

# DF 95 Group News Update No 21

August 2022



*The 20 competitors in our first DF 95 Club Long Race at Emerald Lakes were a great success*

## Hi DF 95 Skippers & Friends,

Well after a couple of postponements we finally managed to get our Back Page Bar sponsored DF Long Race completed at Emerald Lakes on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, only 20 competitors from the 31 entered actually made the start line which was a little sad, however for those who turned up to race, they were not disappointed, the weather was kind, blue skies, 20 degrees, a southerly breeze of 8 to 10 knots. Plus, a large spectator crowd was on hand to see the event which was excellent

Under the direction of the race officers Lyn & Gary Boulton the Le Mans wet start from the concrete wall at the beach saw the first starters get underway at 12.15 pm and the last of the boats were away at 12.26 pm. The course contained three wind ward leeward sausages plus completing the long walk around the lake to each of the areas where the windward leeward sections were to be undertaken, helped our fitness, especially for us oldies



**The course selected for our first Back Page Bar Long Race 2022**

Our original planning for this event allowed for an overall race time of one and quarter hours, however the first 3 boats to complete the course were back across the finish line within 35 to 38 minutes. Our congratulations go to our winners, in 1 st place Peter Rambaud 155, and just behind in 2 nd place Chris Palmer 524 and in 3rd Place Simon Harris, 53 well sailed guys



**2<sup>nd</sup> place Chris Palmer, 1<sup>st</sup> place Peter Rambaud & 3<sup>rd</sup> place Simon Harris**

As this was our first attempt to hold this event which will from now on be on the annual race programme, we have learnt a couple things that will be included for next year's event, such as the handicap allotted to each competitor, setting of the course etc.

The Prize giving and BBQ after match function held at the Back Page Bar was a great way to complete the days activities and it also gave us the opportunity to present the perpetual long race trophy and certificates to the winners.



Our thanks to the Back Page Bar Proprietor Nick ----- and his staff for their great support to help us stage this event is greatly appreciated, the BBQ and food items were great and filled many hungry stomachs.

We would also like to acknowledge the help and dedication of our Race officers Lyn & Gary Boulton who ran a great day, to the race volunteers, Dave Churton, Richard Bray, Will Charlton, Ray Richardson Grant Mayo and Wayne Evison who ran the rescue boats, without you guys we could run such successful race events of this type, many thanks on behalf of all the competitors.

Despite a few minor issues it was a great day enjoyed by all skippers and all are very enthusiastic to see the club include this event in each of the future years sailing calendars. Hopefully the Clubs DF 65 skippers will join us next year.

## **No 1, The August DF 95 Sailing Programme**

- **Friday the 5 th:** Club Scratch race Championship CC 8 Round 8, set up at 11.00 am with racing underway at 11.45 am
- **Sunday the 7 th:** Round 3 of the club Match Racing programmes, the second ballot of 8 boats to race, set up at 11.00 am with racing underway at 11.45 am.
- **Friday 12 th:** General Club handicap racing, set up at 11.00 am with racing underway at 11.45 am
- **Saturday 13 th / Sunday 14 th:** Queensland DF 95 State Championships at Eagleby hosted by the ERYC. A scratch event open to all DF 95 Skippers, enter on the QRYA website
- **Friday 19 th:** General Club Scratch race day, set up 11.00 am and racing underway at 11.45 am
- **Sunday 21 st:** General Club race day, with help and assistance to new and existing boat owners with tuning and race rules.
- **Friday 26 th:** Club Handicap Championship CC 8 Round 8, set up at 11.00 am and racing underway at 11.45 am
- **Sunday 28 th:** General Club Race Day, set up at 11.00 am with sailing underway at 11.45 am.

**Changes to this sailing programme may be required due to weather and or ground conditions at Emerald Lakes**



**Recent Handicap club Championship event has yielded excellent close racing in large fleets**

## **No 2, DF 95 Group Member Profile:**

It is not often we have a real-world champion come and join our fleet and become a member of our club, this year Rafael Villar moved from New Zealand to take up a senior coaching and management role with Sailing Australia, Rafa is now heading up the development and coaching role of the Australian Laser Olympic team, and between his very busy work schedule he manages to find time to sail his DF 95 Sail No 100



***Rafael winner of the QRYA GP 1 interclub Regatta back in May sailing his DF 95 No 100***

***The following is his most impressive SAILING CV something a lot of us can just marvel at just how extensive his sailing career has and continues to be. He is a tutor to our members, first to lend a hand to lay marks and assist with the days racing activities a real asset to Radio sailing and our club.***

### **PROFILE**

Professional sailor & coach since 2000, Olympic Medallist (4x Olympic Games), Volvo Ocean Race sailor, an America's

Cup Campaign and a variety of Dinghy and Keelboat World and European Championships.

### **GOAL**

To be a value adding, high performing team member within a professional sailing team that will provide an opportunity to

further develop my skills whilst helping the team reach its performance goals.

### **EXPERIENCE**

Helmsman / Trimmer Team MAPFRE Volvo Ocean Race 2014 to 2015

Winner of Leg 4 (Senya to Auckland) – 2 nd Around Britain and IRL race / Responsible for all sails

Helmsman / Tactician / Strategy 2000 to present

On a variety of boats: TP52, Farr 55, GP42, x41, IMS500, IMS600, J80, Melges 24.

Member of the Spanish Olympic Sailing Team 1994 to 2012

Finn Class, Star Class (crew), Soling Class (middle) & FD Class (crew).

+39 America's Cup Team, Mainsail Trimmer 2005-2007

Responsible for sail development planning & mast trimming.

### **Ocean Racing**

Chinese Whisper, Sydney to Hobart, Solas Series / Watch Captain/Helmsman 2015

Giacomo, Sydney to Hobart, Solas Series / Trimmer 2013

Living Doll, Sydney to Hobart (Ret- Gear breakdown whilst leading) Main Trimmer / Helmsman 2012

Living Doll, Sydney to Hobart (2 nd Overall) Main Trimmer /Helmsman 2011

Fully accredited; Safety and Sea Survival Course, Marine Operators License & Marine First Aid 2014

Super Yacht

Ammonite SW82 – Season 2016, Loro Piana, Maxi Worlds, ARC St Lucia / Skipper

### **OLYMPIC RESULTS 2000-2012**

FINN CLASS, 2012 London Games 8th Place

FINN CLASS, 2008 Beijing Games 9th place

FINN CLASS, 2004 Athens Games Silver Medal

STAR CLASS, 2000 Sydney Games 7th place

### **RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS**

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1991/2016

FINN CLASS MASTERS, Lake Garda Gold Medal

FINN CLASS, Cascáis, Portugal, 2007 Gold Medal

FINN CLASS, San Francisco, CA, 2010 Silver Medal

FINN CLASS, Cadiz, Spain, 2003 Silver Medal

FINN CLASS, Perth, Australia, 2011 5th Place

STAR CLASS, Annapolis, USA, 2000 6th Place

SOLING CLASS, Chicago, USA 1998 6th Place

FINN CLASS, Split, Croatia 2006 5th Place

FINN CLASS, Athens, Greece 2002 5th Place

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2000/2010

FINN CLASS, Split, Croatia 2010 4th Place

FINN CLASS, Cesme, Turkey 2002 4th Place

STAR CLASS, Gaeta, Italy, 2000 4th Place

ISAF WORLD RANKING / GRADE 1 EVENTS

#1 Ranked in Finn Class 2005 / 2009 / 2010 / 2012

# 1 Ranked in Star Class 2000

18 Podium placing at ISAF Grade 1 events 2000 to 2012

## **COACHING HIGHLIGHTS**

Contract roles with both the Chinese & Brazilian Olympic Sailing Teams for Rio 2016:

- Brazil: Coached Jorge Zarif (20-year-old) to a Junior World Championship and Senior World Championship Title in 2013

(Finn Silver & Gold Cups) – First time he broke through the Top 20 at a Senior World Championship.

#1 st in World Ranking in 2016, Gold Medal Miami World Cup & 4th at Rio Olympic Games

Gold Medal Miami World Cup 2017

- China: Best results in the Finn Class at a World Cup Event (Hyeres, France – 11th)

- Dutch Team: Coached Nicholas Heiner during 2017

2<sup>o</sup> Hyeres World Cup 2017

3<sup>o</sup> World Championship

EDUCATION & SKILLS.

- B. Sc. Structural Engineering, University of Barcelona.

- Fluent in Spanish, Italian and English.

- CEMAS Certified diver.

## AWARDS

-Principe de Asturias Trophy for Best Spanish Athlete for 2007 awarded by the Spanish Government.

-Athlete of the Year 2004 & 2007 State of Andalucía.

*Here are a few photos he has kindly sent for us to add into this news update.*





Rafael J Trujillo Villar Born:14/12/1975 Spain, LA Linea de la Concepcion.

Born in La Linea, border Spanish city with Gibraltar (UK). on the East side Gibraltar strait and 20 km from Africa.

Always love water sport and member from life of the Royal Yacht Club La Linea, fishing, swim, diving and sailing during my young age. I was performing better in Basketball at state level than sailing.

Spanish National champion in Laser, soling, Star, Finn (multiple times).

My optimist coach had 1 mt custom boat and we built a fleet in the 90s..but had a lot of gear failures.

Spanish Olympic team in:

Sydney 2000(8) star

Athens 2004(2-silver)finn

Beijing 2008(9)finn

London 2012(8) finn

Americas Cup main trimmer in Valencia 2007 with +39 team and Volvo sailor 2014/15 edition on Mapfre(winner leg 4).

World champion 2007

Running world champion 2003/2010

Master world champion 2016

Coach for Brazil 2016...with world champion 2013 and 4 in Olympic Games.

Currently working with AST with finn(2020) and Laser class as National coach.

After covid19... move to Gold Coast and join DF95 class and love it.

My finn and 95 have the same sail number ESP-100.

Rafa

### **No 3, General Club News & Information:**

- The Wynnum Manly Radio Model Club are running a 10-week course Known as “Beginners to Winners “for new people to Radio Sailing and for those who would like some help and assistance to improve their sailing skills, plus get to know how best to tune their boats. The course starts on Tuesday 26 th of July and runs over a 10-week period. Those of you interested please go to the Wynnum Manly website to register.
- Great News the Contractor who successfully tendered for the construction of the 3 new launching jetties at Emerald Lakes has now started work, and is progressing well despite the rain and slippery ground conditions, so hopefully these will be in use within the next few weeks,



***Site establishment and pile foundation works are well underway***

- With Christmas fast approaching attentive booking for our groups annual Awards and Christmas dinner function has now been made at the Emerald Lakes Golf club for Thursday the 3 rd of November at 5.00 pm start. This is the same venue as last year; we plan to again have some interesting prizes and awards that recognise the efforts of our members during this past year. please put this date in your diaries.

***Christmas Dinner & Awards night 3 rd of November***

- Please be advised the QRYA have confirmed the Sunshine Coast Radio Yacht Club will host the DF Nationals at their Kawana Lake venue from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of June in 2023. It is proposed to have registration and



***Kawana Lake on the Sunshine Coast the venue for next year's DF Nationals***

measuring for DF 65 the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, followed by 2 days of racing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the 4<sup>th</sup> being an extra day that maybe required if the weather was to prevent racing. Also, on the 4<sup>th</sup> registration and measuring will take place for the DF 95 competitors. This will be a great event, planning by the Sunshine club is well underway and will include a great social programme. The other benefit this great venue offers is an excellent holiday place for all family members with lots to do and places to go.

- During a recent meeting with the Sunshine Radio Yacht Committee members, they expressed interest to establish a DF 95 Fleet at their club, local interest has contributed to this decision, so we have suggested 10 to 12 of our group will travel up to Kawana on a Sunday early, sail our boats at their venue as a promotional day to hopefully attract local skippers to join their Fleet of 95. We all would stay night as a social evening at the Kawana Bowling Club would be arranged after sailing. The actual date is yet to be confirmed, but should be either late in September or early October, will keep you all posted. Those of you interested to go please let me know.

- I am always consensus we all are getting older and in the event one of us was to have an accident during a sailing day that requires administering first aid assistance. Our group needs to have plans in place to address such an issue if it was to arise. So firstly, hanging in a green string mesh bag against the back wall in the Green Club shed is a First Aid kit that contains a large range of items that are currently compliant.

Secondly, we need to establish which of our members have a current First aider certificate, at present Both Kevin Harris sail No 15, and Erin Conza sail No 88 are the only 2 members with a current certificate. however, several other members have completed the first aider course some time ago, but their certificates have lapsed over time. Therefore, after some discussion with our Vice Commodore Mike Cosgriff he is looking into the possibility of finding when and where a first aiders course can be undertaken so we have more members capable and certificated to administer first aid assistance if required. Once this information is available, I will let you all know.

Again, we have a large sailing / racing programme set down for August as well as the 2 day DF 95 State Championship Regatta at Eagleby. Enjoy your sailing, see you all on the water.

Regards to all,

Ron Brown  
DF 95 Fleet Captain  
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