preston still said he wants in. He's looking for an IOM.

Sand Point 3/18 (Standard Scoring)													
Sail	Sailor	Design	Rank	Tot	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	R 7	R 8	
164	Peter Conze	Cheinz	1	12	2	2	1	3	3	2	2	6	
07	Bob Wells	Kantun 2	2	17	3	7	5	1	9	3	3	2	
53	Mike Hansow	V11	3	18	4	1	3	7	1	6	6	3	
40	Ian Beswick	V8	4	21	1	9	13	6	5	1	4	4	
68	David Jensen	Panacea 3	5	23	5	3	4	5	7	7	5	1	
67	Daryl Ruff	Kantun SMX	6	27	9	5	8	4	4	9	1	5	
21	Scott McConnel	Kantun S	7	27	8	6	2	2	6	4	7	8	
121	Cully Preston	Wedge	8	37	13	4	6	9	2	8	8	9	
17	Dan Shier	Britpop	9	49	13	10	7	13	8	5	9	10	
47	Art Lent	Ellipsis	10	51	7	11	9	8	10	10	10	7	
1	Julian Lee	Vision	11	66	6	8	13	13	13	13	13	13	
87	Wilson Chong	Otter	12	78	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	

Sail Scoring made easy: www.afleet.app

Part of learning a new venue is finding a place for our post-race gathering. We thought that Sail Sand Point was perfect for this with the Magnuson Café & Brewery on site where we park. Unfortunately, it is too popular on nice days to get a table. So, something else to sort.



Racing in the light with beautiful reflections in the water. Half our races had more wind than this. Larry Stiles photo.



Some of the racing had a nice light SE wind and this image is the start using a permanent marker about 300' from shore. This course was interesting. With a super long start line you could choose to start way out with potentially more pressure, and you could close reach a little for more speed. Or start inside with a shorter distance to the mark and sometimes got lifted a little. Everybody got to the weather mark about the same time. Sometimes the outside starters reached the weather mark first and at other times the inside starters got it first. Wherever you were on the start, you wanted to be on port with speed at the start and avoid the cluster at the weather mark. Larry Stiles photo.

Seattle IOM Update – May 2011

By Bob Wells

Mike Hansow was lamenting that JWB's website is no longer active, and he misses it. Well, it is no longer active, but the site remains on the web for reference. I miss Jerry and his website, and I have not heard from him for over a year.

For a bit of history using JWB's website: 2011 was Seattle MYC's second year racing IOMs and we were already active as a class with a similar schedule and participation as we have currently. This locally includes Surprise Lake in Milton and the Anacortes area for IOM racing. See the old 2011 report here - <http://www.ibextrax.com/Update/201105.pdf>.

IOM - Mylar Sail Material Discussion:

2/3/23 on “International One Metre Sailing” – Facebook Group

Bob Wells note: I copied this because it is very informative. Now I know the why behind my Mylar sail material selections. My sailmakers follow Smithy's recommendations on my current sails, although in the past I have received heavier 50um No. 1 jibs. I didn't like them in light-air Seattle. And this confirms the why behind the bend in BG's vang wire...

Question: (by Ray Gibbons) Which is better, 50 Micron or 30 Micron?

Answers: (selected):

Glenn Dawson (AUS): It comes down to... better for what purpose? Pure racing where you are prepared to renew sails frequently or social sailing where longevity is a factor.

Olivier Cohen (FRA): I always sail 36mic jibs, 50mic main. Obviously, jib is fragile especially during manipulation, but no issue during sailing with light and stronger winds. (Pure racing answer from 2022 IOM Worlds Champion)

[Craig R. Smith](#) (AUS): Hi Ray, 36um as Oliver said, 36um is really only suitable for a no.1 headsail. No.1 main should be 50um. And also, important to use Polymex and not Melinex. Polymex 725 also called PMX725 is what most of the good sailmakers are using, whether they know it or not. Melinex for the same weight material is a bit too stiff and holds the leach from opening out enough in the strong gusts. 50um can be used on no.2 rigs, but I always found it deformed too much. So best for longevity to use 75um for no.2 and no.3 rigs. Even no.2 headsail would stretch too much for my liking using 50um. I am sure plenty do use it, but I don't find it suitable.

[Darren Abdilla](#) (MLT): [Craig R. Smith](#), I fully agree on all that you said except one. I use 36 on the A jib headsail and 75 on the A mainsail.

[Craig R. Smith](#) (AUS): to [Darren Abdilla](#): Hmmm okay, but gust response with 75um on the no.1 rig main is basically non-existent. I found even the difference between the two different 50um films was enough to make a difference. We went away from even 64um mains way back in 1998 when it became obvious in gusty conditions that the stiffer mains were causing a lack of acceleration and a far more tippy boat. Cast your mind back to when Brad first put that kink in his vang wire, think about the effect that has when a gust hits....

[Graham Elliott](#) (GBR): I would take Craig's advice on this, there are only a handful of people in our sport that have done all the research, development and testing and then offer this expertise and Craig is most definitely one of those at the top of the tree.



Larry Stiles photo.

1/30/2023

2023 PacNW IOM & DF95 Regatta Schedule

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	IOM - R5 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Corpus Christi, TX	See NoR	
2/18-19	See NoR	IOM - R6 Midwinters – 1.1x Ranking	San Diego, CA	See NoR	
3/17-18	See NoR	IOM - Gator Roundup – 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	IOM – R3 Championship – 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	IOM – CAN Nats – 1.1x Ranking	Saltspring Island, BC	See NoR	
5/6-7	See NoR	IOM – R1 Championship – 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	DF95 - PacNW Region 6 Championship	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	
6/9-10	See NoR	IOM - R6 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Foster City, CA	See NoR	
6/17	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
6/24	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #4	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
7/8	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #4	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
7/15	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #5	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
7/22	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #5	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
7/29	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
8/5	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #6	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
8/12	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Regatta #6	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
8/18/19	See NoR	IOM - R2 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Parsippany, NJ	See NoR	
8/26	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	(253) 205-9965
9/2	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	(253) 205-9965
9/9	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #7	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
9/16	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #7	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
9/28-30	See NoR	IOM - R4 Championship - 1.1x Ranking	Michigan, USA	See NoR	
10/7	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #8	Surprise Lake, Milton	See NoR	(253) 205-9965
10/14	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #8	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	See NoR	(206) 232-9036
10/21	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Sail Sand Point, Seattle	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
11/4-5	See NOR	IOM - Harvest Moon – Club Ranking 1.0x	Salem MA	See NoR	
11/15-18	See NOR	IOM - USA Nats - 1.2x Ranking	Hampton, VA	See NoR	
12/8-9	See NoR	IOM - R7 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Hobe Sound, FL	See NoR	

(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 62nd Ave NE, Seattle, WA

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

Anacortes RC Sailors @ Seafarers Memorial Park: 600 Seafarers Way, Anacortes, WA



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