

# Dragon Force 65 Queensland State Championship 2021

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Regatta organiser - Paradise Radio Yacht Club

Absolutely fantastic conditions for the 2021 Dragon Force 65 Queensland State Championships hosted by Paradise Radio Yacht Club at Emerald Lakes, Gold Coast on Sunday 3 October 2021. Sunny and 26 Degrees with a cool North Westerly made for the perfect stage for a great day.



Because of the large fleet the PRO used a two heat four boat promotion fleet management system (HMS).



Story of the *Dragon Force 65 Queensland State Champion Bindawalla Perpetual Trophy.*

A silver-plated platter named the "Bindawalla Perpetual Trophy" was donated by the



Jefferys Family.

The Trophy is to be held each year by the current Queensland Dragon Force 65 State Champion and then passed onto the next year's winner.

The name "Bindawalla" is aboriginal for happy home and "represents those values important to us all" (family quote). It was the name of the Jefferys Family boat which they raced successfully and then cruised to the Barrier Reef for a number of years.

Given that most Dragon Force RC skippers have had a lifelong involvement with yacht racing, this trophy reflects that history and is a fitting annual award. It will record event winners from the very first year of official Queensland Dragon Force Championship competition.

Thirty skippers from six separate clubs registered to try to take the Bindawalla Silver Perpetual State DF65 champion trophy 🏆 back home.

The Perpetual Trophy wasn't on show this year due to its location in lockdown NSW because of Covid.



*Competitors and Clear Skies*





*Strong shifty blustery conditions*

Conditions were extremely testing with the cool north-westerly breeze challenging competitors as it shifted in direction and varied from 5 to 15 knots (gusting 20 knots). Competitors were on edge with adrenaline kicking in and knees shaking as they all lined up on the blustery start line. All desperately trying to keep a clear position to get out of the gate cleanly and get to the top mark without any collisions. Changing conditions meant rig selection was critical with “mental games” being played as competitors strategized, watched, looked and changed rigs. “A tight main foot and powered up jib were absolutely key to performance in the choppy windy conditions” competitors said as some shared settings to help each other.

“If you put yourself in the right place and you had the right settings you did well “. Predicting the setup for each race was the key factor for success on this racecourse. Combined with of course having a clean start, clean air and minimal contacts with other boats during the race put you in a great position to do well on the day.

“This was great fun and a great experience to mix it with some of the best sailors in Australia. It's not often you have 30 competitive boats racing in such challenging conditions. A real learning curve for all competitors.” remarked Dean Horton.

Whilst first places were shared between 4 skippers, more important was the fact that the first five places of each race were shared between the top 15 boats. A testament to how close this racing was. Also having the 2 fleets racing allowed for new members in the sport to enjoy some very close racing.

None of these events happens without the efforts of the organizing club race committee. The event was superbly organized by PRYC's Sailing Secretary Bill Clancy (rules master and QLD 16 foot skiff champion) acting as principle race officer 🧑. Bill was assisted by Mike Cosgriff as trainee Race Officer, and volunteers and observers including Barry Hill, Ross Capper, David Black (Scorer), Peter Burford, Chris Palmer, Ted Fletcher, Richard Bray and Frank Arrowsmith. Importantly, the course was set brilliantly by Ray Sweeney and Geoff Smith who commented on how enjoyable it was to watch the close racing.

Noteworthy performances on the day included Andrew Wilson and John Gower both picking up two firsts and Graham Cowling who also got a win. Big named competitor namely Greg Torpy (ex. world Etchell champion and Olympian and 2021 IOM Queensland state title holder) was also up there from time to time. Finally, Mike Jefferys with 9 firsts to enable him to again take home the Bindawalla trophy for another year.

We were also blessed with two father and son teams. Well done Scott and Gary Rudd from PRYC and Dean and Don Horton who sail DF65's out of the newly formed Redland Bay Yacht club. Don mentioned “the racing, sportsmanship and organization were first class “. Dean ended up with a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place. Dean has a very impressive resume as a junior winning Sabo and 420 Queensland State Titles, placing in the world youth sailing champion, and a big boat match racing champion and Brisbane to Gladstone winner.

Also, the Luck brothers had some fun in the sun under their umbrella which looked like taking off a few times.





B Fleet Start



A Fleet Start



# Q'ld DF 65 Championship 2021

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Position	Skipper	Sail #	State - Club	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Mike Jefferys	52	Qld - Paradise RYC	15.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	Andrew Wilson	75	Qld - Raby Bay YC	40.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	11.0	17.0	3.0	10.0	1.0	4.0	7.0	2.0	2.0
3	John Gower	63	Qld - Paradise RYC	43.0	1.0	5.0	5.0	8.0	4.0	1.0	10.0	2.0	5.0	10.0	6.0	3.0	3.0
4	Dean Horton	60	Qld - Redlands RSC	49.0	8.0	2.0	9.0	11.0	8.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	2.0	5.0	4.0
5	Daniel Bergan	329	Qld - Paradise RYC	71.0	12.0	11.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	16.0	7.0	2.0	5.0	11.0	13.0	7.0
6	Andrew Gibbs	14	Qld - Paradise RYC	75.0	7.0	7.0	3.0	4.0	17.0	17.0	8.0	9.0	4.0	13.0	5.0	10.0	5.0
7	Scott Rudd	241	Qld - Paradise RYC	83.0	3.0	8.0	6.0	13.0	17.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	7.0	3.0	8.0	6.0	9.0
8	Graham Cowling	462	Qld - Paradise RYC	85.0	5.0	10.0	17.0	12.0	2.0	10.0	12.0	6.0	9.0	1.0	9.0	9.0	13.0
9	John Daley	43	Qld - Paradise RYC	96.0	13.0	24.0	8.0	10.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	13.0	7.0	4.0	14.0	8.0
10	Marty Wallace	687	Qld - Springfield Lakes RYC	114.0	11.0	9.0	17.0	2.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	12.0	16.0	18.0	16.0	29.0	29.0
11	Scott Keogh	360	Qld - Redlands RSC	114.0	6.0	6.0	13.0	19.0	17.0	17.0	13.0	18.0	18.0	11.0	3.0	4.0	6.0
12	Bob Mckinnon	58	Qld - Paradise RYC	128.0	8.0	19.0	23.0	9.0	17.0	21.0	20.0	3.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0
13	Don Horton	53	Qld - Redlands RSC	129.0	3.0	14.0	11.0	16.0	21.0	18.0	17.0	20.0	8.0	12.0	12.0	7.0	11.0
14	Tony Fannin	82	Qld - Paradise RYC	136.0	5.0	12.0	7.0	14.0	10.0	17.0	6.0	14.0	14.0	8.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
15	Greg Torpy	25	Qld - Wynnum Manly RMYC	150.0	2.0	4.0	17.0	6.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	17.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
16	Ralph Luck	445	Qld - Paradise RYC	163.0	10.0	17.0	12.0	7.0	12.0	3.0	2.0	13.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
17	Julian O'Brien	26	Qld - Paradise RYC	164.0	4.0	16.0	21.0	17.0	24.0	22.0	22.0	17.0	17.0	15.0	13.0	8.0	14.0
18	Gary Rudd	244	Qld - Paradise RYC	168.0	10.0	25.0	17.0	25.0	22.0	17.0	19.0	21.0	12.0	14.0	14.0	12.0	10.0
19	Edwin Luck	446	Qld - Paradise RYC	175.0	9.0	18.0	20.0	18.0	9.0	8.0	15.0	5.0	15.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
20	Will Charlton	48	Qld - Paradise RYC	191.0	16.0	21.0	22.0	20.0	19.0	20.0	21.0	15.0	19.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
21	Grant Lihou	917	Qld - Springfield Lakes RYC	209.0	11.0	26.0	19.0	21.0	18.0	12.0	14.0	19.0	11.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
22	Ron Brown	881	Qld - Redlands RSC	242.0	6.0	13.0	29.0	23.0	20.0	19.0	18.0	27.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
23	David Brunson	18	Qld - Moreton RYS	254.0	16.0	22.0	10.0	15.0	17.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
24	Peter Cook	50	Qld - Paradise RYC	273.0	4.0	15.0	29.0	24.0	27.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
25	Chris Young	319	Qld - Paradise RYC	280.0	9.0	23.0	29.0	22.0	23.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
26	Dudley Allard	312	Qld - Redlands RSC	284.0	16.0	20.0	18.0	27.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
27	Erin Conza	88	Qld - Paradise RYC	297.0	7.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0
28	Roger Taylor	85	Qld - Paradise RYC	300.0	12.0	27.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0	29.0



OPEN WINNERS from Left: John Gower (3rd), Mike Jefferys (1st) & Andrew Wilson (2nd)

MASTERS CATEGORY WINNERS: 1<sup>st</sup> Graham Cowling, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob McKinnon & 3<sup>rd</sup> Don Horton.

Heat 7A Mike Jefferys video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5b6GKpQF1o>

QRYA Ian Lobley Regatta videos:

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