



It is not every day we have three woodies in a local club race, and here’s the confirming photo in a lull. They are all the *Panacea* design by local David Jensen. Two were built by David and 05 was home built by Dan McGuff. I think it is a good all-around performer that excels downwind, and as functional art on the mantle. Mike Hansow photo.

2025 Gig Harbor MYC Regatta #6 – IOM Class (August 2nd at Surprise Lake, Milton, WA)
Bob Wells Reporting and Mike Hansow Scoring:

Another Surprise Lake shifty wind adventure made a little better because it was easier to adjust the starting line with the geo positioning buoys. If you’ve ever sailed here, you know what I mean about the wind.

This race was for 2nd and 3rd because Mike Hansow was dominant with his red V11 we call “Scratchy”. Mikey seemed to either finish in the top two or DFL, and he could throw out all three of his DFLs. Kinda hard to whine too much about Mikey crushing the fleet when he does so much in managing the regatta gear, setting the buoys and scoring. Atta boy, Mikey, for all of it. The oldest boat, 2012 *Fusion* by Craig Smith got 2nd, and David Jensen’s woody was 3rd and the highest finishing cedar woody hull (out of 3).

A lot of us are having issues with our mainsails having the draft way to far forward. To move the mainsail draft back, we need to make the mast bend a little forward. It’s an epidemic, so many of us have something to work on for the next race.

Lunch was at Hops n Drops in Milton and well attended.

GHMYC 8/2/2025																							
Scoring: RRS Appendix A																							
Sail	Sailor	Design	Hull	Rank	Tot	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	R 7	R 8	R 9	R 10	R 11	R 12	R 13	R 14	R 15	R 16	R 17	R 18
53	Mike Hansow	V11		1	30	7	1	1	1	7	5	1	1	7	1	5	1	6	1	1	2	2	1
07	Bob Wells	Fusion		2	44	5	2	5	2	4	3	5	2	2	3	1	5	5	7	3	4	1	2
68	David Jensen	Panacea 3		3	48	2	3	3	6	5	4	2	3	4	5	2	3	2	3	6	6	4	3
67	Daryl Ruff	Panacea 4		4	50	3	4	4	4	1	1	4	4	6	4	3	6	4	4	2	5	3	6
17	Dan Shier	Britpop		5	52	1	5	6	3	3	2	6	7	3	6	4	4	1	2	5	1	7	7
05	Dan McDuff	Panacea 4		6	56	4	6	7	5	2	6	3	5	1	2	6	2	3	6	4	3	6	4
57	Dennis Pittis	Multeaser	Malteaser	7	89	6	7	2	7	6	7	7	6	5	7	7	7	7	5	7	7	5	5



Sunny and colorful on the dock. Our IOM class boats come to us from all over the globe. Today the Australian built 07 won this day with New Zealand 53 in a solid 2nd. Another red New Zealand built 68 tied in points with the Brazilian built 17, and 17 dropped to 4th on count back. Not pictured is the Croatian built 26 or USA built 67. Dan Shier photo.

2025 Seattle MYC Regatta #6 – IOM Class (August 9th at Coulon Park in Renton, WA)
Bob Wells Reporting and Mike Hansow Scoring:

This was excellent sailing made a little warm by the merciless sun in the afternoon. Today reminded us of what it is like to sail in wind and waves in the mid & upper A-rig, something that is too rare at Coulon. The long fetch with a NWly wind provides the waves, and they make for interesting choices. Upwind on starboard you can be pounding more thru waves, so foot a little for more power. On port upwind you're more parallel to the waves so you can often point for height with speed, but not always. After the leeward offset mark, how you play the lift at the dock is another choice with consequences. Sometimes the wind is stronger away from the dock and at other times the dock lift pays to get you to the finish sooner with only a short port tack required.

18 races over 4 hours with half the races a long two laps is a lot of sailing in glorious conditions. I'll call it best sailing of the year so far.

SMYC 8/9/2025																						
Scoring: RRS Appendix A																						
Sail	Sailor	Design	Rank	Tot	R 1	R 2	R 3	R 4	R 5	R 6	R 7	R 8	R 9	R 10	R 11	R 12	R 13	R 14	R 15	R 16	R 17	R 18
07	Bob Wells	Fusion	1	33	4	2	3	2	1	4	4	4	1	1	1	2	1	3	6	3	3	2
53	Mike Hansow	V11	2	41	1	1	5	1	2	1	6	1	2	3	3	5	7	4	5	6	1	6
68	David Jensen	V11	3	54	2	6	6	8	8	2	1	3	4	8	2	1	3	8	3	1	5	7
17	Dan Shier	Britpop	4	54	5	3	2	4	4	3	2	8	3	5	4	3	2	5	4	7	8	5
67	Daryl Ruff	Panacea 4	5	55	6	4	4	5	3	5	3	8	6	4	6	4	4	1	2	2	4	4
05	Dan McDuff	V10	6	65	3	5	1	3	5	6	5	5	5	6	7	6	5	6	7	5	2	3
26	Jerry Brower	Viss	7	76	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	2	8	2	5	7	6	2	1	4	6	1

At the end of the day, the most consistent performer was Bob Wells with Mike Hansow in a solid 2nd position. The race was for 3rd, and three boats finished within one point. David Jensen squeaked in on countback over Dan Shier, who has his BP sailing better lately. Not sure what is going on with Jerry Brower, who again arrives after almost half of the races are done. This time his new VISS had its moments, but surprisingly she was also pretty average in a number of races too.

The geo positioning buoys still speed up setting and changing marks, but we have learned that weed can be a problem for buoys as well as our keels. We had weed again early, and then it drifted away to become a non-issue. Weed did foul our geo positioning buoys, so we finished the regatta with

all conventional buoys with ground tackle. It's easy to remove weed from the buoy propellers with the right tools

The lunch gathering was at Ivars, where once again Mikey had the regatta scores online before he took his 1st bite. A good day in the books. Sorry if you mowed the lawn instead of sailing.

Next up: **Gig Harbor** – DF95 Regatta – Travelers Trophy
August 23rd at Coulon Park; Renton – 9:30AM – 2:30 (Racing outside the walkway & Trophies)



A little History: The first start of our 1st Seattle Model Yacht Club IOM regatta on March 13, 2010. We called it the COW Regatta for Canada, Oregon, and Washington. Here I recognize Jerry Brower sailing *Glam Rock* (purple 42), Martin Herbert in 77, and Bob Wells' (white 05). Big choppy Lake Washington delivered some fresh SWly wind, and the lessons of how to sail an IOM began in earnest. Still learning for the record. Julien Lee photo.



There were many ridiculously good custom *Zoom* IOMs built by the Herbert brothers from British Columbia at the COW regatta. What a visual feast! The most appealing to me was this *Zoom* design built by Martin Herbert, who is still sailing and building IOMs on Saltspring Island. He gave this fiberglass hull and deck his custom paint finish in the form of highly detailed wood planking. It's very convincing when seen for the first time. I keep trying, and Martin won't sell it to me. Good for him.

Zooms were designed by Graham Herbert on Hornby Island. He told me he began based upon the successful Topiko hull, and then made the bow a little fuller and higher, used more u-shaped sections, the beam a little narrower, etc. He built a bunch of them, and each one he tweaked a little looking for performance. *Zooms* remain wonderful, but the really intriguing Herbert IOMs are built in wood now. Bob Wells photo.



2010 COW Regatta skippers included (l-r) Julien Laffin from Hornby Island, Jerry Brower, Martin Herbert (black coat/hat) from Saltspring Island, Morgan Dewees from Portland, and Joe Damico (orange jacket walking toward you).

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

End