

# DF 95 Group News Update No 18-

MAY 2022



*Club championship scratch racing at Paradise is getting even better these days with at least 5 to 6 skippers winning races as the standard of yacht racing at our club has improved immensely*

## **Hi DF 95 Skippers & Friends,**

Our monthly club Championship Scratch and Handicap events have started to attract larger numbers of skippers as the competition has really ramped up this year, due mainly to the increasing knowledge and skill levels of our DF 95 members which is great to see. It also has increased the enjoyment for all members where more attention to tuning detail is required as is getting better starts, and knowing how to pick the wind shifts.

This greater level of expertise being shown by our sailors is primary reason the sailing standards have improved, plus it is fair to say this increase skill level have been assisted by the number of top skippers from other classes who now sail DF 95 s such as Alan Walker, John Musgrave, John Gower who all have sailed for many years in IOMS, 10 Raters or Marblehead's. Having people of this caliber race in our group has seen not only our fleet numbers increase, but as mentioned their presence has lifted the skill and knowledge of all participating members of our group. Long may it continue



*Due to the competitive Racing now being experiencing by our fleet, good starts are essential if you want to finish in the top 10.*

## No 1, May DF 95 Sailing programme ,

- Sunday 1 st Optional Club Day, early start 11.00 am set up, 11.30 am help members with tuning and boat operation requests. Scratch Racing underway at 12.30 am
- Friday 6 th , Club Scratch Race championship CC 5 Round 5, set up at 11.00 am, racing underway at 11.45 am
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>, Match racing our first round for the year, set up at 11.00 am , racing underway at 11.45 am.
- Friday 13 th, Club general Handicap for all group members, set up at 11.00am , racing underway at 11.45 am.
- SUNDAY 15 TH DF 95 open invitation one day regatta hosted by PRYC on behalf of the QRYA, Refer to the notice of race on the QRYA website for details
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Club general Scratch race day , set up at 11.00 am racing underway at 11.45 am.
- Sunday 22 nd, SPECIAL EVENT “Back Page Bar Long Race “ Open to all DF95 & DF 65 Skippers, to race around the whole of Emerald Lake with a handicap Le Mans start from the Beach in area one. The set course will contain 3 windward leeward tracks in three individual areas of the lake. The finish will be back at the beach.SET UP AT 11.00 AM. Racing starts at 12.15 pm and wil, take at least 1.30 dependinh upon weather. ( PLEASE REFER TO ITEM No 5 in this news update for further information
- Friday 27 th, Club Handicap Championship round 5 CC5 set up at 11.00 am with racing underway at 11.45 am.
- Sunday 29 nd, Another general club day with help being offer by senoior members to those who have requested assistance with tuning and help with the rules of sailing from 11.30 am.Scratch racing underway at 12.30pm

Hopefully the Gold Coast weather during the month of May will be more settled and those fresh South to Southeast gusty strong winds and heavy rain squalls will abate so we can not only complete our sailing programme without interuption , we can race in more pleasant conditions.



*Constant strong Southeast wind at Emerald Lake has allowed our fleet to sail with C Rigs in some very ruggard conditions at times, it just surprising how well 95s handle such weather*

## No2, Special Race event for the month of May,

- **On Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> of May** you will see our group is holding help and assistance training prior to our racing on these days. This initiative is designed to help those members who are either new to DF 95 sailing or those who are wanting to improve their sailing performance, with some excellent tuition from our senior well experienced and knowledgeable skippers. The plan is to have a one on one practical assistance package where help with tuning, rig set up, sail selection, boat maintenance and care, plus some on water practical training learning to pick wind shifts, planning how to get from the start line to top mark arriving preferably on starboard tack so boat contacts are minimised. There is no cost and our plan is to get more skippers on the podium and in the top half of the fleet, which makes for a more enjoyable and satisfying sailing day.
- **Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May** our club is hosting the DF 95 Open invitation one day Regatta and Emerald Lakes on behalf of the QRYA. So far we have 12 entries for this event and I would encourage all of our DF 95 skippers to enter. Which can be easily done by going to the QRYA website, click Notice of Race and look on the right hand side for the entry details. These events greatly improve your sailing skills and knowledge of yacht racing, plus to get to mix with the classes top skippers which makes for a great, enjoyable day.
- **Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>**, This is a special one off event for both DF 95s & DF 65s, our DF fleets will compete in the "Back Page Bar long Race" a Handicap race day sailing around Emerald Lakes with 3 windward leeward beats as well as sailing from the Beach starting area, passed the Shed and Jetty around to area 4 where the 10 Raters normally sail, then along the southern and western shores of the lake back to the beach finishing marks, Please see the course map below





## Race Day Programme

**1, Set up to race will be at 11.00 am**, with the start and finish in area 1 the beach. **Racing will commence at 12.15 pm.**

**2,** The race will be held for all **DF yachts, 65s & 95s** all of whom are welcome to enter, the **race fee will be \$10 per boat**. All boats will sail together over the same course concurrently with Handicap Le mans start from the stone wall at the beach.

**3,** The course will consist of three single windward leeward one laps, the first off, the beach, the second around at area 4 where the 10 Raters normally sail and third lap will be out from the club jetty where the IOMs sail. **The finish will be too windward between a red and green marks adjacency to the beach depending upon the wind direction on the day.**

**4,** It is estimated again depending upon wind strength the race should be completed with 1.25 to 1.5 hours (approx. 1.15 to 1.45 pm) after cleaning up returning all equipment to the shed, a **BBQ lunch and event prize giving will commence at the Back Page Bar from 2.30 pm until 4.00 pm**. A perpetual trophy has been made available for this event to be raced for annually.

**5,** As this is a major club members race we are looking for additional people to help us run this event , we need people to monitor the boats from the shore as they sail around the course we need people to assist with the beach starts and record the finishing of all boats. Wives and Partners are all welcome and can attend the after match function, BBQ & Prize giving at the Back Page Bar once the racing concludes.

The interest from skippers to participate in this race has been great, we should have at least 25 to 30 boats and hopefully the weather will be cooperative to us. It also will give all skippers some great walking exercise as they follow their boats around the northern side of the lake.

## No3, Members Profile,

Our next Club Member of our group to feature in our members profile is Will Charton sail No 48 a long time Radio sailer who with his wife Wendy, divides his life style and sailing between Melbourne and the Gold Coast sailing his DF 95 , DF 65 and his IOM at Paradise here on the Coast from May until September and Lilydale in Melbourne for the balance of the year.

In recent times Will has also accepted a number of administrative roles in our sport , he has had a lot to do with the formation of the Australian DF Sailing Association , have been the registrar issuing sail numbers and now the Secretary, He is an avid supporter of Radio Sailing not only as a sport but as a therapeutic support to those people with physical disabilities and



those younger people who want to learn to sail where the cost to participate is affordable to all peoples budgets.

WILL CHARLTON was Brisbane born as a younger member of the Silent Generation just before the Post War baby boomers. He was a competitive but shy lad who could not play ball sports, nor run very fast, and grew up with metal splints. Even so, his competitive spirit was strong, and he excelled at rowing, winning Best Oarsman of the year as schoolboy.

Will was asked for his sailing experience's and a little about Will that is relevant to sailing an about and some past personal history... So here it is!

On sailing my first experience was with the U of Q Sailing club who sailed out of the UQ Rowing Club where I store my rowing scull. The University Sailing Club had a few lightweight sharpies. No experience at all, I was thrown on to the trapeze, bear footed (Mistake) sailing at Lake Cootharaba, near Noosa in my first regatta as a newbie, I was told to wear a heavy woollen jumper and then promptly was ducked in the water by the skipper. why? Was all wet and cold .... told me he wanted me heavier as the wind was up. Oh, did I suffer bare feet on the gunnel in the first race, put on my sneakers after that. came second last for the regatta I recall. Even so it was an exciting fun weekend with my new mates.

I was hooked on sailing till I discovered /started motor sport, circuit racing at many of the circuits on the east coast of Australia with Shell sponsorship, culminating in 1970 wining the Qld Sportscar championship and the Australian Hillclimb Championships for my Class at Mt Cotton Hillclimb. near Redland Bay. President of the Car Club I knew every bump in that Hillclimb as I



Will's Car kit a Fraser Clubman Circa 2015

was part of the team that physical built that track... Motorsport was an adrenalin laced sport with good mental training as one could go from a HIGH to LOW within a second or two. Yes, he had a couple of crashes, overdriving! It now keeps me calm these days when I get a "469 Protests 48

When posted overseas in Hong Kong, the mid 1970's, I crewed on a J24 with the owner JB Wong who was always skipper, it was fun and he was good company in an interesting region /county. On a round the island race as a sheet hand I failed to respond in time and we broached in a big sea – I broke two ribs, so we retired from that race finding sailing can be dangerous!

Currently, I am Secretary of the Australia DF Radio Sailing Assoc (ADFRSA Inc.)



*Will's Sail No 48 winning his first Match Race series at Paradise Radio Yacht in 2020*



*Will has always been able to start well in our club scratch racing, even as a seated sailor.*

Started off as a founding member of the DF 95 fleet at PRYC and donate a MUG as a perpetual trophy (no condition on how to be awarded)

Still having FUN sailing my three radio-controlled boats (IOM – a Plan B, DF 95s and DF65's) and is active in promoting fairness equality, non-discriminatory behaviour, transparency, member protection and risk management in sailing clubs.

He is as are others with any disabilities very sensitive to discrimination and he will call it out. He particularly wants to see his boat at all times within a distance that the sail numbers are easily recognisable by normal vision sailors. that is fair and within the existing sailing rules - in his opinion.





Finally, yes, I am disabled due to age (Peripheral neuropathy /ataxia) as well as nerve pain I suffer from chronic arthritic pain; cannot balance, nor walk far as we all can be at any stage in our life. May I reach out to ALL involved in Radio sailing to think about that.

Becoming disabled is tough mentally and can happen to all of us at any age. Yes, I have fortunately had great mental support from my new friends via radio sailing across Australia.

**Will used to say “Don’t tell me I can’t do that”; now he says “Do it today”**

**That all folks, see you on the water, having fun!**

**Will Charlton**

28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## **No 4, DF 95 Hull Reinforcement rules**

Several Members have asked about the legalities of reinforcing new hulls before any damage occurs and if these treated boats can enter state and National regattas here in Australia. I have asked the current President of the DF Association Phil Burgess for his comments and the official ruling that may apply to this question,

The official rules that DF boats sail under state it is illegal to prereinforce a new DF hull if it has not sustained any hull damage, if you wish to race in a State or National event.

However, if your boat has developed hull damage such as hull cracking you are able to reinforce the damaged area either in the hull interior or by Applying self-adhesive film over the exterior of the hull, and race in State or National events.

The DF International Class Rules committee have been asked to reword/clarify the current rule book wording to make the answer to this question clear and more concise. Their response should be available within a few months.

## **No 5, General Group & Club news & information:**

- Please be reminded the clubs AGM will be held on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May outside the green shed at Emerald Lakes at 9.00 am, as a financial club member you are welcome to attend and I would encourage you all to come along, it is good to know how the club is progressing and how its future is being directed by the club's management team. It also gives you and other members an opportunity to ask questions or seeking information from the management at this meeting.
- We also should acknowledge the current members of the Clubs Management team who are stepping down at this year's AGM after many years of service to your club, Trent Jarratt our Commodore who has been very proactive with the GCCC to ensure the club can continue to use the Lake as our club's home, plus encourage council to approve and build facilities that will benefit Radio sailing at our club, Adrian Banwell he has given some 12 years' service as the Treasurer, a task which very few are prepared to take on, Barry Hill who has had a few years as committee member who also has worked for the benefit of the club and its members. Ross Capper the man who has maintained the club equipment and assets a thankless task we all so much appreciate his dedication to this task he will sadly be missed. We thank these gentlemen for their, dedication, perseverance and service to build this club into one of the countries largest Radio sailing club's. Many thanks' guys your efforts, long service which is much appreciated. We all wish you well in the future and look forward to seeing your sailing at PRYC.
- I am pleased to announce Gary Boulton and his wife Lyn have put their hands up to look after the paperwork and banking of our weekly race fees plus other income we generate for the benefit of our group. Gary and Lyn kick off looking after this role as from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Many thanks' guys for help and assistance in this matter.

## **No 6, Next Group Members Dinner night;**

**Planning** is now underway for our next Members, wives and partners dinner night in June. A suggestion has been made by one of our members who has recommended for us to enjoy our dinner and drinks at the Southport Campus of TAFE (Technical & Further Education) hospitality center at the Southport Campus. Where students in training prepare, cook and serve the meals which I am told are delishs and in expensive. Currently we are awaiting some dates and evening meal times in June so a booking can be confirmed. Further news coming up shortly.



## Scratch Championship:

**Interesting results so far this year With Mike Cosgriff, John Musgrave and Hank Beyer our top three skippers after four rounds. There is still plenty of time to have a podium finish. Well done guys.**

PRYC - DF95 HANDICAP RACING - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - PROGRESSIVE RESULTS - 2022																		
Best 8 of 10 Events				FINAL		28-Jan	3-Apr	25-Mar	29-Apr							After 4	After 8	FINAL
NAME	SAIL NO	POS	POINTS	HCC1	HCC2	HCC3	HCC4	HCC5	HCC6	HCC7	HCC8	HCC9	HCC10	TOTAL	Discard 1	Discard 2	POINTS	POS
Michael Cosgriff	99	1	5	1	1	3	9							14	9		5	1
John Musgrave	222	2	9	7	3	1	5							16	7		9	2
Hank Beyer	79	3	11	4	13	4	3							24	13		11	3
Ron Brown	880	4	17	5	6	9	6							26	9		17	4
Graham Cowling	884	5	18	2	9	7	10							28	10		18	5
Allan Walker	26	6	21	6	13	15	2							36	15		21	6
Graham Hiles	12	7	24	13	10	6	8							37	13		24	7
Gary Boulton	536	8	25	11	2	13	12							38	13		25	8
Roger Taylor	11	9	26	13	13	2	11							39	13		26	9
Tony Keegan	586	10	27	13	13	15	1							42	15		27	10
Tony Fannin	17	10	27	13	4	10	15							42	15		27	10
Richard Bray	812	11	28	13	11	15	4							43	15		28	11
Peter O'Grady	70	12	29	8	13	8	15							44	15		29	12
Chris Palmer	524	13	30	12	13	5	13							43	13		30	13
Scott Brown	845	14	31	3	13	15	15							46	15		31	14
Kevin harris	15	15	32	13	5	14	15							47	15		32	15
Mike Austin	885	16	33	13	13	15	7							48	15		33	16
Andi Gallaher	55	17	35	13	7	15	15							50	15		35	17
Jason Pearce	118	18	36	13	8	15	15							51	15		36	18
Frank Arrowsmith	805	19	37	13	13	11	15							52	15		37	19
Scott Rudd	45	19	37	9	13	15	15							52	15		37	19
Geoffrey Edge	516	20	38	13	13	12	14							52	14		38	20
Peter Rambaud	155	20	38	10	13	15	15							53	15		38	20
Dave Churton	71	21	40	13	12	15	15							55	15		40	21
FLEET NUMBER				12	12	14	14											
NOTE :- Some Progressive positions are tied with the same number of points.																		
Each Championship Event had different Fleet Numbers participating & those who did NOT sail on the day are given Fleet + 1 for that event																		
Results prepared by Graham Cowling																		

## Handicap Championship progressive Results for 2022

Again, we see Mike Gosgiff in the lead after 4 rounds of Handicap championship racing followed by John Musgrave in second place and Hank Beyer in third well done guys.

The month of May will be a busy sailing time for our group with lots of activity and 2 more championship events to be completed, see you all out on the water.

Regards to you all,

Ron Brown

DF 95 Fleet  
Captain

