Welcome to the DF95 Class newsletter. The DF95 is raced as a “Restricted Class”. This means that the boat is to be raced as supplied by the Builder, with any changes “restricted” to those specifically stated in the Class rules. To help promote the Class an informal Owners Association has been formed consisting of a Rep from each State which has boats Registered. Items for inclusion in the newsletter, requests for info, etc. should be sent to df95aus@gmail.com

Useful Links:  www.dfracing.world - the site contains the Class Rules, drawings for constructing the other allowable rigs and templates for the sail numbers, National letters, the Class logo and their locations on the sails. There is also a link to Australia under the “Links” menu. As some of us also race the DF65 the same can be done at df65australia@gmail.com. Requests for a DF65 sail number can now be sent to Kyle at df65aus@gmail.com. For WA sailors – www.rsawa.asn.au

* Owners should also check the updated Class Rules Version 1.2, H.9 regarding the size to be used for sail numbers, national letters and the Class logo and their positioning on sails. Templates/drawings for all of these are at www.dfracing.world
Boat Registration:

- **The DF95 Australia Class Registrar is the only source for the issue of a Hull Serial Number. Register at df95aus@gmail.com.** This Hull Serial Number **SHALL also be the Sail number and must be applied to the sails in accordance with the DF95 Class Rules (H.9)**
- Personal Sail numbers will not be issued.
- Club issued Sail numbers are not permitted at DF95 Class Association events.
- Only boats registered with the DF95 Australia Class Association may compete in DF95 State, National and International events and use the National letters **AUS** on sails.

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Clubs sailing the Class

Qld: Moreton Radio Yacht Squadron at Newport on the Redcliffe Peninsula. Some boats have been sailing as visitors at Lake Kawana on the Sunshine Coast. Whitsunday Model Boat Club (check out the Facebook page). Secretary is Chris Head (che88810@bigpond.net.au). Mackay Model Mariners. Sunshine Coast MBC, sails at Sunshine Coast University near Buderim. Contact Col Clarke col@touroztrikes.com.au or 0411 602 048. Paradise RYC at Emerald Lakes, Carrara. Contact is Frank Arrowsmith, 0403267917.

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ACT: Canberra Model Yacht Club. Sail at the YMCA Sailing Club, Yarralumla Bay.

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**Tas:** Risdon Brook RYC. Lauderdale Canal. STRYC at Franklin and Port Huon in the Huon Valley. Northern Tasmanian RYC at Launceston. North West RYC in the Devonport area.

**S A:** Mawson Lakes MYC. South Australian Radio MYC. South Eastern Hills MYC which sails at Paris Creek.

**W A:** Wanderers RSC, Albany RSC, Emu Lakes RSC, Perth RSC.

**DF95 Class Rules updates:** Version 1.2 (current version) is at [www.dfracing.world](http://www.dfracing.world)

**Current Registrations:** 252

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**“THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DF65/95”**

I came across this very interesting article by John Tushingham while searching for a YouTube video on how to seal the fin box halves of the DF95. It is a great read about how the concept of each Class came about and the thinking behind their design. It made me appreciate both boats even more. Isn’t it great when you absolutely know that you have made the correct choice boat wise!! Thanks John for sharing the journey. Check it out at [www.radiosailing.net](http://www.radiosailing.net), the website of the USA DF 65/95 distributor.

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**BITS ‘N’ PIECES**

**Main boom Vang:** A new design of vang was unveiled at the recent DF95 Global Invitational Regatta. It is similar to the DF65 V.6 vang and is of a much more robust nature. Not sure when it will appear at HWH. There is a picture of it on the DF95 Global Invitational Regatta Facebook page.

**DF95 Global Invitational Regatta:** The event was run in variety of conditions – drifter to “C/D” rig conditions. There is a lot of video on Youtube so you can judge for yourselves. Four Aussies were among the 43 starters; Chris Dance (Vic), Phil Burgess, Paul Martin and Alan Griffith (NSW). I am sure that they will have some tales to tell. Chris will be writing a report on the event (which will be distributed) when he recovers and finds the time to put fingers to keyboard! Final positions for the Aussies were Chris 12th, Phil 25th, Alan 35th and Paul 36th. Congratulations to the winner John Tushingham (GBR) – totally unexpected! John was the model of consistency never dropping out of “A” Fleet.
STATE REPORTS

QUEENSLAND

MACKAY MODEL MARINERS

The Club currently has a fleet of three DF95s with a couple more on the way. The focus of the Club is to have fun, as serious competition seems to deter new members. Breezes retirement village has invited us to their Art and Craft Day to sail in their large pool, so hopefully we can rope in some new members. Our experience has been that the cost of the DF95, plus the way the boat sails makes it a very attractive proposition. The Airlie Beach club has 5 – 7 of the boats sailing on a regular basis and we are going to organise a visit to sail with them. Club members travelled to Townsville to sail in their regatta on the 8th. September to see how good our boat speed was.

Ross Anderson.
President. MMM

PARADISE RADIO YACHT CLUB . FIRST DF95 RACE DAY.

PRYC’s first day of sailing the DF95 was Friday 7th. September 2018. What a great day. The wind was bordering on B rig and was a true test for the inaugural fleet of six boats. We also had many visitors, a couple from other clubs who are 95 owners. However, most folk were PYRC members who had come along and had a test sail. They commented that the Df95 was a great boat to sail, responded well. They also thought while the 95 did not seem to point as high as an IOM, the premier class at PYRC, they were surprised at it’s speed downwind. Many of the new Df95 sailors had small repairs and tuning to do, so we only ran a few demonstration races. We hear that quite a few owners will be buying a B and/or even a C rigs. The only skipper sailing with a B rig just powered away….untouchable!! We sail the DF95 on Fridays from 12.30 to 4.30 p.m at Emerald Lakes, Carrara, on the Gold Coast. Contact is DF95 fleet Captain, Frank Arrowsmith. 0403 267 917
First day of DF95 racing at Paradise RYC

2018 DragonFlite 95 North Queensland Challenge

Saturday the 8th September 2018, saw the inaugural DragonFlite 95 challenge regatta held in sunny Townsville, North Queensland, Australia. With competitors coming from Mackay, the Whitsunday’s and Townsville, this first-time event saw 8 skippers vying for the title of North Queensland champion. We had hoped for some visitors from the South East corner to come and show us how to sail these fantastic little craft, however due to various circumstances no one turned up.

The racing got underway in a fading light North Easterly breeze which oscillated to a north Westerly during the races, this made picking the wind shifts extremely challenging and taxing on the skipper’s patience. However, great sportsmanship and camaraderie amongst the skippers made the event very enjoyable with very few penalties needing to be done. After each race there was plenty of helpful advice on how to improve the performance of everyone’s boat.

After 12 races with small breaks after every 4 races, a clear winner emerged with the well-known local, Col Cameron, sailing consistently in the trying conditions. Maybe a bit of local knowledge may have helped him as he was kept on his toes with fierce competition from Shane Beyer (Whitsunday’s) 2nd and Dean Anderson (Mackay) 3rd. It is interesting to note that Col has taught and coached these skippers for several years, but it wasn’t the apprentices turn to beat the master, maybe next time boys.
The rest of the fleet had their turns at podium finishes, which clearly showed the interested public how close and competitive these fantastic yachts are. It was also timely to reintroduce the Nth Qld Interclub Trophy which has a long history starting way back in 1996, as we now have the 3 clubs sailing the same class of yacht, and it was the Whitsunday club who won it this year. In 2019, we have agreed to hold 3 Nth Qld events, each one held in the individual club sailing sites and the overall winner will be a combination of the 3 results.

The event was successfully hosted by the Townsville RC Yachting group and a special thanks goes to Bob, Ian, John, James and Braxy (the snake catching fox terrier) who gave up their time to help with the scoring, observing and manning the pick-up boat. The venue had excellent facilities, but the wind was not ideal this time. Also, special thanks to our sponsors, Northern Eyes Optometrists, for providing every skipper and volunteer with a glass cleaning kit as well as 3 new sunglasses for prizes, which were distributed amongst the competitors. 360Sails.com, donated a new A rig set of sails for
the skipper who came in the middle of the fleet, Clay Bauman (Whitsunday) and to **Hobby World** who supplied some trophies.

We all are looking forward to our next event when we can catch up and renew our friendships and make new ones.

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### DF 95 North Queensland Chalange

*Curralea Lake, Woolcock St. Townsville*

Results are provisional as of 14:45 on September 9, 2018

**Overall**

| Rank | Net | Total | SailNo | Class | HelmName | Club | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 | R11 | R12 |
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| 1st  | 15  | 22    | 78     | DF 95 | Colin Cameron | Townsville RC Yachting | 1  | 2  | 2  | 1  | (4) | 1  | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2  | (3) |
| 2nd  | 20  | 32    | 780    | DF 95 | Shane Beyers | Whitsunday Model Boat Club | (4) | 1  | 1  | (8) | 3  | 2  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 4  | 1  |
| 3rd  | 36  | 52    | 13     | DF 95 | Dean Anderson | Mackay Model Mariners | 7  | 5  | 3  | 3  | 5  | 2  | (8) | (8) | 2  | 3  | 1  |
| 4th  | 42  | 56    | 75     | DF 95 | Chris Head | Whitsunday Model Boat Club | 2  | 3  | 5  | (7) | (7) | 1  | 5  | 6  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 5th  | 44  | 60    | 82     | DF 95 | Clayton Bauman | Whitsunday Model Boat Club | 5  | 4  | 7  | 1  | 2  | 7  | (8) | 4  | 4  | 3  | (8) |
| 6th  | 51  | 67    | 77     | DF 96 | Ross Anderson | Mackay Model Mariners | 6  | (8) | (8) | 6  | 6  | 3  | 4  | 7  | 7  | 3  | 5  | 4  |
| 7th  | 51  | 65    | 806    | DF 95 | Robert Black | Mackay Model Mariners | 3  | (6) | 4  | 5  | 4  | 6  | 6  | 3  | 6  | 6  | (8) | 6  |
| 8th  | 62  | 76    | 815    | DF 95 | Roy Tungate | Mackay Model Mariners | (6) | 7  | 6  | 4  | (8) | 6  | 7  | 3  | 5  | 7  | 7  | 6  |

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Forster Tuncurry Radio Yacht Club

The number of DF95 yachts at Forster Tuncurry Radio Yacht Club has grown to 23, of which around 10 to 14 are showing up on race days (every Saturday and the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} Wednesday of every month). It would be fair to say that the introduction of the DF95 class has led to the rejuvenation of the club, and in an interesting example of cross-pollination some of our new DF95 skippers are also becoming interested in the “senior” class, the 10Raters which still sail weekly (1\textsuperscript{st}, 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 5\textsuperscript{th} Wednesdays of the month, and every other Thursday). The number of 10Raters in the club has now reached double figures, with all the new sailors having DF95s. Our experience has been that a little more than half the number of yachts on the register are present on any given race day for either class.

We sail at the Tuncurry-Forster Jockey Club regatta grounds, being a large deep freshwater lake at the centre of the horse-racing area. The yacht club receives excellent support from the jockey club and we are looking to gradually improve our facilities.

The fourth round of the DF95 Travellers Series was held at the regatta grounds on Saturday 20\textsuperscript{th} October in a boisterous nor-easter, with Craig Sargent, Hank Beyer and Peter Burton filling the major places. By the end of the day C-rigs were in order and many of the competitors were sailing to survive. There is some footage of the final heat of the day on YouTube:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPJnrnvoZtU  or search “DF95 Forster” in the YouTube program. Congratulations go to our club sailor Margi Vasey who we believe is the first lady to have competed in an interclub DF95 event in NSW.

Congratulations also go to our club member Allan Griffith who was among the Australian contingent sailing at the Garland DF95 Global championship in Texas recently. At the time of writing Allan (and his lovely wife Shelley, our invaluable club recorder) had not yet returned from the US, but on the live video feed we saw Allan doing well and featuring in a number of races in very difficult conditions. Well done Allan!

Visitors to FTRYC are always welcome, and most recently we had the pleasure of sailing with Shane Beyer who hails from Airlie Beach and who displayed a great turn of speed. We hope to see you again soon Shane.

\textit{Ian Vasey}
2018 Victorian DF95 State Championship October 20/21st.

The inaugural Victorian State Championship for the DF95 Class was hosted by the Patterson Lakes RMYC at the National Water Sports Centre, Carrum. There were seventeen entries with Paul Martin representing NSW, Jurgen Luther from South Australia, and to make the event international, Japan was represented by Shuzo Miyazaki.

Due to the weather on Saturday morning (lashing rain and no wind) PRO Scott Fleming delayed the start until the weather improved. Ten races were completed in the day with the eventual podium finishers clear ahead of the bunch. Sunday saw the return of the sun and a decent breeze which shifted around during the day keeping the PRO and his team busy with numerous course changes. Seventeen races were completed before the 1600 time limit. Chris Dance on 36 points emerged as the inaugural Victorian DF95 Champion. He was pushed all the way by Shuzo 57.2 points and Mike on 114 points was always there ready to pounce on any mistake. Hobbywarehouse donated the trophies and also some goodies (battery packs, etc.) for the “furthest travelled”, etc. Much appreciated. As always, a successful event relies on volunteers. A big “Thank you” to PRO Scott Fleming and his team of Chris Darling, Mario Gulic, Tony Smith and Stephen Early.
Class racing for the DF95 continues to be held on the first Saturday afternoon of each month out at Lilydale Lake. Winds always shifty, usually light, it is sometimes warm and often sunny. It sure is exciting racing with ten to fourteen boats competing and it is never over until it’s over.

So far this season (our season runs from July to June) there have been four different winners of the four afternoons sailed to date. In order they are John Daly by a nose from Chris Handley. Benson Or by a mile (or 1.6ks) from Gary Todd. Gary then won comfortably from Chris and finally in October, Mike Pender By a nose from Gary.

The DF95s also participate in the LRYC Handicap Fleet racing conducted on Saturday mornings as well as the more casual mixed racing held on Tuesday mornings.

Lilydale RYC continues to encourage sailing for the DF95 (and also the DF65). The facilities are excellent with an absence of the dreaded weed and easy launching and retrieval of yachts. It’s all good fun. Come and join us!

*Garry Gannon.*
### Tasmanian DF95 Report

Risdon Brook Radio Yacht Club held its annual 42 Degrees South Regatta in October, with a healthy field of thirteen attending. A very enjoyable day was had by all competitors. A small amount of weed affected most skippers at some point, and a few had mini disasters with equipment failing at just the wrong moment – but that’s sailing for you. The lunch break was extended quite a bit, with a lull in the gentle northerly breeze, with about 2hrs lost, so in the end, it was quite a creditable job by all to finish with ten races for the day. Thanks to our Pro on the day, Mike Hickman (Commodore RBRYC), as well as Les Hansen (RBRYC Treasurer), for making sure all the financials were done and for scoring the entire day in some quite hot conditions. Yes, Tassie can get quite hot.

Congrats to Chris Wood, putting in a superbly consistent day, easily winning on 20 points, with David Jones storming back at the end of the day to finish in second, on 29 points, further on to Peter Darcey (31 points) in third spot by countback to Ray Joyce.

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Results are provisional and are subject to change.

General sailing – The DF95 is sailed regularly in five locations about the state. In the North West, Hiscutt Park, in Penguin, features the DF95 on most Tuesdays. RBRYC holds a regular DF95 Handicap day on the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 10am at Risdon Brook Dam. Southern Tasmanian Yacht Club also sails the DF95 on the third Tuesday of each month, starting behind the Franklin rowing sheds at 10am. Also
importantly, at the grass roots level, there is regular sailing of the DF95 at Puddleduck Vinyard every second Tuesday from about 10am and finally, we also have regular Saturday sailing of the DF95 amongst many other types of RC yacht at Lauderdale Canal, which often breaks at lunch for a friendly BBQ.

For further information about any of these locations and where you might be able to get some time in a DF95, contact Kyle Stewart, State rep for DF95’s at kylet@iprimus.com.au

Kyle Stewart.

**North West Radio Y.C Tasmania**

It has been pretty quiet with the DF95s in our patch at the moment as we have been busy running a couple of State level events in other Classes.

We sail for a couple of hours every second Tuesday followed by coffee and a chat at a nearby bakery while the scores are worked out.

A couple of our regular DF95 sailors have had ongoing health problems that have interfered with their sailing and another has been touring the North Island for an extended period. As a result we have been only three or four racing.

A couple of months back we moved the Df95 racing to a new venue at Frombergs Dam, Ulverstone. It is a nice open water and has mostly reasonable conditions. However the last time that we sailed there is was weeded up badly and we have had to abandon the site for the moment. We have returned to Hiscutt Park, Penguin as the only reliable, available venue at the moment. Weed is likely to be an issue in all the farm dams that we sail in and with the warmer weather we are seeing it grow like….weeds!

Frombergs Dam in mid August. It is visible from the nearby highway and would be a great spot to attract people. Hoping to get back there when the weed dies off.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Things have been a bit quiet during the wetter and colder Winter months and we have only just recently recommenced the Club Championship series with round 5 being sailed on October 27th. As usual the round was keenly contested and the light and variable winds produced three different winners in the first three races. As the wind more or less settled from the South West, Jeff Ireland started to dominate and finished with eight wins from thirteen races. The winner of the however, was Jeff Watson, who although he won only three races, showed that his form in previous rounds was no fluke and will be a force to be reckoned with. At the lunch break he held a slender lead but was unable to hold off the Jeff Ireland “steam train” and finished in second place. Jurgen Luther seemed intent on continuing the bad form he had in the recent DF95 Victorian State Championship to finish third. Despite radio problems Bob Watson finished all races to come in fourth. Again a friendly spirit of competition prevailed and the occasional Penalty turn was performed without complaint.

Jurgen Luther.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DF95s on a Roll in WA

At the time of going to press with this newsletter there are 43 registered DF95s in WA with the majority in Perth clubs and others in WA country areas. We are starting to see a trend with some Perth yacht clubs affiliating with RSA WA – at this stage Maylands Yacht Club is affiliated and it is anticipated that South of Perth Yacht Club will do the same.

This year the South of Perth Yacht Club fleet of DF95s has grown to 15 boats with the prospects of more additional boats. In late November Wanderers Radio Sailing Club will be helping SoPYC at DF95 promotion days for their centerboard and keelboat classes
with barbeques and DF95 boats available to sail. At present SoPYC DF95s are sailed at the club on Tuesday and Friday afternoons with very good attendances. The contact for radio controlled sailing at SoPYC is Mark Popham 0410 474 847.

DF95s are now also sailed at Albany Radio Sailing Club and Emu Lakes Radio Sailing Club with these new fleets slowly building up. Geoff Oliver from Albany was on the podium for both the last DF95 State Championships and travelled up from Albany with Phil Ramsden especially for the event. Emu Lakes have a small fleet at present and the class has been introduced to replace the A-Class yachts as a class.

WA has now held two RSA WA supported State Championships for DF95s and it is planned to hold the third State Championship in April, 2019. With other States also holding their championships now the WA 95 sailors are hoping 2019 will see an inaugural DF95 Australian Championship.

The winner of both DF95 WA State Championships was Lloyd Cole - but all places were very hotly contested and events were characterised by heats being won by many different boats in the fleet. In this type of one design sailing, events are won by consistency over all the heats in the series….

Wanderers Radio Sailing Club meets weekly on Sundays and alternates the sailing of DF65 and DF95s – with the larger number of boats the Club is trialing different formats of staggered starts and separate courses for the two fleets so that all members can have sailing available every week for both classes. The President and contact for WRSC is David Bedford 0412 069 356 and the Club has a very active FaceBook site.

Over the last year Wanderers has held their DF95 Club Championship with heats held monthly and 16 starters over the series. Wanderers DF95 Club Champion for 2018 is Adam Viney with Dave Bedford in second place, Lew Cody in third place, Rod Popham in fourth place, and Len White in fifth place.

Rod Popham
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