



Afternoon start with robot buoys forming a square line. We're in a NWly where the boats will bounce in a chop that is often bigger than the wind. Here Daryl Ruff and Dan McDuff are both 6" off the line at the gun with speed, and the rest are 2nd tier starters (or 3rd tier in JWB's case). In our infamous chop good starts are less important than maintaining clear air, speed, and hitting shifts. Notice the 737 hangar doors are wide open in our 90° heat. Bob Wells image.

2025 GHMYC's Regatta #6 & 3rd PacNW Travelers Trophy – DF95 Class (Renton, WA)

Bob Wells reporting and Mike Hansow scoring:

In addition to being our annual August DF95 club regatta, this is also the 3rd PacNW Travelers Trophy event this season. Dan Shier took a cue from other areas in our country, and is promoting TT events to increase interclub sailing. It's a good idea, and it is easy for us to host as we are sailing anyway. The only things we upgraded from our typical DF95 club regatta was added a PRO and bringing the rib and regatta gear to sail outside the walkway in our bigger waters. If Dan sets up a 2026 TT Series, we'll do our part and host another one. I expect word will get out, and we'll have a lot more skippers next year too.

DF95 8_23_2025																								
Scoring: RRS Appendix A																								
Sail	Sailor	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	R 19	R 20	R 21
11	Peter Conze	1	38	1	1	2	2	2	6	3	3	1	8	1	1	1	3	2	3	5	2	3	5	2
4	Jerry Brower	2	43	7	3	6	1	4	10	5	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	4	1	2	4	4	1	1
05	Dan McDuff	3	48	3	6	1	5	6	1	4	2	4	1	4	4	5	2	3	2	1	1	2	4	4
53	Mike Hansow	4	72	2	5	3	4	3	2	2	9	5	5	8	6	4	6	5	4	6	6	5	2	3
68	David Jensen	5	73	10	4	7	6	5	3	8	7	3	3	3	2	7	7	1	7	3	3	1	3	5
72	Dan Mathews	6	88	4	7	8	3	1	5	1	5	6	4	6	10	3	4	6	6	4	5	10	10	10
67	Daryl Ruff	7	102	5	2	5	7	7	10	6	4	8	6	7	5	6	5	7	5	7	7	6	6	6
57	Dennis Pittis	8	137	6	8	4	8	8	4	7	6	7	7	5	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
00	Janet Rice	9	163	8	9	9	9	9	7	9	8	9	9	9	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Sailing conditions were excellent with sun, August heat, and wind. The first 60% of the regatta was Champaign Coulon Park sailing conditions with a 4-6 knot northerly parallel to our dock with modest chop and little weed. After a noon break, the wind backed 45° to a northwesterly, and the extended fetch plus more boat traffic brought more chop plus erratic waves to the regatta end. This is challenging because the boats do bounce and flop when the chop is bigger than the wind. Maintaining speed was hardest on starboard tack where you're squarer to the chop/waves, so you need to foot for power. On port tack you can point again with

speed as you are more parallel with the chop/waves. Congratulations to Peter, Jerry, and Dan McDuff for getting on the podium and for clearly being our most consistent sailors in the afternoon chop with long courses of 1½ lap legs. Long courses in chop with lighter wind are the diabolical opposite of Champaign conditions, and I thought the fleet as a whole handled the afternoon conditions well. No doubt because it's not our first rodeo in chop bigger than wind.

Our newcomer to our DF95 racing was Janet Rice. She listed her club as a "Villages RC Sailing Club" so we assumed she was visiting from Florida. Turns out to be the opposite, she lives here and wintered in Florida, where she was introduced to RC sailing. Janet has a lot to learn about sailing competitively, but she improved steadily and expressed interest in sailing with us. She knows we have a lot of 95 events coming up, including next Saturday at Coulon. She also knows our schedule is posted at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ghmyc/>.

The usual suspects, Hansow and Ruff, got the buoy boat and buoy gear prepared, and Wells and McDuff operated the boat. Thank you to Dan Shire for forming the PacNW TT Series, getting our event posted at AMYA, and providing the trophies. About the trophies – I have them. When we were done collecting the buoys and getting the buoy boat on the trailer, we couldn't find anybody to give them too. See you next Saturday at Coulon for DF95 sailing, where we'll have the podiums awards presentation for this regatta.



Don't tell me there's no climate change. We have so much sun and heat in Seattle summers now, that the well-prepared DF95 skipper brings his beach sun shade thingy for protection between races. That's Peter Conze applying more sun cream while wearing his sun shirt with hood and a big white breathable cowboy hat. Life is good when you're Peter... Bob Wells image.



What a treat today setting the buoys! When I arrived an hour before the racing; Mike Hansow had the boat cleaned, launched, moved to the dock, and organized like I'd not seen before. Buoys and rode were organized by number as I'd requested (matching rode with buoy means less depth adjustments needed). For example, #3 buoy goes with the rode with 3 yellow stripes (R in picture), etc. In addition, the rode attachment part was organized on the bench seat by number and the buoys grouped by number too. Saved me a lot of time searching for the end to connect to the buoy (which used to be in a pile in the bow). Now I will look forward to playing with Mikey's kit at the next race... Bob Wells image.

5/7/2025 Revised

2025 PacNW IOM & DF95 Regatta Schedule

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(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.