



Very pleasant racing conditions at Coulon Park Sunday morning. Here green was the weather mark and yellow the offset, and the key is to stay in pressure (aka, avoid the damn light patches). The Boeing 737 plant is in the background with Seattle beyond. On the left is Dan McDuff with his 05 in the hunt. Dan Shier image.

2024 Region 6 Championship – DF95 Class (May 18-19 at Coulon Park in Renton, WA)

By Len Bose:

Day 1: Dragon Flight 95 Region 6 Championships is being sailing in a light breeze of 4-6 knots with the wind direction somewhere between South and North keeping PRO Dan Shier jumping in and out of the inflatable mark set boat. The good news is between these huge wind shifts Shier was able to get off 10 long races with each race being completed with the breeze staying within the box of keeping the course square. Shier actually spots the shifts better as a PRO than when he is racing. He is doing an outstanding job keeping the format fun and competitive, the locals here in Seattle are easy to talk to, and enjoyable to be competing with.

The faculty here on Lake Washington has everything the RC sailor is looking for easy launching, a stable walkway, restrooms, and a convenient staging area. I arrived at the race site while Shier was out on the water setting up the marks made my introductions, and moved my car to a better parking place that would not be ticketed. Huge thank you to one of the locals who noticed the direction I approached the gangway from. Everyone was very friendly and talkative when all of a sudden it got quiet on the dock I looked up and the two favorites on winning the event were walking down the docks together Larry Grant and Jess Atkinson. I noticed it rather interesting the respect from the competitors, yet Grant and Atkinson quickly engaged the crowd, and everyone went back to focusing on their boats. Local Peter Conze said, "yea not in my ballpark", and he might just be leading the regatta at this point, and he has Grant and Atkinson's attention.

I'm looking forward to tomorrow just hope I can keep the dots together and sail more consistently. If you missed this event, then well it "Sucks to be you."

Day 2: Racers were awoken to sunshine, a deep blue sky with large white clouds. Add into the backdrop the thick timberlands surrounding Lake Washington, one feels fortunate to be in attendance for this event.

PRO Dan Shier had his hands full at this moment with a local Ale and a basket of Fish and Chips when 9 of the competitors met up at Trenchers Kitchen & Tap on Saturday night after a day of racing. Attending these post-race events is what makes the regatta memorable to me and brings back the days of Hobie Cat regattas when most all of the participants camped at the regatta sites. To get straight to the point, make sure you attend these get-togethers at your next two-day event, it strengthens the class tremendously.

Back to Sunday racing, we still had a light breeze with the direction out of the North for most of the day. It was not the simplest of tasks yet Shier found a way to complete eight more races completing 18 for the weekend. Larry Grant came out onto the water with his batteries fully charged keeping clear of any pile-ups at mark rounding's and finding the breeze first. Grant won five of the last eight races, and finished the other two races with a fourth and a second. Overcoming a seven-point lead to pass Jess Atkinson by one point and take home the pickle dish. Atkinson finished in second with local Peter Conze joining them on the pedestal.

With the light breeze Lake Washington still produced a small chop that kept one taping the rudder stick to keep the bow down. When I combined this with an ease of my sheet I was smiling. Other times I struggled with my only thoughts that I had picked up some weed, to my dismay when pulling my boat, I was clean finishing the race in last. With no adjustments to my boat, my next two races were a 3rd and a 5th. That's what makes this sport so fun right?

We hope to see more of you in San Diego for the DF 95 Nationals August 2nd-4th, remember to save the date to attend the post-race event.

DF95 R6 Championship May 17-18, 2024

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
85	Larry Grant	DF95	1	35	5	8	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	4	5	2	1	1	1	1	5	1
56	Jess Atkinson	DF95	2	36	1	1	7	2	3	1	2	5	4	2	1	1	2	7	5	7	1	5
0	Peter Conze	DF95	3	51	2	4	2	11	5	8	5	1	1	1	4	7	5	9	4	4	2	4
07	Bob Wells	DF95	4	61	6	2	8	7	2	5	1	9	2	6	6	3	8	4	2	3	4	17
4	Jerry Brower	DF95	5	61	11	6	4	8	4	4	4	2	5	8	3	6	4	3	8	2	3	3
68	David Jensen	DF95	6	99	3	3	9	5	8	6	8	6	10	3	12	9	14	2	11	11	9	7
97	Len Bose	DF95	7	105	7	7	5	16	13	7	7	11	8	11	16	5	3	6	9	6	7	6
321	Scott McConnell	DF95	8	109	10	5	6	6	7	13	6	12	6	12	8	4	7	10	14	8	12	2
53	Mike Hansow	DF95	9	117	8	10	15	1	12	9	10	10	7	10	2	16	10	5	10	5	17	8
131	Rafe Breswick	DF95	10	123	4	9	1	4	6	10	13	4	11	7	13	8	13	12	12	9	17	17
05	Dan McDuff	DF95	11	137	13	11	12	10	9	11	9	8	13	5	15	10	6	14	3	15	6	11
76	Cully Preston	DF95	12	149	15	15	13	9	14	2	11	7	15	9	7	11	16	13	6	10	8	14
19	Per Flygare	DF95	13	175	14	14	17	14	11	12	12	13	14	13	11	13	11	8	7	12	14	10
49	Jeff Thornton	DF95	14	180	12	13	10	12	10	14	16	15	9	14	10	12	15	11	13	14	13	13
84	Harry Lyle	DF95	15	188	9	12	11	13	16	15	14	14	12	15	14	14	9	16	16	16	11	9
70	John Hoehne	DF95	16	208	16	16	14	15	15	16	15	16	17	16	9	15	12	15	15	13	10	12

Regatta Summary:

Event: 2024 DF95 Region 6 Championship

Date: 5/17/24 - 5/19/24 (2 days racing & 1 afternoon practice)

Location: Coulon Park, Renton, WA

Host Club: Olympia Model Sailors (dshier65@gmail.com)

Number of Entries: 18 (all from Washington State, except 3 from Cali and 1 from Oregon)

Winds: 1 – 6 knots

Races Completed: 18

Scoring System: HMS Single Fleet

Race Committee & Assistants: Organizer/PRO/Registration – Dan Shier; Scoring & Lunch Volunteer – Amy Shier; Measurement – Dan Shier; Buoy Boat – Mike Hansow; Buoy Boat Operators – Daryl Ruff, Dan Shier, David Jensen, & Bob Wells.

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Big Lake Washington has miles of fetch to the N and W at Coulon Park, so we get this light chop even in a light wind. The fleet is converging on the first leg, and Scott McConnell appears to have the inside position over Jerry Brower to the green mark – if he isn't headed. Dan Shier image.



Rounding the leeward gate on Saturday, which had intermittent rain on Saturday afternoon with waves and chop that bounced around our DF95's pretty good. It is challenging when the wind drops while the waves remain. Dan Shier image.



Cloudy, cool, and a little lumpy at the practice and measure-in session on Friday. Dan Shier image.



"The bluest skies are in Seattle" per an old Perry Como song. We were greeted with this early Sunday with puffy clouds adding interest to the blue sky. We sail outside the Water Walk. This works well for us, and we provide entertainment for the many strollers. Coulon Park is a well-used 1970's park with many design awards. It is located at the south (or bottom end) of big Lake Washington, and sailors sometimes curse the infamous chop when its bigger than the wind. Len Bose image.

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