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2023 marks another year of regular racing at Seattle Model Yacht Club and Gig Harbor Model Yacht Club per our schedule (at the end for reference). Yes, our racing was interrupted by Covid when our venues closed, but that is long past. The latest interruption was when our Coulon Park venue closed late 2022 for reconstruction, and we resolved that by sailing the Coulon events at Sail Sand Point in 2023. Coulon is recently operational, and we'll return with DF95s this coming Saturday (10/21/23), see the GHMYC DF95 Fall/Winter Racing Schedule on page 4.

This report sums up 2023 season points for IOMs and DF95s.



Launching and slowly moving to the course for another race off the dock with elevated viewing. We raced too often in 2023 in drifting conditions like this, but sometimes the only alternative is this or to not race. We didn't always have super light wind of course, but we never got close to needing a B-rig either. Larry Stiles photo.

2023 Seattle MYC IOM Class – Seattle Cup (Season Points)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

For the first time we raced IOM (and DF95) at Sail Sand Point at Magnuson Park in Seattle.

We began in March while SSP was officially closed. With approvals from SSP sailing was on to see what this new venue was like:

- One of our concerns was could we launch from the dock about 6' above the water, and we quickly proved we can. Just grab the mast top and raise (or lower) from there.
- Another was weed, and just like at Coulon, Lake Washington has weed in it moving with the wind. Sometimes we are mostly weed free and sometimes not.
- Another was what happens when they have a high school regatta day, and we were swarmed by them in April. They took over the raised dock, so we raced off the shore. Once they launched off the shore, like lemmings rushing to the sea, we were undisturbed. Next year we'll try to avoid sailing there on a high school regatta.
- We finally solved the all-important post-race gather spot question on the 4th regatta thanks to Herb Hunt's suggestion – Fiddler's Inn on 35th.

We had three notable light-air days out of eight regattas, including the 1st and last regattas. The May light-air regatta marked the first time since SMYC started racing IOMs in 2010 that no scores were recorded. When we had wind, it was too inconsistent for fair sailing, so we just raced without scoring and hoped for the wind to establish itself. It never did. We tried for 2.5 hours, before the wind seriously shut down. So that is why no scores are listed for that month.

Bob Wells is the 2023 Seattle Cup champion based on his consistently staying near the top finishers. Bob bumped last year's champion, Mike Hansow, to 2nd place. David Jensen repeated his 3rd place finish from last year. The podium finishers were not good at placing 1st in any single regatta, but those winners (Conze, Ian & Rafe Beswick, and JWB) didn't show up enough to get the points to get on

the podium. Speaking of showing up, Mike Hansow, Dan Shier, and Daryl Ruff had their priorities in place, as they sailed in every regatta. Showing up provides its own reward.

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IOM season points Seattle Cup 2023

Pls	Skipper	Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Photos		SC1 Mar18		SC2 Apr15		SC3 May20		SC4 Jul08		SC5 Jul22		SC6 Aug12		SC7 Sep16		SC8 Oct14		Tot	2t/o	Scr
		Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts			
1	Bob Wells	2	11	1	10					2	8	2	9	5	3	3	7	48	0	48								
2	Mike Hansow	3	10	4	7			6	6	4	6	5	6	2	6	7	3	44	3	41								
3	David Jensen	5	8	2	9			2	10			8	3	6	2	4	6	38	0	38								
4	Peter Conze	1	12					1	11					4	4	2	8	35	0	35								
5	Jerry Brower							3	9	3	7	4	7			1	9	32	0	32								
6	Dan Shier	9	4	5	6			5	7	6	4	6	5	3	5	6	4	35	4	31								
7	S McConnell	7	6	6	5			8	4	5	5	3	8					28	0	28								
8	Rafe Breswick			3	8			4	8			1	10					26	0	26								
9	Ian Breswick	4	9							1	9			1	7			25	0	25								
10	Daryl Ruff	6	7	8	3			11	1	7	3	9	2	7	1	5	5	22	1	21								
11	Cully Preston	8	5	9	2			10	2	9	1	7	4			8	2	16	0	16								
12	Hurb Hunt							7	5									5	0	5								
13	Dennis Pittis							9	3	8	2							5	0	5								
14	Bryan Reightley			7	4													4	0	4								
15	Jullian Lee	11	2	10	1													3	0	3								
16	Art Lent	10	3															3	0	3								
17	Per Flygare											10	1			9	1	2	0	2								
18	Wilson Chong	12	1															1	0	1								

1 point for each boat you beat plus 1 pt for starting a race in regatta. Two throw-outs over eight scheduled regattas.

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This is what a brand-new K2 from Croatia looks like. Differences from my 2017 model are a lower drag tapered rudder and a shorter flatter bulb, but I think the hull is unchanged. Fast boat with Ian's on the Tx. Bob Wells image.

2023 Gig Harbor MYC IOM Class – Gig Harbor Cup (Season Points)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

No change in venue for this series, where we have been sailing since the late 1980s. I enjoyed myself every time I sail at this small lake with the ever-surprising wind patterns. The racing is usually close, and the vibe is relaxed. Except this year Ian Beswick left the competition well behind. In Jerry's simple scoring system most points win. You get a point for each boat you beat plus 1 point for starting a race in a regatta, and 2 throw-outs. Ian separated from the fleet to finish 10 points over his brother, Rafe, in second. Bob Wells wasn't too far behind Rafe to complete the podium. Peter Conze in 4th

sailed well enough to be on the podium, but he didn't sail often enough to get the points. He finished one point out in 4th, and tied with David Jensen on points. David finished 5th on count-back.

Let's do it again next year.

IOM season points Gig Harbor Cup 2023

Skipper	Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Tot	2t/o	Scr
	GH1 Mar11	GH2 Apr08	GH3 May13	GH4 Jun24	GH5 Jul15	GH6 Aug05	GH7 Sep09	GH8 Oct 07	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts			
1 Ian Breswick	2	8	6	2	2	9	1	9	1	8	1	6	8	1	6	2	45	3	42
2 Rafe Breswick	5	5	2	6	5	6	3	7			2	5			2	6	35	0	35
3 Bob Wells	3	7			4	7	6	4	3	6			1	8			32	0	32
4 Peter Conze	1	9	1	7	4	8			2	7							31	0	31
5 David Jensen	4	6	4	4	8	3	4	6	6	3	5	2	3	6	7	1	31	3	28
6 Jerry Brower							2	8			4	3	2	7	1	7	25	0	25
7 Daryl Ruff	7	3	5	3			7	3	7	2			4	5	3	5	21	0	21
9 Mike Hansow			3	5			5	5	4	5	3	4					19	0	19
8 Dan Shier	6	4	7	1	7	4	8	2	5	4			5	4			19	0	19
10 Royce Reid					1	10											10	0	10
11 Art Lent	9	1			10	1					6	1	6	3			6	0	6
12 Dennis Pittis							9	1	8	1					5	3	5	0	5
13 S McConnell					6	5											5	0	5
14 Bill Wilson															4	4	4	0	4
15 Per Flygare													7	2			2	0	2
17 Allen Gardner	8	2															2	0	2
16 Katie Lent					9	2											2	0	2

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The Surprise Lake venue in Milton as seen from the apartment clubhouse during a restroom break.



2023 DF95 R6 Championship at Sail Sand Point featured the biggest wind of the year. You can read all about it here: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/3uj5nqt5q75k3ylwv0n0/2023-DF95-R6pnw-Seattle-copy.pdf?rlkey=23oacv0544zkw61yur5zj1dkj&dl=0>

2023 Gig Harbor DF95 Class – Season Points

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

This is the first year the 95s sailed at Sail Sand Point because the Coulon Park sailing area was closed for reconstruction. I anticipate that the venue switches back to Coulon Park in 2024 because it is closer to the organizers and buoy setup is more convenient using their electric tug system. And 95s do well inside the walkway at Coulon for club sailing. Stay tuned for the 2024 venue announcement.

Sail Sand Point was a nice alternative to Coulon that provided a lot of radio sailing exposure to the many 'people boat' sailors there. Our first race in March was sailed from the convenient empty float dock because SSP hadn't opened yet. We then moved to the beach to the south for the next few regattas, and eventually moved to the elevated dock. Elevated viewing expands the course options and enhances the sailing, but much of the time we can't launch/retrieve the short-masted 95s from the dock with low water levels. Well, those of us with normal adult arm lengths can't anyway. I think SSP remains our best option for R6 racing as long we have volunteers assisting launch/retrieval from the floating dock, and I think this year's high quality R6 proved that.

Per usual with JWB's season points scoring system results are very close, and that includes the top two that tied on points and needed the countback to determine the winner. Bob Wells is our unlikely champion on countback over David Jensen thanks to his only 1st on the last regatta compared to David's previous 2nd. David, coulda and shoulda... Peter Conze was 3rd to complete the podium. Jerry Brower was 4th over Dan Shier. They tied on points, but another countback elevated JWB.

I appreciate JWB coming out of scorekeeping retirement to assemble his season points results. It's a lot of work and something he is good at, as he has done this for us since the early 1990s.

One of the best things coming out of DF95s this season for me was our new Global Champion, Craig Richards', setup & tuning guide that followed his win (published on FaceBook). I was lost and frustrated on how to tune a 95 until his excellent guide came out. If you're low and slow, check it out. A condensed version is here: <https://www.nigelbarrow.co.uk/craigs-setup-guide>. Thank you Craig, very generous of you!

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Let's do it all again next year. Expect a schedule in January with a March start.

DF95 season points 2023

Skipper	Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Bob's report		Cancelled		Tot	2t/o	Scr		
	DF Mar04	DF Apr01	DF Apr22	DF May27	DF Jun17	DF Jul29	DF Aug26	DF Sep02	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts	Pls	Pts				Pls	Pts
1 Bob Wells	10	2			3	7	3	10	2	9	2	6	1	10			44	0	44
2 David Jensen	4	8	2	8	2	8	8	5	3	8			4	7			44	0	44
3 Peter Conze	1	11	4	6			1	12			1	7					36	0	36
4 Jerry Brower							4	9	4	7	3	5	3	8			29	0	29
5 Dan Shier	5	7	9	1			6	7	6	5	5	3	5	6			29	0	29
6 Ian Breswick	3	9							1	10			2	9			28	0	28
7 Royce Reid			3	7	1	9	2	11									27	0	27
8 Daryl Ruff	7	5	7	3	5	5	7	6	7	4	4	4					27	0	27
9 Rafe Breswick			6	4	4	6	5	8			6	2	7	4			24	0	24
10 Mike Hansow	8	4	5	5	6	4			5	6			8	3			22	0	22
11 Cully Preston	6	6	8	2							7	1	6	5			14	0	14
12 James Stinson	2	10															10	0	10
13 Dan Mathews			1	9													9	0	9
14 Dennis Pittis					8	2	10	3	8	3			10	1			9	0	9
15 Herb Hunt							9	4									4	0	4
16 M Schoonover					7	3											3	0	3
17 Per Flygare							12	1					9	2			3	0	3
18 David Powell	9	3															3	0	3
19 Ryan Ruff							11	2	10	1							3	0	3
20 Will Dolezal									9	2							2	0	2
21 Cedric Wong					9	1											1	0	1
22 Rod Johnson	11	1															1	0	1

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Next up locally: GHMYC DF95 Fall/Winter Racing Series:

10/21/23 at 10A – 2P at Coulon Park
 10/28/23 at 10A – 2P at Coulon Park
 11/18/23 at 10A – 2P at Coulon Park
 12/2/23 at 10A – 2P at Coulon Park
 12/9/23 at 10A – 2P at Coulon Park



AMYA Region 6 Director, Dan Shire, taking a deserved break at Surprise Lake. Bob Wells image.

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2023 PacNW IOM & DF95 Regatta Schedule

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(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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