

# Australian DF65 Radio Sailing Association



## Welcome

To the first edition of the Australian DF65 Radio Sailing Association newsletter (ADF65RSA).

The association was launched on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to much fanfare and celebrations... well not exactly... but we now have 286 like-minded DF65 owners that have joined the association in the first five months since our incorporation.

The committee has spent a lot of time and effort into getting the association together and up and running, completing the relevant paperwork for registration of the association, setting up websites, Face Book pages to support the association, transferring existing registration databases and to engage the Australian Radio Yachting Association (ARYA) to support our class and give guidance to attain National Class recognition later.

Our initial association committee is made up of the following people.

President – Charmaine White (Qld)

Vice President – Phil Burgess (NSW)

Secretary/Registrar – Paul Martin (NSW)

Events – Kyle Stewart (TAS)

Publicity Officer – David Bedford (WA)

As you can see the committee covers the length and breadth of Australia. So please support them to ensure the growth of the association now and in the future.

For those not sailing with a club, please contact the state rep in your state to let them know where you are, where you sail and when, others then can be pointed in your direction if they are nearby or you may get a invite to a club for a sail.

Thanks to all scribes that have provided state and event reports for this issue. Also a shoutout to the photographers who photos are displayed in this issue.

Happy reading.

David Bedford – Publicity officer

### ***National DF65 Invitation Challenge report.***

#### ***Paradise Radio Sailing Club May 5/6 2018***



What a fantastic weekend to have the first Queensland National invitational challenge for the Dragon Force 65 class. The event was hosted by the Paradise Radio Yacht Club at Emerald Lakes on the 5/6 of May 2018. We had 35 registered competitors for the event which necessitated running A/B fleets

The weather was predicted to be freshening south easterlies of up to 35 km/h ...and the prediction didn't disappoint with the breeze gusting up to 40 km per hour making for some difficult tacking and downwind nose dives

We had four interstate visitors including the current Victorian and New South Wales champions, namely Chris Dance and Phil Burgess respectively , thanks also go to David



### ***Why Join the Association.***

The ADF65RSA Inc. was set up to manage the DF65 Class in Australia. One of its roles is to manage the issuing of a Hull Serial Number to each DF65. This number will be required if you wish to compete in any event which will be run under the authority of the ARYA.

The Association is a not-for-profit body, registered in NSW, under the Associations Act. As a member of this Association certain rules apply to you, in relation to its formation, its function and its running. Each member of the Association is issued with a membership card and unique membership number. These will not change during the life of your membership.

Hull Serial Numbers (HSN) form your sail number. Under the current Class rules the last two or three numbers of your HSN can be placed on both your main and jib in accordance with the Class rules. These HSNs will stay with the boat and cannot be transferred, unless the original hull has been written off or badly damaged.

As the managing body for the Class, the Association is responsible for liaising with all State Associations in Australia wanting to host/stage State Championships. in each State where the Class is in the throes of or has been recognised and an annual National Championships.

### ***Why join an ARYA affiliated club?***

There are several reasons, not least of all, insurance. All clubs that are members of a State Association are covered under the ARYA Insurance Cover. Easy, but that's not all. The RRS "Racing rules of sailing" and HMS "Heat Management system" are the property of WS, "World Sailing" and without their permission they cannot be used. The use of the protest appeals system can only be used by affiliated clubs.

So as a member of an affiliated club, you get insurance, use of the RRS and use of the race management systems developed for Radio Controlled Racing.

Being a member of the ARYA also gives you the opportunity to sail at any ARYA club in Australia. As the RRS and the HMS are used as the platform for all radio sailing globally, the transition to other classes is seamless, e.g. you would be able to sail a RC Laser in an event on the other side of the country or the world if you wish.

### ***Where to from Here***

The DF65 has been recognised as a Class in two States and sanctioned in four. NSW, QLD and WA will host State Championships in 2018. This meets ARYA guidelines for National Recognition. Tasmania, SA and VIC are not far behind.

As the first AGM of the Association is due to be held before May 2019, it is planned to host the first National Championships at the same venue around Easter 2019.

At the first AGM, all positions on the Executive Committee will be open to the floor. Any member can be nominated for a position.

As an Owners Association we can have influence over the future direction of our sport. We can contribute to how our sport is run and administered. We can have members nominated for ARYA director positions.

DF65 Class Associations are forming around the world. In the next few years we will see Asia Pacific, US, European and World Championships. This little boat is here to stay. I

would encourage all members to travel to inter clubs, neighbouring regattas, championships and events.

### **What is the Insurance cover?**

The insurance cover provided by ARYA to its affiliated members, covers public liability insurance whilst you are sailing at an ARYA affiliated club or event.

### ***Response from Hobby Warehouse in regard to parts supply***

Hi all, a quick word further about parts for the 65's and 95's...

Our first air freight shipment with around 52 various parts are scheduled to arrive in a couple days. We'll post them up on our site (<https://www.hobbywarehouse.com.au>) soon, however please feel free to contact us via our website ticket form if you wish to confirm specific models. Joysway have advised our second air freight shipment should ship around 16th April.

We will do our best to spread these first couple shipments to as many customers as possible until stock is fully up to max in around 3 weeks - so we'll possibly need to restrict the numbers people can purchase to around 1 or 2 on a couple of the items to help achieve that.

Thereafter, parts availability shall be quite solid - we guarantee it. I previously managed parts until a personal matter took me away from it for a long period - and so with the two people (myself included) that shall be managing them we'll ensure the change is substantial and permanent.

I again apologise for the delays, I know it's been a huge inconvenience for many of you, we'll keep you all informed over the next few weeks as it gets up to scratch.

Cheers,

Louis / Hobby Warehouse

### ***History of the development of the DF65***

An excellent article is posted on the dragon sailing website about how and why the 65 came about.

<https://radiosailing.net/blogs/news/a-dragons-tale-the-how-and-why-of-df-radio-sailing-by-john-tushingam>



## ***Updates from the states:***

**NSW:**

**State Rep - Phil Burgess**



The growth of this Class has been phenomenal with 278 members across Australia joining the Class Association since its launch on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

The NSW State Championships will be held at the Dobroyd Aquatic Club, Rodd Point on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August. The Notice of Race has been posted with the Sailing Instructions due mid July.

NSW Membership is spread across 22 fleets. Some fleets are run as social activities for local members, while others have competitive racing and participate in the Travellers Trophy events. Many other boats have yet to register. E.g. RSYS has an additional 20 boats, Wagga 10, Shoalhaven 5, SMMC 6.

<b>Club/Fleet</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NSWRYA Members</b>
RSYS	23	19
RANSA	10	1
None	8	2
Wagga	8	
Hubertus	7	7
Shoalhaven	7	
WMYC	7	7
East Coast SA	5	5

GP?	5	
Wondakiah/RSYS	5	
Kogarah Bay RYC	4	4
Sydney Maritime MC	4	4
Basin RYC	3	3
Carrs Park	1	1
Cronulla/Greenhills	2	
Brisbane Waters RYS	1	
Forster-Tuncurry RYC	1	1
Horizon	1	
Hunter Valley RYC	1	
Lake Macquarie	1	
North Lakes	1	
Port Macquarie	2	
<b>NSW Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Other States</b>	<b>171</b>	
<b>Australian Total</b>	<b>278</b>	

I have visited Wagga, Shoalhaven and Wollongong fleets and helped establish the RANSA fleets with workshops and Practice days supported by RSYS members.

There is a strong social media presence around the world. I have posted several Tuning Guide videos on YouTube with over 6,300 views to date. There is very active Facebook participation with regular reporting of events and help for members with technical issues.

Application of the Restricted Class rules is being enforced at competitive level, while social fleets allow some flexibility. The DF65 is not a One Design Class, but a Restricted Class that fits between the One Design category (Laser) and Development category (IOM) and this has cleared up some confusion.

Phil Burgess.

## QLD

### State Rep - Charmaine White



The fleets in Queensland are growing stronger each month and we have some clubs which have taken up the trend toward the entry-level DF65 to boost their memberships. There are clubs from Fraser Coast, Sunshine Coast, north of Brisbane, west of Brisbane, south of Brisbane and the Gold Coast now supporting fleets of good numbers. There are also smaller private fleets who are still popping up in unexpected places.

Our calendar in Qld is full for the year.

\* **Queensland DF65 Championship** is slated for Springfield Lakes on the 7th July. There were 28 competitors last year and we are expecting more this year.

Keep a eye out for the NOR and entry form which will be posted on the QRYA website ([www.qrya.com.au](http://www.qrya.com.au)) there will also be links on the ADF65 website and facebook page and on the DF65 Owners group site.

\* **South Queensland DF65 Championship** are on 11th August at Carbrook, hosted by Brisbane Radio Yacht Club.

We have the \* Interclub Series which includes 3 rounds (Round 1 was held earlier this month), Round 2 will be held at Springfield Lakes (west Bris) on the 9th June, the final round will be at Emerald Lakes (Gold Coast) on the 16th September.

So, if you are coming to Queensland on holiday, pack your boat and if you are lucky enough to live here, get into the action. Great fun and comradery is to be had at these events.

\*Requires competitor to be a member of an ARYA affiliated club. If you need more information, please contact me at [df65qld@gmail.com](mailto:df65qld@gmail.com)

If you own a DF65 and you think you are alone, take your boat to your local water and you will find very quickly, there are DF65s just waiting to join you.



Under the rules of the Australian Radio Yachting Association 6 boats racing and effectively conducting regular race days, can apply to become an affiliated club with the ARYA. The benefits are outlined in Paul Martins' report.

If you are looking for a club in your district, send me an email and I can point you in the right direction.

Charmaine White - Qld

## **South Australia**

### **State Rep – Richard Davison**

We have built up a solid fleet of DF65 boats sailing out of the Port Lincoln Yacht Club.

In the winter of 2017 a member looking into ways to improve attendance and draw new members to the club came across the DF65 and motivated two or three like minded sailors to give this very affordable class a go. Word rapidly spread and numbers steadily grew, leading to a lively fleet on the water and new boats a particularly welcome Christmas gift.

While we have at most recent count over twenty boats in the area for a variety of reasons we tend have closer to ten boats as an average on our Friday night fun sails.

One issue we have now is with the end of daylight sailing we no longer will have the time after work to enjoy a leisurely fun sail followed by a robust bit of short course windward/leeward mayhem. We are looking into arranging other times coinciding with good tides and reasonably mild weather during our Autumn and winter, with plans to possibly schedule racing events in our next years club racing calendar.

I have had some contact with RC sailing representatives in Adelaide but it seems we are the only organised (a loose term, that) group sailing the DF65 exclusively on S.A. at this time. I wish I could report more but it appears DF65's are sailed in many cases by small family groups or a few friends on an informal basis and within a few established RC clubs on the Metro area from time to time. We look forward to this changing and I have a couple of ideas towards class promotion next spring which I hope to work on over coming months.

This is still very early days for us with this class. The boost to evening numbers and return of sailors and families who may not otherwise have done so has more than exceeded our hopes. From a club perspective we are extremely happy with the affordability, capability and effectiveness of the DF65 in creating interest from outside our club. Several times members of the public who now regularly bring the kids down for a look (and obviously get a transmitter stuffed into their hands) have found the cost so affordable they are buying their own. Numbers and racing next year should be fantastic considering we started with a mere two or three boats barely six months ago.

PS

I have had a lot of help from interstate DF65 sailors and representatives, all of which I am very grateful for. I look forward to sailing with some of these in person one day as the opportunity comes. There are quite a few knowledgeable and kind people out there who by their actions promote the class hugely.

Richard Davison

## **Western Australia**

### **State Rep - David Bedford**



We have 27 boats registered with the association in the west which is an impressive take up of preregistered boats and new sailors coming on board. We know of other social groups and individuals sailing the DF65 within WA that are not members of an ARYA affiliated club, The invitation to them, is to come and join in at club level when they are ready,

Wanderers radio sailing club and Albany radio sailing club are the home to most DF65's in the state.

Wanderers on average, have a fleet of 10 boats sailing on club days.

Our sailing location at the lake located on the South Perth foreshore is in a perfect location that brings plenty of spectators who stop and watch, some of which make inquiries about the boats, we provide them a pamphlet and business card with information for them to pursue further. The club has kicked off a club championship for the class with the opening heats keenly contested by all.

Albany radio sailing club have weekly sailing at the local lake where their fleet of 6 are starting to gain local interest.

The inaugural DF65 WA state championship has been scheduled for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. As part of the weekend, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the DF65 Challenger Cup be sailed in the afternoon at the same venue to give skippers a warm up event prior to the Sunday championship.

## Part of the Wanderers fleet

### Victoria

### State Rep – Chris Dance



#### DF65 Victorian Cup (PLRMYC)

13 DF65'S lined up to fight it out for the 2018 Victorian Cup. The weather didn't play the game in the morning session, with very fluky conditions, huge wind shifts (up to 180 degrees!) and big holes making life difficult for organisers and frustrating skippers.

After an early lunch boats were back on the water greeted by a more consistent (still shifty enough to make it interesting!) and stronger breeze, strengthening as the day went on.

After 12 heats with some excellent racing and 3 different skippers sharing the heat wins, [Chris Dance](#) finished on top of the leader board as the Victorian Cup winner for 2018. John Daly and Benson Or rounded out the podium.

Hobby Warehouse supplied some smart looking trophies as well as some prizes. Thank you [Roger Wilco](#) and team!

Rank	SailNo	HelmName	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	Total	Nett
1st	256	Chris Dance	1	2	2	1	2	-7	1	-3	1	3	1	1	25	15
2nd	331	John Daly	-7	5	1	3	1	1	3	1	-6	4	3	5	40	27
3rd	77	Benson Or	4	1	6	4	-7	5	2	5	-7	2	4	4	51	37
4th	99	Frank Katers	3	-11	5	2	3	3	-9	9	2	7	2	2	58	38
5th	380	Dan Chaloner	6	6	-7	5	5	2	4	2	5	6	5	-11	64	46
6th	168	Chris Darling	(14.0 DNF)	-8	8	7	4	6	6	8	3	1	6	7	78	56
7th	232	Gary Todd	-8	7	4	6	6	-8	5	7	4	5	7	6	73	57
8th	576	Jordan sunkel-lozell	9	9	-11	-11	9	4	7	4	9	8	8	8	97	75
9th	10	Tony Wing	(14.0 DNF)	10	9	9	10	-11	8	6	10	10	9	9	115	90
10th	62	David Jones	5	4	3	8	8	9	(14.0 DNC)	(14.0 DNC)	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	121	93
11th	369	Jeff Price	(14.0 DNF)	-13	10	12	11	12	11	11	8	9	10	10	131	104
12th	100	Stephen Early	2	3	(14.0 DNC)	(14.0 DNC)	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	14.0 DNC	3	134	106
13th	59	Caderyn Gaskin	10	-12	12	10	12	10	10	10	11	(14.0 DNF)	11	12	134	108

## Tasmania

### State Rep - Kyle Stewart



### **Tasmanian RG65/DF65 Summer Series Results**

The delayed Tasmanian RG65-DF65 Summer Series was conducted over the Queens Birthday Long Weekend, with 27 races over two days completed.

Both days showed unusually light conditions for this site, with the DFs sailing A+ rig all day both days, predominantly westerly on day one and southerly day 2.

Only a small fleet (9 boats all up), partly due to the event being later in the year than usual, and this led to some very close results in the DF class - at lunch on day 2, there were two competitors tied on the same score with three more competitors only a few points behind. Some very frustrating sailing in the final session with a tasty mixture of intermittent wind and lots of drifting weed (courtesy of a flock of feeding ducks!) led us to the final result with Kyle Stewart taking first place from Ted Stevens with Maurice Jones in third.

Only three competitors in the RG65 class - Lindsay McColl stayed the distance in first place, John Pearce finished second despite having to retire with ill health and Cliff Eaves sailed a borrowed RG65 on the second day to fill third place after bailing out of the DF class on day one, battling to do any good without an A+ rig.

Thank you to all competitors who took part, particularly those who travelled long distances to be with us. Also a special thanks to Tas Ford for start/finish duties, also to Ian Dickinson and John Pearce (Devonport Boat N Tackle) for assistance with course setting.

And a big thanks to Kyle Stewart for assistance with a number of tasks behind the scenes, plus sponsorship of the "lucky door prize", a set of Devil Sails that are going home to Central Castra with Ian.

Early talk is that the DF/RG65 Summer Series event will run again in 2018/19, perhaps with the first round near Richmond at the new Puddleduck site - stay tuned for developments.....

### **Around the traps**

If you come to the state, we have multiple clubs sailing the DF65 class. In the North West, we have the NWRYC sailing most weekends, with some social sailing on Saturdays at Hiscutt Park, Penguin, and Sundays predominantly at Winspears Dam, East Devonport. The NTRYC at Launceston are currently sailing at Breadalbane and welcome visitors and prospective members. In the south, there is weekly social sailing at Lauderdale Canal, along with Tuesday sail days at either Lauderdale Canal, or the new location at Puddleduck Vinyard, just outside Richmond. Further south, the STRYC sail at Franklin most Tuesdays with multiple classes – mostly one class per sail day, but you are always welcome to come along with your yacht as well.

All the Tasmanian Clubs welcome visitors and prospective members. If you are about, give Tasmanian State Contact, Kyle Stewart an email ([kylet@iprimus.com.au](mailto:kylet@iprimus.com.au)) and he'll get you in touch with the relevant club/s

### **Upcoming National and State events:**

Date	Event	Location
August 26	NSW DF65 State Championship	Dobroyd Aquatic Club, Rodd Point, Sydney
September 16	Rd 3 Qld Interclub Series	Emerald Lakes, Carrara, Qld

September 23	WA DF65 State Championship	South Perth, WA
TBA	2019 National Championships	TBA

Note: competing at state or national level events, requires sailors to members of the ARYA.

Tips:

Saw an interesting steering practice drill the other day..... Throw a tennis ball in the water and try to push it around. Apparently, it makes you practice fine thumb movement, slowing the boat (prestart manoeuvring) and judging the boat's position (turning around marks – on the correct side!!!)

Got any more Tips let me know!

## Links:

Websites:

Australian DF65 Radio Sailing Association – <https://sites.google.com/site/adf65rsa/>

Australia DF65 Owners Group - <https://sites.google.com/site/dfownersgroupaustralia/home>

DF racing world site – <https://dfracing.world/>

Dragonsailing - <https://radiosailing.net/>

Facebook pages:

Australian DF65 Radio Sailing Association – <https://www.facebook.com/adf65rsa/>

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***Clubs sailing the DF65 in Australia, we will endeavor to add to list as details are known:***

**QLD**

Paradise Radio Yacht Club - Gold Coast

Springfield Lakes MM - West Brisbane

Brisbane Radio Yacht Club - South East Brisbane

Sunshine Coast MBC - Kawana Waters

Fraser Coast RCYC - Hervey Bay

Mackay MM - North Queensland

These are all ARYA affiliated clubs. There are many other smaller fleets and groups sailing in Queensland.

If you are looking for a group to sail with, please send the state coordinator an email and I will endeavour to put you in touch with others in your area.

**NSW**

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron- Kirribilli

Sydney Model Mariners Club – Norwest Business Park Lake

Workers Hubertus Model Boat Club – Luddenham.

Wollongong Model Boat Club- Dunmore Lake

Hunter Valley Radio Yacht Club – Cessnock

Bay and Basin Radio Yacht Club – Georges Basin

**VIC**

Patterson Lakes Radio Model Yacht Club – Patterson Lakes

Waterways Radio Yacht Club - Waterways

**SA**

Port Lincoln Yacht Club – Port Lincoln

**WA**

Wanderers Radio Sailing Club – Perth

Albany Radio Sailing Club – Albany

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