

Woody *Panacea* with a bow ripple on glassy water. She was designed & built by local David Jensen, and local Daryl Ruff is now her caretaker. She's a good all-around performer that excels downwind in a breeze.

2025 Season Points for SMYC & GHMYC:

By Bob Wells

The IOM Spring-Fall regular season wrapped a few weeks ago, and up next is GHMYC's Frostbite Series that includes five DF95 races at Coulon Park from Oct-Dec. Expect our combined Seattle MYC & Gig Harbor MYC 2026 schedule to resemble the 2025 schedule (on last page). It should be available in January or February 2026 on the club Facebook page here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ghmyc/.



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2025 Seattle MYC IOM Fleet - Seattle Cup (Season Points)

Bob Wells Reporting & Jerry Brower Scoring:

This was our 2nd year sailing at the refurbished Coulon Park venue, where the facilities are first class and parking is convenient. Parking is easy as long as you arrive before our regatta. Otherwise, parking fills quickly on decent days soon after our start, and can be near impossible in the afternoon.

It was another good year, made more special by three different *Panacea* woodies sailing with us, including a new one built by Dan McDuff. Next year we should have a 4th woody, so stay tuned. I also thought it was nice to sail with Mike Hansow and his sweet new *V12* from OZ, and Jerry Brower and his quirky new *VISS* design from Croatia. These add performance to our small fleet of mostly current IOM designs, which includes a lot of V11s and V10s. The outlier is Bob Wells, a stubborn old coot who chooses to sail his near vintage 2012 Fusion II (an Aussie design), and then for the last race switched to a 2013 Kantun S (from Croatia & formerly owned by Scott McConnell).

The fleet was competitive, and results were topsy turvy race to race. Nobody dominated enough to repeat a consecutive 1st place finish, and the podium only achieved 2 of the 8 regatta wins. Somehow, Bob Wells is the 2025 Seattle Cup champion because he more consistently stayed near winners. Bob enjoyed bumping last year's champion, Mike Hansow, to 2nd place. David Jensen repeated his 3rd place finish from last year. Peter Conze in 4th achieved two nice wins. but was otherwise inconsistent and missed half the races. JWB in 6th got 2 wins also. He generally sailed very well, but his results were average because he arrived late so missed races. My guess is 2026 will continue with more topsy turvy results, and this keeps our club race battles more fun.

IOM season points Seattle Cup 2025

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1	Bob Wells	2	7	3	5	2	9			2	6	1	7	4	6	2	3	43]
2	Mike Hansow	3	6	1	7	5	6	2	4	4	4	2	6	8	2	1	4	39] 1
3	David Jensen	4	5	2	6	3	8	3	3			3	5	2	8	3	2	37	2
4[Peter Conze	1	8			4	7			1	7			6	4			26]
5[Dan McDuff	5	4			6	5	4	2	3	5	6	2	3	7			25]
6	Jerry Brower			6	2	1	10			7	1	7	1	1	9			23]
7[Daryl Ruff	7	2	5	3	9	2	5	1	5	3	5	3	5	5	4	1	20]
8	Dan Shier	6	3			8	3	1	5	6	2	4	4					17]
9[Per Flygare			4	4	7	4											8]
10	Dennis Pittis	8	1	7	1	10	1							9	1			4]
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We can't have a regatta without volunteers bringing and using our regatta gear, and we have to place and remove buoys for every regatta. Mike Hansow has replaced Joe Damico as our hero here; as he purchased Joe's boat and regatta gear, maintains or updates everything, hauls it to the venue, places the buoys in the morning, and then cleans everything when he gets home and preps for the next outing. He also does our scoring and runs our Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ghmyc/. Mikey also never misses a regatta, so he takes his race management obligations seriously.



Mikey's rib with 10hp electric start motor before leaving the launch area at Coulon Park to place buoys.

Organizer Mike Hansow's Reimbursement

By Bob Wells

SMYC and GHMYC has evolved to efficiently function like combined clubs with shared organizers and skippers supporting each other. We have no dues, no meetings or even organizer titles, as it is all about the sailing and camaraderie. This only works because folks step up as needed. We no longer have a treasurer, and we thank JWB for his many years of service in that capacity as he reimbursed folks for regatta costs. We still have expenses to run our Coulon regattas, and Mike Hansow stepped up and is covering this out-of-pocket for 2024-25, and I hope the foreseeable future. I have a plan to rectify that and spread the costs, as we should.

Mike is our key organizer who actively manages our club's regatta gear, scoring and website at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ghmyc/. It is amazing how he gets the regatta scores out and online at the post-race lunch table before he even eats. I'll assume the scoring and his active FB website are nominal costs to manage, I'll assume his DF95 buoy tug and buoy costs by Mikey (and Daryl Ruff) are modest also, and the gas cost is nil because Mike was going there to race anyway. His consistency in showing up at every 2025 Coulon Park or Surprise Lake regatta to have the course setup on time is impressive and appreciated.

Regatta prep to sail outside the Waterwalk at Coulon has costs, which Mike is covering. We should share these costs because they are significant, and because Mike maintains our high quality Coulon sailing with his efforts. Mike's 2024 initial cost to purchase Joe Damico's excellent rib with electric start Honda, and the buoys and ground tackle. My SWAG is this is gear was around \$5K. For each regatta Mike also has gas, launch fee, and equipment purchase costs to maintain the boat, trailer and buoys. Mike is doing a great job of maintaining and upgrading his kit, and the most visible item is new buoys and improved ground tackle.

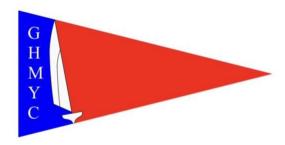
There are more new replacement items than just buoys, which I see when we put the rib away after regattas. What I don't see is his post-regatta work on the gear at home, which he obviously does. Many Skippers know the drill and have already made donations to Mike, which he keeps in his kitty. For the rest of us, I suggest skippers voluntarily directly pay Mike \$10/regatta when we race outside the Coulon Waterwalk or \$100 for the year. My suggestion breaks down like this if you attend every regatta:

- (3) DF95 R6
- (1) DF95 Travelers Trophy r
- (8) IOM SMYC club regattas
- (3) IOM R6 by Olympia Model Sailors

15 total regattas X \$10 = \$150 total to Mike (or \$100 for the year is a bargain)

Since I sailed in all the Coulon Regattas, I'll voluntarily reimburse Mike \$100 (and whatever additional I feel like doing as a thank you). If I miss a few regattas, I'd still reimburse Mike \$100 because he is setting up the course even If I choose to not sail. I expect we will be generous, and if 7 of us donate \$100 and others a portion of that, Mike will receive \$900-\$1,100. The goal is not to cover all Mike's costs, but to cover all his annual costs plus a partial payment on his initial cost to purchase Joe's kit. You can voluntarily pay Mike discretely at the pond or mail him a check (contact Bob Wells or Mike if you need his address).

I also propose we repeat this voluntary reimbursement effort in future years as long as Mikey performs as he did in 2024 and 2025. If we average more than 8 skippers per regatta, our suggested payments to Mike will decrease. If anybody wants to step up and become a treasurer for both clubs, we will gladly accept and support you, and reimbursement to Mike can be more formal. See you at the pond.



2025 Gig Harbor MYC IOM Class – Gig Harbor Cup (Season Points)

Bob Wells Reporting & Mike Hansow Scoring:

We have been sailing here since the late 1980s. I enjoy myself every time I sail at this small lake with the ever-surprising wind patterns. The vertical swirlies are my least favorite and the auto tacks are fun. The racing is usually close at the end of the day, and the vibe is relaxed, and 2025 was exactly that.

It seems appropriate that Mike Hansow pulled away from the fleet to win most season points, as he placed the buoys every race and often picked them up too. Mikey's scoring was helped because he was there for every race and grabbed two firsts out of 8 the regattas. David Jensen in second also raced every race and also grabbed two firsts as he separated himself from the rest of the fleet. Bob Wells was a distant third, and just in front of a 3-way points tie for 4th, which Jerry Brower won on countback with two 1sts. Notable in 7th place is Peter Conze, who won both regattas he attended, but otherwise was a no-show. Peter received some significant tuning assistance while racing here in September, so he is probably more eager to return in 2026.

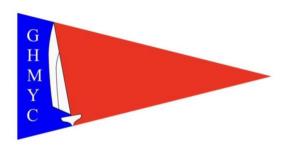
Let's do it again next year.

IOM season points Gig Harbor Cup 2025

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1 Mike Hansow	2	5	2	8	1	9	3	5	3	2	1	7	4	6	3	6	42	
2 David Jensen	1	6	9	1	3	7	2	6	2	3	3	5	2	8	6	3	36	
3 Bob Wells	5	2			2	8			1	4	2	6	7	3	4	5	23	
4 Jerry Brower			4	6			1	7					3	7	1	8	20	1
5 Dan Shier			3	7	5	5					5	3	5	5	5	4	20	3
6 Daryl Ruff	6	1	5	5	7	3	4	4	4	1	4	4	8	2	7	2	20	4
7 Peter Conze			1	9									1	9			18	
8 Dan McDuff	3	4			4	6					6	2	6	4	2	7	16	
9 Per Flygare	4	3	6	4	6	4	5	3									14	
10 Cedric Wong			8	2	8	2	6	2					9	1			7	
11 Dennis Pittis			7	3	9	1					7	1			8	1	5	
12 Bill Wilson							7	1									1	

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2025 Gig Harbor DF95 Class – Season Points

Bob Wells reporting and Mike Hansow scoring

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. Mike mostly sailed his V11 "scratchy", but he also sailed his new V12 at the end of the year. 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

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

10/21/23 at 10A – 2P at Coulon Park (Completed) 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 Vice President & Region 6 Director, Dan Shire, taking a deserved break at Surprise Lake while doing what he likes best. I was wondering when it would happen, but Dan is becoming a competitive sailor too. Bob Wells image.

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	Şurprise 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

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

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