

DF 95 Group News Update No 24

November 2022



2022 has been a great year for DF 95 Sailing, with large fleets and competitive racing

Hi DF 95 Skippers & Friends,

During the month of October, we managed to compete the Club Scratch and Handicap championship 10 monthly race day sailing programme despite the numerous days of cancellation due to wet weather or flooding at Emerald Lakes. Interest from our fleet to race in these club championships has increased over previous years as the members knowledge and sailing skills have improved which in turn has created a more competitive spirit among the experienced 95 skippers.

Our fleet numbers also have over this past year been boosted by club members from other classes buying and racing 95s in our club race days, such is the interest in DF 95 s not only here in Australia but around the world. It is interesting to note that the principal Distributor of DF Boats here in Australia, Hobby Warehouse report they are currently selling 30 to 34 new boats every month and over 62 % are DF 95 s. So as our fleet grows it raises a number of issues, we as a class and as a club need to be aware of and take the time to address.

These are:

- As the fleet number increase, we therefore have a mixture of skilled / experienced and no so skilled new people to our sport of radio sailing together in a competitive environment which in turn increases boat contacts, due mainly to lack of rules knowledge and sailing experience, hence the need to consider splitting the fleet into 2 or even 3 groups based on competency.

- Devoting more time to helping the newer and less skilled skippers with improving their knowledge of the sailing rules and working on their sailing skills, as breaches of the rules, possible boat damaged from contacts, plus lack of sailing enjoyment all lead to loss of interest, reduced fleet sizes etc.
- It is possible now is the time we have a hard long look at our sailing programme, consider split fleets, the number of actual sailing days per week, and place more emphasis on training, teaching and assisting new members to our fleet and our club gain the knowledge and the skills to compete with others on an equal footing
- It also may time to offer just come and enjoy your radio sailing day, with no prizes or trophy's, just plain old let's have some fun. And use this one a day a week or fortnight to help train and assist this skipper gain competency. Then when they reach, they move up in the fleet rankings to sail in our club's competitive race programme. Similar to the Motor sport where you have to qualify to drive an F1 race car.

I am please to say your club Commodore Rex Scott and the committee are aware of this situation as it effects all classes and they are aware attention to these matter needs to be addressed, so in the new year we should hear what plans and changes will take place in the 2023 season.

No 1: The November DF 95 Sailing Programme

Please ensure you carefully read the November sailing programme as there is either change of days & dates or special hosted events.

- Friday 4 th: General Club Scratch racing, with set up at 11.00 am and racing underway at 11.45 am. A brief sailing rules discussion will take place prior to racing.
- **Sunday 6 th: Match racing round 3 catch up, set up at 11.00 am racing underway at 11.45 am assuming we have at least 10 boats present**
- Friday 11th: Another general club scratch race day, set up at 11.00 am and racing underway at 11.45 am. Also, a sailing rules discussion will take place prior to racing.
- **Sunday 13 th" No DF 95 Sailing that day as the club is hosting the QLD IOM Championship GP4 Regatta, Volunteers are required please**
- Friday 18th: Another Club General Scratch race day with set up at 11.00 am and racing underway at 11.45 am FURTHER Sailing rules discussion prior to racing.
- **Sunday 20 th: Match racing Round 4, with set up at 11.00 am and racing underway at 11.45am assuming we have 10 or more boats.**
- Friday 25 th: General Club Handicap racing, set up at 11.00am and racing underway at 11.45am.
- **Sunday 27 th: Match racing round 5 final for the year, set up at 11.00am with racing underway at 11.45 am. Again, assuming we have more than 10 boats attend.**

No 3, DF 95 Group Member Profile:

This month we have another senior member of our Fleet to profile, a quiet achiever a man who is always attends, a man who is always a willing helper especially to other members, a person who is held in high esteem by his peers a man with immerse well earn't respect.
Kevin Harris, Sail No 15.



Kevin Harris a top 10 finisher , the groups quiet achciver , whos efforts are well respected

Kevin Harris sailing/boating history:

I started sailing at the age of 12, after convincing my father to buy me a Moth Mark 11 yacht, a far cry from todays lightweight modern foiling boats, being reasonably heavy for its 12ft size with its timber mast which was like a tree stump.

Initially I learned to sail on Albert Park Lake, Melbourne, under the direction of Bill Hooper who was in those days a guru of sail training. After 2 years on Albert Park Lake I progressed to Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron on the southern end of Port Philip Bay, where I was fortunate enough to be introduced to Keelboat sailing. Around age 18, I again persuaded my father that we needed a keelboat, and my family purchased a 22ft Bluebird racing/cruising keelboat. I successfully raced this yacht for a number of years, in the Blairgowrie fleet, competing in round the bay races and general Club racing.

I became friendlywith many different keelboat owners and made some long-time friends, including the Cosgriff family (Michael). Looking for a challenge, my family purchased the hull of a Tasman 26 which was placed in my backyard in Melbourne, where I spent 9 months fitting out the interior, before launching at St. Kilda. We also sailed the Tasman at Blairgowrie, competing in the same Club races with good success.

In 1977 I was invited to sail on a Farr 1104 keelboat that was to compete in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race. I excitedly took up the invitation and joined the crew, however, I was not the ideal crew member in this race, as I succumbed to sea sickness for approximately half the race. The seasick pills I took obviously did not work, and I have never taken them since!.

Over subsequent years I have competed on a variety of keelboats, in eight Sydney Hobart races



(only completing 6 due to boat failures). In 1984, 24 hours after leaving Sydney heads in very heavy weather, we lost the mast due to a rigging failure. Secondly in 2004, some 60 miles into Bass Strait, the steering equipment started to fail, again in heavy weather, and had to return to Eden for repairs. Some of the boats I have sailed on include – “Winston Churchill” - a timber Yawl built in Tasmania by Percy Coverdale, unfortunately now under the control of Davy Jones somewhere off the South Coast of NSW (1998 Sydney/Hobart). “Cotton Blossom” - 52ft Farr.

“Once More Dear Friends” - a DuBois 40. “Lady Godiva” – a Nautor-Swan 60, “Dancing Lady”- a Farr 38. “Ponyo” - a Farr 40. “Belle” - a IY60. “Damel” - a Farr 1104. “Cruz Control” - a Santa Cruise 52 and “Nizam” - a DK46. I have also competed in club racing on the 100 year old designCouta Boat “Bella” at Sorrento Sailing Club, Melbourne. Being a gaff rigged sailboat with a huge mainsail for its size, it is reasonably difficult to manage taking up to 8 crew members on a 28ft boat. Over the years I have also competed in five Melbourne to Devonport races, three Melbourne Hobart

races down the West Coast of Tasmania, two Pittwater Coffs races, two Melbourne Sydney races, one Sydney Mooloolaba race, one Melbourne Vanuatu race, one Brisbane Noumea race and numerous delivery trips including crossing the Tasman - Sydney to Auckland, Auckland to Noumea, Auckland to Mackay, Vanuatu to Mackay and many east coast deliveries between

Melbourne and Cairns. I have also competed in at least 20 Whitsunday Regattas over the years in various keelboats. I also helped with a survey on a 60ft yacht which was eventually purchased by a friend in Marseilles, France and then cruised the Mediterranean from

Marseilles to Monaco to Sardinia Genoa, Italy, where I put the yacht on a float on float off ship for delivery to Brisbane.



In more recent years, I have spent a lot of time managing/skippering two power boats, assisting with their operation, one being a 75ft cruiser the other a 98ft superyacht. With these two particular boats again, I have skippered and assisted in cruises ranging from Melbourne to the far reaches of the Kimberly area in WA, with some amazing opportunities to see the most remote and beautiful parts of Australia. We also circumnavigated Tasmania with the 75ft power boat and travelled into the amazing Macquarie Harbour, Gordon River, and Port Davey.

I am still involved with the bigger power boats, and recently with a DK46 keelboat. We will be racing the DK46 in all the Whitsunday Regattas again next year – Airlie Beach, Hamilton Island and Magnetic Island.

In the last few years I have been introduced to radio controlled yacht sailing primarily through my friend, Frank Arrowsmith. I subsequently bought a DF95 yacht and started to learn the finer points of radio controlled sailing with the help of many PRYC members. Not being able to sit on the actual boat and manage the operations, I initially found it quite daunting, however the more time you spend, the better you become. Over time I have managed to be able to sail competitively within the group, hopefully not causing too much drama.

Radio controlled sailing, especially the DF95 boats, allows people of all ages and experience to be involved in the sport of sailing/racing and to compete equally.

Now that I am semi retired I enjoy sailing the DF95 whenever I can and am lucky enough to have my adult son, Simon become involved with the DF95 group as well.



Thank you

Kevin Harris

No 3, Club Championship Results for 2022

Scratch Race Results

The Scratch race championship results for the year as shown below after the 10 rounds have now been concluded , the racing was conducted over windward leesward courses of 2 laps each, some 26 boats participated over the year and our overall winners were Hank Beyer sail No 791 st place with 13 points, in 2 nd place Mike Cosgriff sail No 99 with 20 points and in 3 rd place John Musgrave sail no 222 with 23 points indicating the top boats all finished closely together, Well done guys

PRYC - DF95 SCRATCH RACING - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - PROGRESSIVE RESULTS - 2022														SORT		PDF		
Best 8 of 10 Events				7-Jan	4-Feb	18-Mar	22-Apr	27-May	3-Jun	8th Jul	5-Aug	14-Oct	7-Oct	TOTAL	After 4	After 8	FINAL	POS
NAME	SAIL NO	RANK	FINAL POINTS	SCC1	SCC2	SCC3	SCC4	SCC5	SCC6	SCC7	SCC8	SCC9	SCC10	Discard 1	Discard 2	POINTS		
Hank Beyer	79	1	13	5	2	16	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	34	16	5	13	1
Michael Cosgriff	99	2	20	2	6	1	2	5	2	3	2	3	5	31	6	5	20	2
John Musgrave	222	3	23	18	4	2	1	3	4	2	4	5	3	46	18	5	23	3
Allan Walker	26	4	37	4	10	3	5	15	3	11	7	1	4	63	15	11	37	4
Graham Cowling	884	5	38	6	3	5	4	4	5	17	5	6	6	61	17	6	38	5
Ron Brown	880	6	49.3	4.3	5	6	7	15	6	6	6	9	10	74.3	15	10	49.3	6
Kevin Harris	15	7	73	13	7	16	6	6	9	7	13	16	12	105	16	16	73	7
Chris Palmer	524	8	79	11	9	9	10	11	8	10	12	11	15	106	15	12	79	8
Peter Rambaud	155	9	83	18	10	8	13	9	11	12	11	13	9	114	18	13	83	9
Mike Austin	885	9	83	18	1	16	13	15	14	17	8	8	8	118	18	17	83	9
Peter O'Grady	70	10	85	18	10	14	12	10	14	9	9	16	7	119	18	16	85	10
Daniel Bergan	329	11	87	18	10	16	13	15	14	5	13	16	1	121	18	16	87	11
Tony Fannin	17	12	89	18	8	13	11	2	10	16	13	16	16	123	18	16	89	12
Erin Conza	88	13	91	7	10	16	13	15	14	17	3	15	14	124	17	16	91	13
Gary Boulton	536	14	92	16	10	10	9	12	13	17	13	12	13	125	17	16	92	14
Roger Taylor	11	15	94	18	10	7	8	15	14	17	13	16	11	129	18	17	94	15
Mick Gentles	254	16	98	1	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	16	19	134	19	17	98	16
Richard Bray	812	16	98	18	10	15	13	14	7	13	10	16	19	135	19	18	98	16
John Gower	63	17	100	3	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	16	19	136	19	17	100	17
Bob Dabbs	142	18	101	18	10	16	13	15	14	4	13	16	19	138	19	18	101	18
Mike Jeffreys	344	19	102	18	10	4	13	15	14	17	13	16	19	139	19	18	102	19
Will Charlton	48	19	102	18	10	16	13	8	12	14	13	16	19	139	19	18	102	19
Warwick Wood	34	19	102	18	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	4	19	139	19	18	102	19
Raffa Trujillo	100	20	105	8	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	16	19	141	19	17	105	20
Lester Gabriel	1	20	105	18	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	7	19	142	19	18	105	20
Neil Senior	34	21	106	18	10	16	13	7	14	17	13	16	19	143	19	18	106	21
Scott Rudd	45	21	106	9	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	16	19	142	19	17	106	21
Geoff Edge	516	22	107	18	10	11	13	13	14	17	13	16	19	144	19	18	107	22
Frank Arrowsmith	805	22	107	10	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	16	18	142	18	17	107	22
Graham Hiles	12	23	108	18	10	12	13	15	14	17	13	14	17	143	18	17	108	23
Bob Dabbs	142	23	108	18	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	10	19	145	19	18	108	23
Kevin Boyle	548	24	109	12	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	16	19	145	19	17	109	24
Andi Gallaher	55	25	111	14	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	16	19	147	19	17	111	25
Graeme Bullen	534	26	112	15	10	16	13	15	14	17	13	16	19	148	19	17	112	26
Scott Brown	845	26	112	18	10	16	13	15	14	15	13	16	19	149	19	18	112	26
FLEET NUMBER				17	9	15	12	14	13	16	12	15	18					
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Handicap Race Results

We see our handicap racing as a very important part of our fleets sailing activities as it give the newer skippers an opportunity to race with the top skippers and have the chance to finish within the top 10. Hence handicap racing does produce larger fleets and is eagerly awaited by many skippers.

This season attracted some 27 boats again the racing was over a windward leeward course of 2 laps . Our season winners were, in 1 st place John Musgrave sail no 222 with 28 points, in 2 nd place Mike Cosgriff sail No 99 with 33 points and in 3 rd place Graham Cowling sail No 884 with 38 points, Congratulations guys well done and it clearly shows you must sail in all round to ensure a top placing in both Scratch and Handicap events.

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	John Musgrave	222	1	28	7	3	1	5	3	5	7	1	6	4	42	7	7	28	1
	Michael Cosgriff	99	2	33	1	1	3	9	9	3	5	4	10	7	52	10	9	33	2
	Graham Cowling	884	3	38	2	9	7	10	5	1	4	11	9	1	59	11	10	38	3
	Ron Brown	880	4	40	5	6	9	6	4	6	8	7	4	2	57	9	8	40	4
	Allan Walker	26	5	53	6	13	15	2	22	11	3	2	1	17	92	22	17	53	5
	Gary Boulton	536	6	66	11	2	13	12	10	9	10	6	14	6	93	14	13	66	6
	Hank Beyer	79	7	67	4	13	4	3	12	2	19	15	14	17	103	19	17	67	7
	Kevin Harris	15	8	70	13	5	14	15	1	14	19	15	3	5	104	19	15	70	8
	Chris Palmer	524	9	71	12	13	5	13	17	14	9	9	2	8	102	17	14	71	9
	Graham Hills	12	10	76	13	10	6	8	22	4	13	8	14	17	115	22	17	76	10
	Tony Fannin	17	11	79	13	4	10	15	22	8	19	15	11	3	120	22	19	79	11
	Daniel Bergan	329	12	82	13	13	15	15	6	14	1	15	5	17	114	17	15	82	12
	Frank Arrowsmith	805/1/563	12	82	13	13	11	15	8	14	2	10	13	12	111	15	14	82	12
	Roger Taylor	11	13	87	13	13	2	11	22	14	19	15	8	11	128	22	19	87	13
	Peter Rambaud	155	14	90	10	13	15	15	11	14	6	15	12	9	120	15	15	90	14
	Peter O'Grady	70	15	93	8	13	8	15	13	14	11	13	14	13	122	15	14	93	15
	Tony Keegan	586	16	94	13	13	15	1	15	14	12	12	14	17	126	17	15	94	16
	Mick Gentles	254	16	94	13	13	15	15	2	14	19	15	7	17	130	19	17	94	16
	Mike Austin	885	17	95	13	13	15	7	22	14	14	5	14	17	134	22	17	95	17
	Richard Bray	812	18	96	13	11	15	4	18	7	17	15	14	17	131	18	17	96	18
	Erin Conza	88	19	97	13	13	15	15	14	10	16	3	14	17	130	17	16	97	19
	Scott Brown	845	20	106	3	13	15	15	20	14	19	15	14	17	145	20	19	106	20
	Phil Burgess	801	20	106	13	13	15	15	7	14	19	15	14	17	142	19	17	106	20
	Geoffrey Edge	516	21	108	13	13	12	14	21	13	19	15	14	14	148	21	19	108	21
	Andi Gallaher	55	22	110	13	7	15	15	22	14	19	15	14	17	151	22	19	110	22
	Scott Rudd	45	22	110	9	13	15	15	22	12	19	15	14	17	151	22	19	110	22
	Jason Pearce	118	23	111	13	8	15	15	22	14	19	15	14	17	152	22	19	111	23
	Will Charlton	48	24	113	13	13	15	15	19	14	15	14	14	17	149	19	17	113	24
	Dave Churton	71	25	115	13	12	15	15	22	14	19	15	14	17	156	22	19	115	25
	Ken Sharpe	805	25	115	13	13	15	15	16	14	19	15	14	17	151	19	17	115	25
	Brad Lealty	59	26	116	13	13	15	15	22	14	18	15	14	17	156	22	18	116	26
	Neil Senior	34	26	109	13	13	15	15	22	14	19	15	14	10	150	22	19	109	26
	Peter McNamara	111	26	114	13	13	15	15	22	14	19	15	14	15	155	22	19	114	26
	Mac McGregor	77	27	115	13	13	15	15	22	14	19	15	14	16	156	22	19	115	27
FLEET NUMBER					12	12	14	14	21	13	18	14	13	16					
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Finally a big thank you to Graham Cowling for doing all of our race results this season, it is apity he has decided to retire from this role at the end of the year, so we will be looking for somebody else to take on this task please.



No 3, Club News & Information:

- As mentioned at the last few race days the committee have introduced a request to keep the pathway at Emerald Lakes clear for the public and cyclists to have unencumbered access, so we now must ensure the Gazebo is erected at least 3 metres from the path on the road side, All seated sailers must now be accommodated between the path and water on the grass verge and all skippers who wish to walk between the control area boundaries must remain on the grass on the roadside of the pathway. The only time skippers can walk over or along the pathway is to launch or retrieve their boats. This request is made to all skippers following complaints from the public who use the pathway to ensure no accidents occur.
- **Important dates** to record in your diaries please, Saturday the 12th and Sunday the 13th of November your club is hosting the Queensland IOM Championship 2 day regatta (GP4) Volunteers are required and you are asked to help and assist if you are available. Please send Bill Clancey our sailing secretary an email offering your services. The Clubs Christmas end of year function and presentation day is set down for Saturday the 10th of December from 11.30 am until 2.30 pm again to be held at the VMR at Southport , those of you keen to attend can you please let me know, wives and partners are most welcome.
- **Hobby Warehouse in stock:** A recent check of their website confirms their parts order has arrived , so those of you wishing to buy selected parts , now is the time to go on line and place your orders. Also I am advised they have plenty of complete new boats in stock at this time..
- **Teds spare parts:** I recently received this email from club member Ted Mulligan advising he is about to place another order for 6.6 v 850 mAh rechargeable batteries, those of you wish to purchase please send Ted an email.

Hi all, Still showing Out of Stock at Hobby Warehouse - 6.6V 850mAh DF65/DF95 RX Life Rechargeable Battery \$14.50 +freight of \$7.95

If anyone is committed to buying these (same type – from elsewhere), let me know and I will get started on another order.

COST: LiFe battery \$14.50 each – no freight - can be collected from my house or delivered to you at Em. Lks Tue & Sat, when I'm at sailing for DF65s.

Ted Mulligan [0432679712](tel:0432679712) tedmul@optusnet.com.au

- **New jetties:** The Builder has now completed the construction of the three new Launching pontoons' the club has worked with the Gold Coast City Council to have built. The club over a number of years has put funding in place as our contribution to the overall cost of this excellent facility your club now has. Please remember while they are there for our use , the public are able to use them when they are not in use, again we need to be respectful when asking members of the public to vacate on days when we wish to use them.



- **Watch for this stolen boat:** Recent the Coomera Radio Yacht Club has their Rescue Boat, Outboard, Road trailer, Alloy launching ramp, Life jackets, oars and other equipment stolen. They believed the boat, motor and trailer have been on sold to an unsuspecting Gold Coast resident as it has been seen in the southport area being towed by a Black Nissen X-Trail. If you see this boat , motor and trailer can you please let me know when, where and what time please. A picture of the vehicles number plate and that on the trailer would be greatly appreciated.



- **Last days sailing for 2022:** Several Group Members have asked when will be the last day of Sailing for the DF 95 Fleet for this current year. Sunday the 18 th of December, it is planned to have an early start 10.30 set up , racing underway at 11.00 am until 2.00 pm, followed by a christmas Lunch at The Back Page Bar at 2.30 pm. The 2023 Season is planned at this stage to recommence from Friday the 13 th of January.
- **Rules of Sailing made easy to understand:** You all would have received from me a couple of Large emails containing five individual Modules detailing specific rules that govern our Radio sailing, these excellently prepared documents were kindly put together by our Sailing Secretary Bill Clancy and they are designed to help us all clearly understand the obligations we have as skippers to ensure all the rules of sailing are adhered to. I commend to you all to spent a little time reading these and answering the questions presented by Bill so you improve your knowledge. If any of



Paradise Radio Yacht Club (Inc).

**RACING RULES OF SAILING WORKSHOP
2021 – 2024**

**MODULAR 5 - Part 2 section B – GENERAL LIMITATIONS
RRS 17 – ON THE SAME TACK; PROPER COURSE**

you would like another copy please let me know . To date nobody has commented on these most helpful documents , which is a shame as your club are trying to help you understand and improve your Rules knowledhge so when on water situations occur, disputes, bad launagaur and agumants between skippers is minimised and and our sailing enjoyment is enhanced. Please remember we all had to learn the road code and sit and exam to earn our drivers licence, so there is no difference really.

Kind Regards to you all , see you on the water,

Ron Brown

Fleet Captain

PRYC

