

2025

~~2024~~ DF95 Season Points for Gig Harbor MYC:

By Bob Wells with Mike Hansow scoring,

The DF95 Spring-Fall regular season wrapped up last Saturday, and up next is our DF95 Frostbite Series. Once again Frostbite includes five DF95 races at Coulon Park from Oct-Dec. Schedule is on the last page of this newsletter for more detail. And for the record, it's not that cold in Renton from Oct-Dec when we sail the so-called "Frostbite"...

Seattle MYC and GHMYC have evolved to function like a combined club with shared organizers and skippers supporting each other. In the 1990s with EC12s the clubs had separate organizers, coordinated schedules and shared most of the same skippers. Now we have about the same participation with fewer organizers, so you could say we're getting more efficient in race management. One thing we have lost is Tuesday Evening sailing at Surprise Lake, all due to our horrendous traffic. Back in the early 90s, if I could sneak away from work in Seattle by 4P, I could have a great evening sailing at Surprise Lake with a social dinner talking boats in a pub. We also don't have monthly newsletters from both clubs, which were typed on computers, and then "snail" mailed.

GHMYC continues hosting IOM club regattas at their traditional venue, The Dock at Surprise Lake, with 8 monthly regattas per year beginning in March. GHMYC added DF95s to their fleet years ago mostly to promote new skippers. 95s still attract new skippers, but they have evolved to be the largest fleet with the most annual races. Many DF95 skippers also sail IOM. The DF95 venue is Coulon Park, and we usually sail inside the Waterwalk for a stadium sailing experience. For larger events like the new Travelers Trophy or an AMYA regional, we move outside the Waterwalk for open water sailing.

SMYC continues to sail IOM outside the Waterwalk, which we have done with 8 monthly regattas per year since 2010. Expect the combined Seattle/Gig Harbor 2026 schedule to be very similar to 2025 (shown on last page), so check it out next January or February.



DF95s in wind and flat water. 95s have impressive sailing technology for the costs.

2025 Season Points for the GHMYC DF95 fleet:

The Spring-Summer series had good friendly competition, and completed all eight scheduled DF95 regattas at Coulon Park in Renton. All were stadium style sailing inside the Waterwalk confines, but the August 23 Travelers Trophy event was outside the Waterwalk. Outside offers a bigger venue over a larger course with more consistent wind and bigger waves. The only downside is it takes more effort to haul the rib dinghy and place and retrieve marks. Don't put your 95s away yet – see schedule below for Frostbite Series.

Scoring is courtesy of Mike Hansow per usual, and this is just one of the things he does as organizer. Similar to JWB's season points system we used in the past, Mike's simple scoring system gives 1 point for attending plus 1 point for every skipper you finish above, and there are no throw-outs. Take the March regatta as an example, JWB finished 1st with 12 skippers attending. So, JWB received 1 point (for attending) plus 11 points (number of skippers he finished above). Jerry Brower scores 12 points for that day in this system, where the high score wins.

Participation is its own reward, so we had 19 different skippers rewarded over the year. Only two skippers raced in all the events, Mike Hansow and Daryl Ruff. We're glad they did because they bring all the regatta kit, and set up the course before we get there! David Jensen only missed the first event.

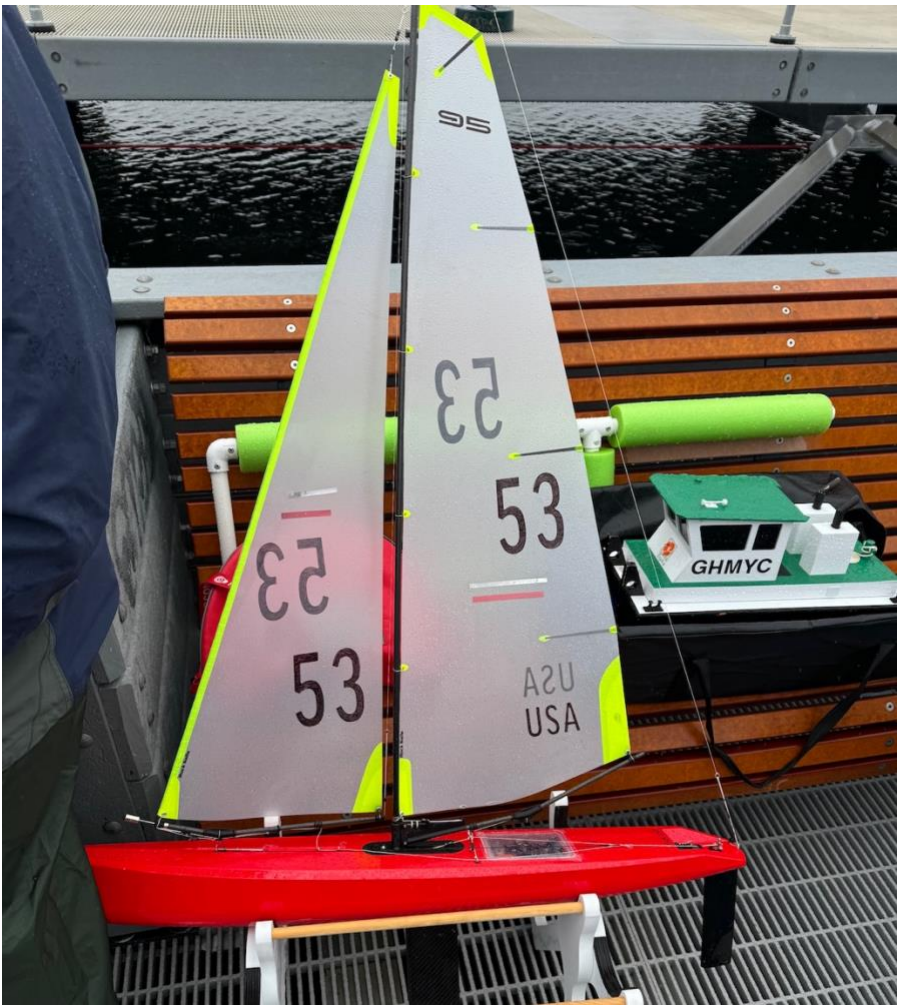
Congratulations to Mike Hansow, our 2025 fleet champion after being a close 2nd in 2024. Peter Conze finished higher than Mikey in every race he attended, but missing two events dropped him to 2nd place – coulda, shoulda. JWB missed three regattas, and yet he scored well enough to finish third. JWB also won the two events with the most participation, weeks 1 and 4. David Jensen finished 4th and Dan McDuff completed the podium for 2025. See you at Frosbite...

2025 DF95 Season Points - GHMYC

Skipper	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Total
Mike Hansow	11	6	4	6	9	6	6	8	56
Peter Conze	9		7	11		8	9	9	53
Jerry Brower	12			12	8	5	8		45
David Jensen	5	4	5	10	4		5	7	40
Dan McDuff	10			9	7	3	7		36
Bob Wells	4	7	6		6	7		6	36
Daryl Ruff	6	5	1	4	2	2	3	4	27
Dan Shier	7			8	5	4			24
Dennis Pittis	2		3	1	3		2		11
Dan Mathews							4	5	9
Scott McConnell	8								8
Cully Preston	3	3		2					8
Harry Lyle		2	2		1			3	8
Mike Hester				7					7
Per Flygar	1			5					6
Rafe Beswick				3					3
Janet Rice							1	1	2
Eddie Smith		1							1
Mike Reed						1			1



Our opening day DF95 regatta in March had 11 boats and some nice sunlight, bit little wind. Mike Hansow image.



Big Mike’s winning kit and his tug that hauls the buoys and rescues boats when necessary.

5/7/2025 Revised
2025 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
2/21-23	See NoR	IOM – R8 Midwinters – 1.1x Ranking	San Diego, CA	See NoR	
3/1	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
3/15	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #1	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
3/21-23	See NoR	IOM - R7 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Venice, FL	See NoR	
3/29	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #1	Coulon Park, Renton	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
4/5	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Spring Regatta	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
4/12	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #2	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
4/13	TBD	DF95 – VLSC Travelers Trophy	Vancouver Lake, WA	See NoR	
4/19	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #2	Coulon Park, Renton	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
4/27	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – OMS Travelers Trophy	TBD	Dan Shier	(360) 789-6906
5/3	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Spring Regatta	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
5/10	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #3	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
5/24	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #3	Coulon Park, Renton	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
5/30-6/1	See NoR	DF95 – Region 6 Championship	Coulon Park, Renton	See NoR	
6/7	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
6/14	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #4	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
6/21	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #4	Coulon Park, Renton	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
6/28	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
7/12	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #5	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
7/19	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #5	Coulon Park, Renton	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
7/26	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
8/2	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #6	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
8/9	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Regatta #6	Coulon Park, Renton	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
8/23	9:30AM – 2:30PM	DF95 – GHMYC Travelers Trophy (5 hr race)	Coulon Park, Renton	See NoR	(253) 205-9965
8/30	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Saturday Regatta	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
9/6	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #7	Coulon Park, Renton	Bob Wells	(253) 205-9965
9/12-14	See NoR	IOM – CAN Nationals	Saltspring Island, BC	See NoR	
9/20	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #7	Surprise Lake, Milton	Daryl Ruff	(206) 232-9036
9/26-27	See NoR	IOM – R6 Championship – 1.1x Ranking	Coulon Park, Renton	See NoR	
10/4	10AM – 2PM	IOM - GHMYC – Saturday Regatta #8	Surprise Lake, Milton	See NoR	(253) 205-9965
10/11	10AM – 2PM	IOM - SMYC – Saturday Regatta #8	Coulon Park, Renton	Bob Wells	(206) 232-9036
10/16-19	See NoR	DF95 – Nationals	Newport, RI	See NoR	
10/25	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Fall Series #1	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
11/8	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Fall Series #2	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
11/15	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Fall Series #3	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
11/29	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Fall Series #4	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965
12/6	10AM – 2PM	DF95 – Fall Series #5	Coulon Park, Renton	Daryl Ruff	(253) 205-9965

(Green) Multi-day national events (IOM, DF95) – See NoR
(Blue) Gig Harbor DF95 Regattas
(White) SMYC & Gig Harbor IOM Regattas
(Red) = Revisions

Local Regatta Venues:
Seattle MYC @ Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park: 1201 Lake Washington Blvd., Renton, WA
Gig Harbor MYC @ Surprise Lake: Surprise Lake Village, 2800 Queens Way, Milton, WA.