

DF 95 Group News Update No 9

July 2021



Good Starts are essential to winning races

Hi guys,

Our DF 95 Group have enjoyed excellent club racing over the past few months with everybody managing to improve their sailing skills and knowledge of the sailing rules. The clubs SSI standard sailing instructions has been a great asset thanks to the work of Bill Clancy our new club Racing Secretary. It is great to see members Graham Bullen and Chris Palmer win there first scratch races against our senior very experienced longer-term sailors, plus newer members to radio sailing such as Scott Browne, Jason Pearce and Scott Rudd also recording excellent placing in the top 3 or 4.

Coupled with these great improvements I would like to say a big thank you to all for the polite, courteous, and friendly manner you all are expressing toward one another which makes for very enjoyable and satisfying race days. It is also great to see penalties being acknowledged and undertaken without argument, after all it is policy to ensure to the rules of sailing are adhered too. Long may we continue in this most successful direction. As a point of interest Bill Clancy recently made an offer to come along to our primary sailing days being Fridays to run a series of sessions on understanding the Rules of Sailing. An offer we would greatly accept, you shortly will receive dates of when these sessions will commence.



45 Scott Rudd



118 Jason Pearce



524 Chris Palmer



845 Scott Browne

Well done guys, this competitive spirit and comradie between us has even been acknowledge by visitors who have come to sail at Paradise Radio Yacht club in recent weeks, and they have expressed their grateful thanks for being given the opportunity to sail with us.

It should also be noted our top DF 95 skippers sailing in both club Scratch and handicap events are finishing within a few points of one another, and they all are managing to achieve race wins so no one person is dominating the podium.



Race Officer Bill Clancy Race briefing for the recently held DF 95 South QLD Championship

1, July DF 95 Sailing programme 2021

- Friday 2nd, General Club Scratch racing 11.15 am set up and racing at midday
- **Sunday 4th, 2nd round of Match racing 11.15 am set up and racing at midday**
- Friday 9th, Round 6 Club Scratch race championship set up 11.00 am, midday racing starts.
- **Sunday 11 th, no racing for DF 95, Volunteers to help at IOM championships that day**
- Tuesday 13 th to Saturday 17th, Whitsunday DF 95 Race week (refer to the QRYA website for details)
- Friday 16 th, General Club scratch Race Day, set up 11.15 am racing at midday
- **Sunday 18th, General Club Handicap Day, set up 11.15 am racing at midday**
- Thursday 22 nd DF 95 Group Drinks and Dinner with wives / partners 5.00 pm Emerald Lakes Golf Club
- Friday 23 rd., Round 6 Club Handicap Championship, set up 11.00 am, midday racing starts
- **Sunday 25 th, Completion of 2nd round Match Racing, set up 11.15 am, racing starts at midday**
- Friday 30th, General Club scratch racing set up 11.15 am, racing underway at midday
- **Saturday 31st / Sunday 1 st of August, Queensland DF 95 Championship 2-day regatta at Jabiru Canal Newport ARYA ranked event.**

2, Items of Interest in the July sailing programme

A, Sunday the 4th of July, we start our second round of Match racing, and it is planned to have 4 teams of 2 boats each race together at 2-minute intervals. using our new results sheet and Match race Schedule. Following on from the last successful series we plan to have those skippers who missed the last event to enter first this time. An additional round of match racing will be held on Sunday the 25th so we can ensure all skippers can participate in this event.

The new result sheet also clearly shows each skipper which of the following races they are eligible for regardless of their previous race result. Each skipper is given 4 opportunities to race, so you are not eliminated after your first race.



B, Scratch & Handicap progressive results

We are now halfway through our programmed ten club championship Scratch and Handicap events with 5 CCs being completed. as can be seen the racing has not only been very competitive, but only a few points separate the main players in these events. So, if you are keen to be in the podium positions it is most important you sail in the remaining 5 series events which ends with last series of races in November. Race series No 6 commence on Friday the 9th for scratch championship and Friday the 23rd for Handicap championship.

PRYC - DF95 SCRATCH RACING - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - PROGRESSIVE RESULTS - 2021													
Best 8 of 10 Events				12-Feb	2-Apr	9-Apr	21-May	11-Jun					
NAME	SAIL NO	PROGRESSIVE	POINTS	SCC1	SCC2	SCC3	SCC4	SCC5	SCC6	SCC7	SCC8	SCC9	SCC10
Hank Beyer	79	2	23	13	7	1	1	1					
Frank Arrowsmith	805	10	47	6	7	8	13	13					
Ron Brown	880	7	36	5	7	11	5	8					
Erin Conza	88	3	24	3	2	11	6	2					
Richard Bray	812	5	33	7	4	9	8	5					
Graham Cowling	884	1	22	4	1	2	2	13					
Michael Cosgriff	99	4	26	2	3	5	13	3					
Mick Gentles	254	6	34	1	6	11	3	13					
Scott Brown	845	10	47	8	5	11	10	13					
Roger Taylor	885		53	9	7	11	13	13					
Kevin harris	15	8	41	10	7	4	7	13					
Chris Palmer	524	9	46	12	7	7	11	9					
Graeme Bullen	34		52	11	7	11	12	11					
Peter O'Grady	70		40	13	7	3	4	13					
Leon Holder	77		49	13	7	6	13	10					
Bob Scott	167		56	13	7	10	13	13					
Will Charlton	48		52	13	7	11	9	12					
Daniel Bergan	885		50	13	7	13	13	4					
Kevin Boyle	548		58	13	13	13	13	6					
Martin Roccliffe			59	13	13	13	13	7					
FLEET NUMBER				12	6	12	12	12					
NOTE : - Some Progressive positions are tied with the same number of points (highlighted in colour)													
Each Championship Event had different Fleet Numbers participating & those who did NOT sail on the day are given Fleet + 1 for that event													

PRYC - DF95 HANDICAP RACING - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - PROGRESSIVE RESULTS - 2021													
Best 8 of 10 Events				12-Feb	2-Apr	9-Apr	21-May	18-Jun					
NAME	SAIL NO	PROGRESSIVE	POINTS	HCC1	HCC2	HCC3	HCC4	HCC5	HCC6	HCC7	HCC8	HCC9	HCC10
Hank Beyer	79	3	24	2	8	2	11	1					
Frank Arrowsmith	805		50	4	12	12	8	14					
Ron Brown	880	8	39	5	5	13	6	10					
Erin Conza	88	2	22	1	2	13	3	3					
Richard Bray	812	4	29	6	6	1	5	11					
Graham Cowling	884	1	18	10	1	3	2	2					
Michael Cosgriff	99	6	36	9	14	6	1	6					
Mick Gentles	254		66	13	14	13	11	15					
Scott Brown	845		58	13	14	13	11	7					
Roger Taylor	885		63	13	14	10	11	15					
Kevin harris	15	7	37	7	7	4	4	15					
Chris Palmer	524	5	33	12	3	7	7	4					
Graeme Bullen	34		56	13	13	9	9	12					
Peter O'Grady	70	10	49	8	9	8	11	13					
Leon Holder	77		66	13	14	13	11	15					
Bob Scott	167		66	13	14	13	11	15					
Will Charlton	48		60	13	14	13	11	9					
Leon Holder	77	9	46	3	4	13	11	15					
Martin Roccliffe	666		58	11	11	11	10	15					
Mike Austin	22		62	13	10	13	11	15					
David Brundow	889		58	13	14	5	11	15					
Daniel Bergan	885		59	13	14	13	11	8					
Wayne Evison	07		56	13	14	13	11	5					
FLEET NUMBER				12	13	12	10	14					
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													

C, IOMs South East QLD Championship GP 2,

The PRYC IOM fleet will host the South Queensland IOM Championship GP 2 here at Emerald Lakes, on Saturday the 10th & Sunday the 11th of July. so, on that day there will be No DF 95 sailing.

However, I would respectfully ask our group if you are available any of those days, please put your hand up to volunteer to help and assist our club run a successful regatta, for those of you who would like to volunteer please contact Bill Clancy our Racing Secretary directly

Clancy4223@bigpond.com

D, Tuesday the 13th to Saturday the 17th, the Whitsunday DF 95 Race week will be held just north of Proserpine on a fresh water dam. Those interested to attend please go the QRYA website to view the Notice of race details, which also contains the contact information for the people running this major event.

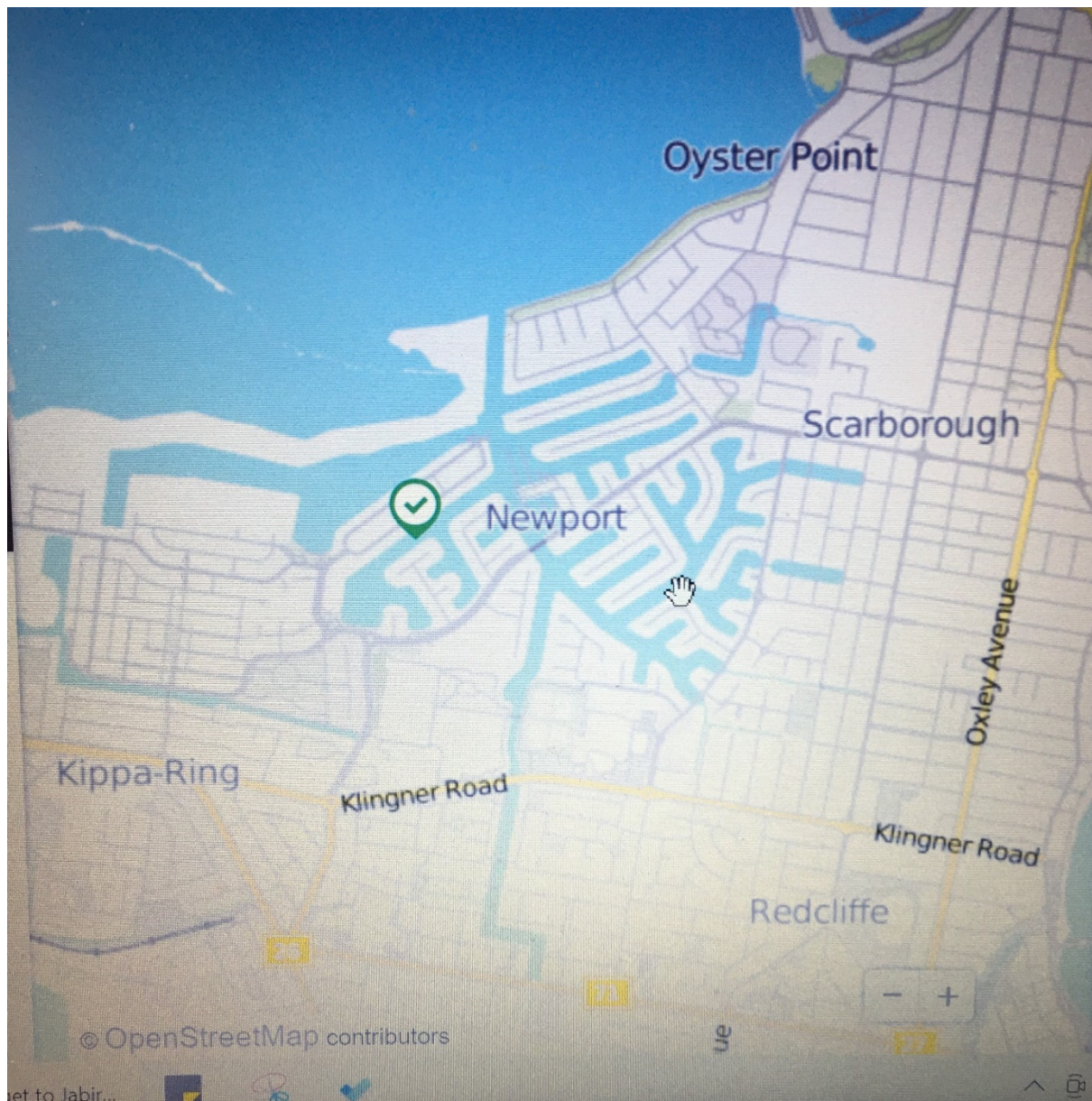
E, Thursday the 22nd DF 95 Group drinks and dinner evening at the Emerald Lakes Golf Club at No 3 Alabaster Drive Carrara. You all are welcome to attend with your wives / Partners, or on your own, the dress code is smart causal and drinks start at 5.00 pm with dinner at 6.00 pm. Each person pays for their drinks and meal. If you have not already indicated to me your intension to attend, please let me know so we can extent the booking. We have at this stage approx. 28 people coming. There is plenty of parking within the Golf Clubs facilities outside the club house.



The Emerald Lakes Golf Club Premises

F, Saturday the 31st and Sunday the 1st of August, the Morton Bay Radio Yacht Squadron will host on behalf of the ARYA & QRYA the Queensland DF 95 Championship two-day regatta which is to be sailed on the Jabiru canal at Newport.

The notice of race is now available on the QRYA website, and I would commend to our members to enter this event ranking event. It is within a couple of hours drive of the Gold Coast, or you may wish to stay overnight as there is plenty of excellent accommodation in the surrounding area. It is my intention to enter and stay a few nights up there, so would be keen to have other PRYC member join me at this regatta.



The Morton Bay Radio Yacht Squadron sailing venue at Jabiru Canal at Newport

If you would like further information, please call Peter Griffin his contact details are as follows, Email: sail.committee@gmail.com or phone 041 888 9723

3, General Club House keeping information & requests

- Just another reminder the Gold Coast City Council has asked that we reframe from parking on the park side of Lake side drive. the only permitted parking is on the water side of lake. Also, we are asked not to park over the gated areas as access by the Council and emergency services may be required at any time.
- We would also like to welcome to our club new members Graham Hile who is awaiting delivery of a new DF 95 and real keen to join our groups sailing activities, Graham has a long sailing history and is keen to become more active in Radio Sailing. Recently moved from NSW to the Gold Coast is Wayne Evison a regular DF 95 sailor from the Wollongong and is a member of the local Radio Yacht club having sailed regularly with Laurie Hinchcliff who moved to area last year, so welcome Graham we look forward to seeing at our two regular sailing days.
- Just another reminder all daily race fees are payable on the day, please put your \$3.00 into the money bag as you enter. We are still experiencing non payment or short payment issues. This money is used to cover the costs of the club equipment we use and to pay for outboard fuel and oil. Your attention to this request would be greatly appreciated.
- 4, Late last month I received from Graham Cowling the following email, to bring to the immediate attention of all club members who use "ONBO "brand of LiFe twin cell batteries an alert that requires us all to be fully aware that incorrect information within the instructions if followed can create a most hazardous situation, leading to the batteries catching fire, due to incorrect charging.



Graham Cowling

I wish to bring immediate Safety attention to our DF Sailing Class who predominantly use LiFe 6.6v battery power for their yacht, requiring Full Attention to some

Documentation included with some **ONBO** brand LiFe batteries supplied by Phil Burgess.

The documentation clearly shows reference to using a LiPo Charger, and this can be detrimental, as it is NOT Clearly defined to set the Charger to LiFe setting.

LiPo charges to 4.2 v per cell = 2S batt $2 \times 4.2 = 8.4\text{v}$

LiFe charges to 3.6 v per cell = 2S batt $2 \times 3.6 = 7.2\text{v}$

Overcharging the LiFe battery even by this small amount causes the battery to overheat and swell and Will catch FIRE!

From: Graham Cowling
Sent: Thursday, 17 June 2021, 11:32 am
To: Phil Burgess
Subject: **ONBO** LiFe 6.6v Battery Documentation

Hi Phil, .. My follow up on our discussion about Onbo LiFe 6.6v battery documentation included with the battery is misleading, where some of our DF skippers has actually used a LiPo charger set to LiPo 8.4v and caused battery to Swell from overcharging..

These LiFe 6.6v batteries must be charged using LiFe setting (charge to 7.2v)(Not 8.4v) and I have shown several guys in our club how they have been incorrectly charging their LiFe batteries...

I will also pass this info on to our PRYC club members to ensure everyone is informed for safety..

Cheers from
Graham Cowling.

Thanks Graham. I could hardly read the LiPo reference with my eyesight!
Surprised that it could be understood to be a LiPo with the larger LiFe label on the front.

Anyway, much safer to make sure they understand the difference in charging, correct connectors and fire risk.

Phil 

Correct, yes the Onbo Battery has it clearly marked as LiFe 6.6v ... BUT the documentation infers it should be charged With LiPo Charger, and even indicates the 4.2v per cell which will Overcharge the LiFe battery and cause swelling issues, and potentially create Fire Risk. Many thanks Graham for bring this important information to our members attention Well Done

This document comes with ONBO Life Batt.
6.6v.

Warnings for Using Lithium Polymer battery

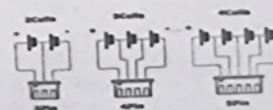
Agreement

- Please realize that batteries might cause damages like leaking, fire or explode when misuse or defective.
- It is your responsibility to double check and make sure your devices have necessary protection circuits.
- When charging Battery Pack, please put battery in a fire proof container. Always charge in an isolated area, away from other flammable materials. Ex: wood bench, carpet unattended.
- We are only responsible for the products we sell. We are NOT responsible for any damages and consequences damages by using our products.

Charging Process

1) First Charge

Before using it for first time, please fully charge the new battery with the specific Lipo balance-charger for it have taken the same "balancing" JST-XH with your batteries (see diagram).



2) Charger

Charge lipo battery with specific lipo balance-charger only. Other types of charger are not recommended.

3) Charging Current

Battery charging current must never exceed the manufacturer's specified maximum which is regulated by specifications. Higher setting may lead to charging insufficiency, inferior in performance, heating and even leakage.

4) Charging Voltage

Charge lithium batteries at no more than 4.20V per cell (4.25V is the maximum cell charge voltage). As for battery pack in series, please choose balance charging or charge each cell respectively. Series charging is not recommended.

5) Charging Temperature

Batteries must be charged at a place within the temperature ranged from 15°C to 35°C or it may lead to the reduction of charging & discharging efficiency, charging insufficiency. Stop charging immediately if the battery surface temperature exceeds 50°C (120°F).

6) Reverse Charging is Prohibited

Please correctly connect the positive (+) and negative (-) electrode of the battery, and strictly avoid reverse charging. Reverse charging will destroy the battery cells and may reduce the charging & discharging performance and security of the battery, even result in heating or leakage.

7) Abnormal Charging

If there's any abnormal condition occurs during the charging process, please discontinue the charging process immediately and consult relevant professionals for disposal.

$2 \times 4.2 = 8.4V$ LiPO
NOT for Life Batt

5, Jetty Extension Emerald Lakes

Following the construction by the Gold Coast City contractors of the new jetty at Emerald Lakes which is located where the IOMs sail, The issue of height above water has now been overcome thanks to the efforts of our Commodore Trent Jarratt and the GCCC who have kindly installed a lower-level L shaped deck around the sideward and port sides of the structure which has two steps making access to the lower level a breeze.

I have passed on to Trent the DF 95 groups appreciation this new facility which now makes for easy access to the water when launching and receiving our boats,



Thanks again Trent for an excellent new club Facility

6, Visit from Grand Vision Radio Yacht Club

On Sunday the 27th of June we hosted the GVRYC members to come sail with our DF 95 Fleet at Emerald Lakes, the weather dawned with bright blue sky and fresh southerly breeze of 6 to 12 knots. A total fleet of 14 boats enjoyed an excellent days Handicap racing where 12 races were completed. Race officer for the Tony Fannin kept the competitors alert to the racing rules issuing penalties for breaches which all skippers complied with which was great to see.



A BBQ Lunch was provided to all competitors and visitors which was cooked and served by Mick Gentles and Faye Conza, we all say a big thank you to both, the food was delicious especially those pork sausages. After racing a small prize giving took place to award the winners and those who provided interesting events while racing.



The GVRVC Team dominating one of the handicap races No 25 was the overall winner for the day.

Finally, a big thanks to you all who attended, making it a great day's sailing, a chance to meet the members of Grand Vision, and it has been agreed we make this event a permanent fixture on our annual sailing calendar.

DF95 HANDICAP Races Grand Vision RYC Visit - SUNDAY 27th June 2021

EMERALD LAKES

Hosted by

Paradise Radio Yacht Club (PRYC) - Gold Coast

Position	Skipper	Sail #	State - Club	Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Brian Treleaven	25	GVRC	42.0	5.0	6.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	12.0	9.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
2	Richard Bray	812	PRYC	43.0	6.0	5.0	1.0	1.0	8.0	1.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	6.0	2.0	12.0
3	Scott Rudd	45	PRYC	47.0	4.0	1.0	10.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	11.0	15.0	10.0	7.0	7.0
4	Ron Brown	880	PRYC	52.0	3.0	9.0	4.0	6.0	1.0	3.0	5.0	4.0	15.0	9.0	8.0	11.0
5	Martin Roccliffe	666	PRYC	52.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	12.0	6.0	9.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	13.0	2.0
6	Scott Browne	845	PRYC	55.0	9.0	3.0	5.0	8.0	10.0	7.0	12.0	10.0	3.0	1.0	5.0	4.0
7	Erin Conza	88	PRYC	59.0	7.0	11.0	7.0	4.0	3.0	11.0	1.0	9.0	5.0	3.0	11.0	9.0
8	Mike Cosgriff	99	PRYC	59.0	10.0	8.0	9.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	3.0	8.0	8.0	3.0	6.0
9	Marcel Van Hooft	41	GVRC	71.0	11.0	2.0	12.0	5.0	14.0	8.0	4.0	6.0	11.0	11.0	14.0	1.0
10	Chris Palmer	524	PRYC	72.0	1.0	14.0	11.0	11.0	4.0	10.0	11.0	1.0	6.0	7.0	10.0	14.0
11	Phil Diamond	50	GVRC	74.0	12.0	4.0	3.0	10.0	11.0	6.0	13.0	14.0	1.0	12.0	12.0	3.0
12	Will Charlton	48	PRYC	80.0	15.0	13.0	6.0	13.0	9.0	5.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	5.0	6.0	10.0
13	John Woodlams	33	GVRC	102.0	13.0	12.0	15.0	9.0	13.0	13.0	14.0	13.0	7.0	13.0	1.0	8.0
14	Kevin Bourke	31	GVRC	109.0	2.0	10.0	15.0	15.0	12.0	15.0	10.0	12.0	12.0	14.0	9.0	13.0

The final results for the Grand Vision race day visit

Ron Brown
DF 95 PRYC
Fleet Captain