

DF 95 Classic Interclub Regatta GP1

On Sunday the 20th of May the Paradise Radio Yacht Club hosted the first DF 95 interclub Regatta for 2022 at Emerald Lakes on behalf of the QRYA. This event was to have been a 2-day regatta to be sailed at Newport and due to major construction current underway in the area where the Newport club race it had to be cancelled.

The day dawned with blue sky and a few clouds, the forecast was for light showers during the day and a continuation of the Southeasterly wind at around 5 to 8 knots in the morning and rising to 15 to 20 knots early afternoon. In fact, for the previous 10 days these wind conditions had prevailed and all skippers came with B rigs ready to change once the stronger wind came.

However, the forecast was totally incorrect at the start of racing at 10.00 am a very light southeast breeze of 1 to 4 knots with several areas of no wind greeted the 14 strong fleet. As the racing continued in the morning the breeze began to swing from Southeast to southwest and back again making picking wind shifts difficult. It was not until the afternoon the breeze started to settle into a more constant 5 to 8 knots which made the racing more enjoyable for all skippers.

The fleet was made up of some very well-known, competitive and experienced skippers such as Rafael Trujillo No 100 a new member of CRYC who has a very impressive sailing resume, 6 times Finn world champion, Olympic medalist, Mike Jeffery's No 344 current DF 65 State champions, Alan Walker No 26 2020 DF 95 State champion and well-respected IOM skipper, plus a group of top-class skippers from PRYC such as Mike Cosgriff No 99, Graham Cowling No 884 and John Musgrave no 222. plus Andrew Wilson No 187 from the Raby Bay club sailed his first regatta in his new boat launched just the day before.

Some 16 races were completed over a windward leeward 2 lap course that required regular attention to ensure true windward beats were always available, and what was pleasing all boats that started the day completed the regatta without issue.

The winners for the day in 1st place Rafa Trujillo no 100 on 33 points and Mike Jeffery's No 334 on 35 point, an interesting fact they were on equal points going into the last race. In 3rd place Andrew Wilson No 187 congratulations to you all. In the Masters section of the Regatta in which over half of the skippers qualified as you are required to be 70 years of age or older, in 1st place Alan Walker No 26, 2nd was John Musgrave no 222 and in third was Graham Cowling No 884. Congratulations to you all, it was a great day.

To the Paradise Radio Yacht Club who always run and manage these regattas extremely well a big thank you, Bill Clancy PRO, Rex Scott Race Officer did a magnificent job to manage and direct 16 races, to Julian O'Brien who he and his team recorded the race results and had the overall winners available very promptly following the last race. These people were ably supported by the large number of club members who volunteered to help, a very big thank you also to you guys for giving up a day. Without your help and assistance these events would not be possible.

Ron Brown DF 95 QLD Rep



The overall winners, from the left, Andrew Wilson 3rd, Rafael Trujillo 1st & Mike Jeffery's 2nd



Masters Winners, Graham Cowling 3rd, John Musgrave 2nd & Alan Walker 1st



