



2025 SMYC #1 for IOM started the season off right with new buoys (again) from our race management benefactor, Mike Hansow. These tough guys are boat fenders, instead of the lighter bouncy ball product used previously for buoys. Bob and David set the marks per usual, and the Olympia Dans pulled them. This is still an almost perfect-sized model yacht tender and sweet to operate with the 10hp eclectic start Honda. Bob Wells photo.

2025 Seattle MYC Regatta #1 – IOM Class (March 29th at Coulon Park in Renton, WA)

Bob Wells Reporting and Mike Hansow Scoring:

I was excited about this Coulon regatta because two weeks ago the Gig Harbor #1 IOM regatta was such great fun in serious wind. The forecast was 6 knots with 20 knot gusts, and this was that rare time when we actually got the predicted gusts. In fact, 3 of the 8 boats spent time in B-rig, which is unheard of on Surprise Lake.

SMYC #1 had a similar forecast, and this peaked my interest. Per usual, we got the predicted wind (which was great) and without the big gusts (who wants 20 knot gusts in A-rig anyway). It made for some very close racing in flat water with clouds and some late sun peaking in thru the clouds. Finishes were topsy turvy even though the wind was pretty solid with few holes. The top 7 proved close in speed and pointing, so tactics at starts and marks created the separation. Make an inadvertent error, and half the bunched fleet or more pass you. 75% of the fleet had a 1st place, and everybody had a last or next-to-last, which is the definition of topsy turvy fleet racing. That said, Peter Conze had impressive consistency after a challenging beginning with Tx trim issues. The race was for 2nd, and it was contested as only 7 points separated 2 thru 6. 2nd place went to the 15-year-old *Fusion*, the oldest boat in the fleet and a prototype design by Craig Smith in Oz that didn't test well enough to be a series build. Often Protos are thrown together quickly to test the hull, but the *Fusion* is a refined IOM with obvious care.

25% of the fleet sailed woodies, and both were *Panacea*'s designed and build by local David Jensen. This was Daryl Ruff's maiden race with his new P4 *Panacea*, that was purchased last week. Daryl sails faster with his new woodie, that we have determined already.

For our late lunch after sailing, we walked to Ivar's, where we watched Mike send out the scores before he took his first bite. Then back to were telling lies and laughing at ourselves.

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
11	Peter Conze	K2	1	30	6	8	3	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	5
07	Bob Wells	Fusion	2	45	3	1	2	2	5	7	3	5	7	2	4	5	2	3	1	3	5	4
53	Mike Hansow	V11	3	49	5	2	1	6	2	1	2	4	2	5	7	7	1	6	5	4	6	3
68	David Jensen	Panacea 3	4	50	9	4	8	1	1	5	4	7	3	1	5	2	4	1	3	6	3	7
05	Dan McDuff	V10	5	52	1	6	4	4	6	3	6	1	4	7	2	3	7	5	4	1	7	2
17	Dan Shier	Britpop	6	64	4	5	6	7	4	4	7	3	5	4	6	6	5	4	7	5	2	1
67	Daryl Ruff	Panacea 4	7	73	2	3	5	5	8	6	5	6	6	6	3	4	6	7	6	9	4	6
57	Dennis Pittis	Goth	8	125	7	7	7	8	7	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9



Dan McDuff and David Jensen waiting patiently waiting for another heat later in the day when the sun peaking out. The “lectern” works so well for scorekeeping and housing the start – another Joe Damico creation. Dan Shier photo.

Gig Harbor MYC and Seattle MYC Funding:

By Bob Wells

Gig Harbor MYC and SMYC have evolved to function as combined clubs with shared venues and with organizers and skippers supporting each other. We have no dues, 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. We still have expenses to run our Coulon regattas, and Mike Hansow stepped up and is covering this out-of-pocket as he did in 2024. To share the costs, I propose we continue last year’s donation suggestion, when you sail more, you pay more (and vice versa):

I suggest skippers voluntarily directly pay Mike \$10/regatta or \$100 max when you race outside the Coulon Waterwalk using the regatta gear he provides. My suggestion breaks down like this if you attend every anticipated regatta:

- (3) DF95 regattas 1 club event & 2 Regional Champs days
- (10) IOM SMYC regattas 8 club event & 2 Regional Champs days
- 13 total X \$10 = ~~\$130 total~~ (\$100 max) to Mike (if you sail every event)

Since I expect to sail in all the Coulon Regattas, I’ll voluntarily discreetly reimburse Mike \$100 for 2025. If you don’t know how many opportunities you’ll have to sail, it makes sense to wait till the end of the year to reimburse Mike. The goal is not to cover all Mike’s costs, but to cover all his annual costs plus a partial payment on his initial purchase of Joe’s Damico’s wonderful 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).

Next up: Gig Harbor – DF95 Regatta

(Apr 5th at Coulon Park; Renton – 10:00 AM start)



Daryl Ruff and his new woodie *Panacea* in the cool morning (well the sails are new). Mike Hansow photo.

3/19/2025 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	Coulon Park, Renton	See NoR	(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

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