

DF95 Australia Newsletter

September 2016



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. Paul Martin has been granted access to the site and will be posting all the news from Australia on it. Anyone with items of news (race results, NOR, etc.) for inclusion should send them to Paul at df95australia@gmail.com . 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 .

Boat Registration: *Boats should be registered at df95aus@gmail.com .*

- * The Hull serial number as supplied by HWH is the sail number.
- * Personal sail numbers will not be issued.
- * Club Personal sail numbers are not allowed at DF95 Class Association events
- * Only boats registered with the DF95 Class Association may compete in DF95 State/National/World events or use “**AUS**” on their sails.
- * *Owners should check Class Rule H.9 regarding the size of sail numbers, national letters, the Class logo and their positioning on the sails. Templates/drawings for all of these are at www.dfracing.world We are currently awaiting a response from John Tushingham regarding the font to be used.*

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Clubs sailing the Class:

<u>Qld:</u>	Moreton Radio Yacht Squadron at Newport on the Redcliffe Peninsula. Some boats have been sailing as visitors at Lake Kawana on the Sunshine Coast.
<u>NSW:</u>	Forster RCYC. Horizons MYC at Grahamstown Dam. North Lakes RS at Lake Maquarie. A group sails at Blacktown Workers Club, Luddenham on Wednesdays from 0900 to 1200 and every second Sunday from 1100 to 1400.
<u>Vic:</u>	Patterson Lakes RMYC. Lilydale Lake. Tom Crusoe RC Sailing in Bendigo who sail a variety of classes and currently have 8 DF95s in the group. Contact Mal Fields at crusoemal@gmail.com
<u>Tas:</u>	Risdon Brook RYC. Lauderdale Canal. Soon to arrive at STRYC at Franklin in the Huon Valley. Northern Tasmania RYC at Launceston. North West RYC in the Devonport area.
<u>S A:</u>	Mawson Lakes MYC.
<u>W A:</u>	Wanderers RSC, Albany RSC.

Class ARYA Recognition: There have been a couple of queries regarding having the Class recognised by the ARYA. To save a large amount of two fingered typing I have directed them to the ARYA Constitution Appendix 1 which lays out the requirements. Suffice to say the Class has a long way to go before applying for recognition. This subject was discussed by the initial group of State Reps. It was decided to wait until there were sufficient boats registered to make the effort of having a formal Class Association worthwhile. Hull Numbers are issued by HWH. The number of boats registered as of 30/09/2016 is sixty three and the highest hull number registered is 278! So we have some way to go in convincing owners to register their boats.

STATE REPORTS

Queensland: Garry Russell reports a slowly increasing number of boats as the word gets out about just how good they are. Moreton RYS expect to have six boats sailing and four boats are sailing as visitors at Lake Kawana. Hopefully the coming of better weather will see an increase of numbers on the water.

Dragon Flite 95

NSW News.

From a sailing point, we have good size fleets sailing in Lake Macquarie, Luddenham, Grahamstown Dam and Cronulla during week days.

It would appear that sailing on weekends is not as popular. A small, but keen group sail at Luddenham on Sundays 9am to 2pm.

These fleets would account for over 30 boats on the water. With over 300 boats sold in Australia since March there must be more fleets. Please contact your State Class contact and help us develop a better picture of where the 95 is sailed.

Talking to the individual groups throughout the State it would appear that they are all very content at sailing on their home waters and only a few have any desire to travel, let alone get involved an "Association".

We need all boat owners to register their boats so we can keep a track of sail numbers and keep them informed about future DF95 events.

If you are a fleet or group and wish to join NSWRYA please let us know and we will get them to contact you. The main advantage of been a member is, their third party insurance cover, which is included in your membership. All boats sailing at a venue or event should have the necessary insurance cover to protect themselves.

Unfortunately not many pictures, as I work full time and have not been able to attend mid-week sailing days. But here are two of 162 sporting a "B" rig.



VICTORIA: Thanks to the efforts of Peter Haymes there has been a surge in registrations from the Members of Lilydale Lake RYC. Patterson Lakes sails the 95 in with the Lasers in both the Handicap and Scratch events and so far it has worked well. The Lasers are to the fore in their A rig conditions but above that the 95 has the edge. There is a lot of interest in the Class from the Laser sailors at the club who appreciate the low cost of the boat and it's acceleration in the slightest puff of wind. I sailed mine in B rig (it was really top of A rig but I had just got the B and C sails from Soch Sails) a few weeks ago just to try the rig and Laser jaws dropped at it's speed and control downwind. Peter Haymes and I sailed our boats during the lunch break at the recent Vic. RC Laser Champs. A couple of the competitors had a sail, one of whom compared it to a Marblehead with its lovely balance. I think we may have a few new '95s at PLRMYC in the near future.

TomCrusoe RC Sailing, Bendigo, Victoria. Growing interest in the DF95 within our group (20+) has 10 skippers sailing this very successful model. Most also have sailed the DF65 since it's inception and it was only a matter of time before interest in the DF5 tuned into ownership. While we sail outside any formal guidelines, our boats are all legally equipped. We sail purely as fun match racing as we have done with RC Lasers (9 boats) over the years. With 10 DF95s within the group, some within the last 2 weeks, although we haven't them all along together there are always a few ready to go out on any day. If we know you are coming we'll get a good few together. As the weather improves and our number of active participants increase (many are "grey nomads") we will be conducting some days specifically for the DF95, although any boat can join in. **We sail Mondays and Wednesday all year round unless rained out.** While our sailing structure is based more on fun and learning rather than podium excellence we certainly welcome anyone wishing to come along and enjoy some free and easy country sailing. Both Lake Tom Thumb and Crusoe Reservoir are sailable as of a few days ago, thanks to a lot of recent rain. We have also been able to add Lake Neangar (all suburban Bendigo) to our venues. We sail a wide range of rc sailboats from 65s right up to Marbledheads and Lasers, for us it's not so much what you sail rather that you do sail. Bendigo is a renowned Goldfields tourist centre so it would be great place to come for a few days, look around and have a sail. You can check our blog newsletter for a monthly events calendar. www.tomcrusoe.me Contact is: Mal crusoemal@gmail.com . Mal has got some good sailing videos of testing the prototype DF95 at Bendigo on YouTube: [HTTPS://youtu.be/83xoAAGipTw](https://youtu.be/83xoAAGipTw) (Ed.)

DF95 One Day Event Saturday October 29th 2016

Patterson Lakes RMYC has scheduled the above event on the condition that at least 8 boats enter. This is the first dedicated event for the Class in Victoria, so let us support it by ENTERING. Expressions of interest in competing should be sent to Scott Fleming (flemingscott67@gmail.com) by Monday 10th October.

TASMANIA: We now have four locations regularly sailing the DF95 class, both as organised club events and as a more relaxed social sailing setting.

In the North West the yachts are currently sailed socially, many times on Saturday at locations such as Hiscutt Park, Penguin. It may very well happen that in the future that the DF95 is also included amongst the RG65 and A Class yachts at the NWRYC.

In the North, the NTRYC sail on Wednesdays during the summer months, with many classes represented on a class per week turn. They sail RG65s (inclusive of DF65s of course) A class, DF95s and Lasers. If one of their members does not have a particular class, they still welcome them on the other weeks to maximise the enjoyment of sailing for all. The club has recently moved from Trevallyn Dam to some great locations at Exeter and Breadalbane.

In the South, there are multiple locations sailing the DF95 in both a social and competitive environment. During the cooler months there has been social sailing at the Lauderdale Canal on Saturdays. The Risdon Brook RYC has seen the advantage of sailing the DF95 and has been proactive in establishing the boat as one of their sponsored classes. The RBRYC recently hosted their Inaugural 42 Degrees South Regatta which was a great success, with representatives from five of the six club/groups sailing over the weekend. Currently they have been sailing on Wednesday and on IOM Handicap days (Sundays). With the coming of Daylight Saving they will be sailing on Thursday afternoons at Montrose Bay YC as a new partnership with MBYC.

Further South the STRYC at Franklin in the Huon Valley has a few members with DF95s but there is no scheduled sailing for the class exists there. These members have to come to Lauderdale or RBRYC to sail and are certainly amongst the skippers to beat.

On the East coast, our Swansea friends have not taken on the DF95 yet, but were suitably impressed with it's performance when other sailors from around the State visited for their Annual Regatta and sailed the '95 there. It may not be too long some being sailed there as well.

In the future we will be looking to hold an inaugural State event for the DF95 at some stage in the New Year. Planning is still at an early stage and we will see how popular they become as the days get longer.

We have found the relationships and friendships are growing between the local clubs with the common class the RG/DF65 being an example. We hope that the DF95 will increase this trend.

If anybody would like information about the clubs/groups sailing in Tasmania, whether social or competitive, they can contact me at kylet@iprimus.com.au

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: Mawson Lakes is the first club in South Australia to have a registered boat – AUS 278 – owned by Jurgen Luther. With a Membership of about 65 this is the biggest club in the State. The club sails on Saturdays and Tuesdays. The first Saturday of each month is a “free sailing” day where members can bring any boat they want (on the other Saturdays the club sails the locally designed ML45 Class) and the club puts on a BBQ lunch. Tuesdays are again unstructured sailing days for all classes. Looks like Tuesdays and the first Saturday of each month will be DF95 “*look at me fly, ain't I just the business*” days! Jurgen is confident others at the club will follow his lead when they see how great this boat is.

Boat Storage: With limited space in my shed I was looking for a simple storage solution for both my DFs that did not take up much space and did not leave the keels unsupported. The pictures give the idea. The stand was made from an old chair frame that I refused to throw away. The boats sit on their ballasts and are held to the frame by a simple hook and bowsie arrangement. The frame sits on a non-slip rubber mat on top of a shelving unit.





Travelling with your boat: There are lots of suggestions, pictures and drawings in the various RC yachting sites, for the construction of transport systems for both hulls and sails. One of the best hull and rig boxes I have seen was on RC Groups/sailboats in the DF65 thread, Report #4994. The box was built by Ian Smith of Queensland. No dimensions or weight are given but the idea could be scaled up to fit the DF95 and rigs. Some have used the box the boat was delivered in as a basis but the “A” rig is longer than the box so the “A” rig would have to be broken down. Paul Martin has built a system using PVC piping. Have a look at it on RC Groups/sailboats in the DF95 thread, Report #1485.

A few pics to fill the blank spaces!!



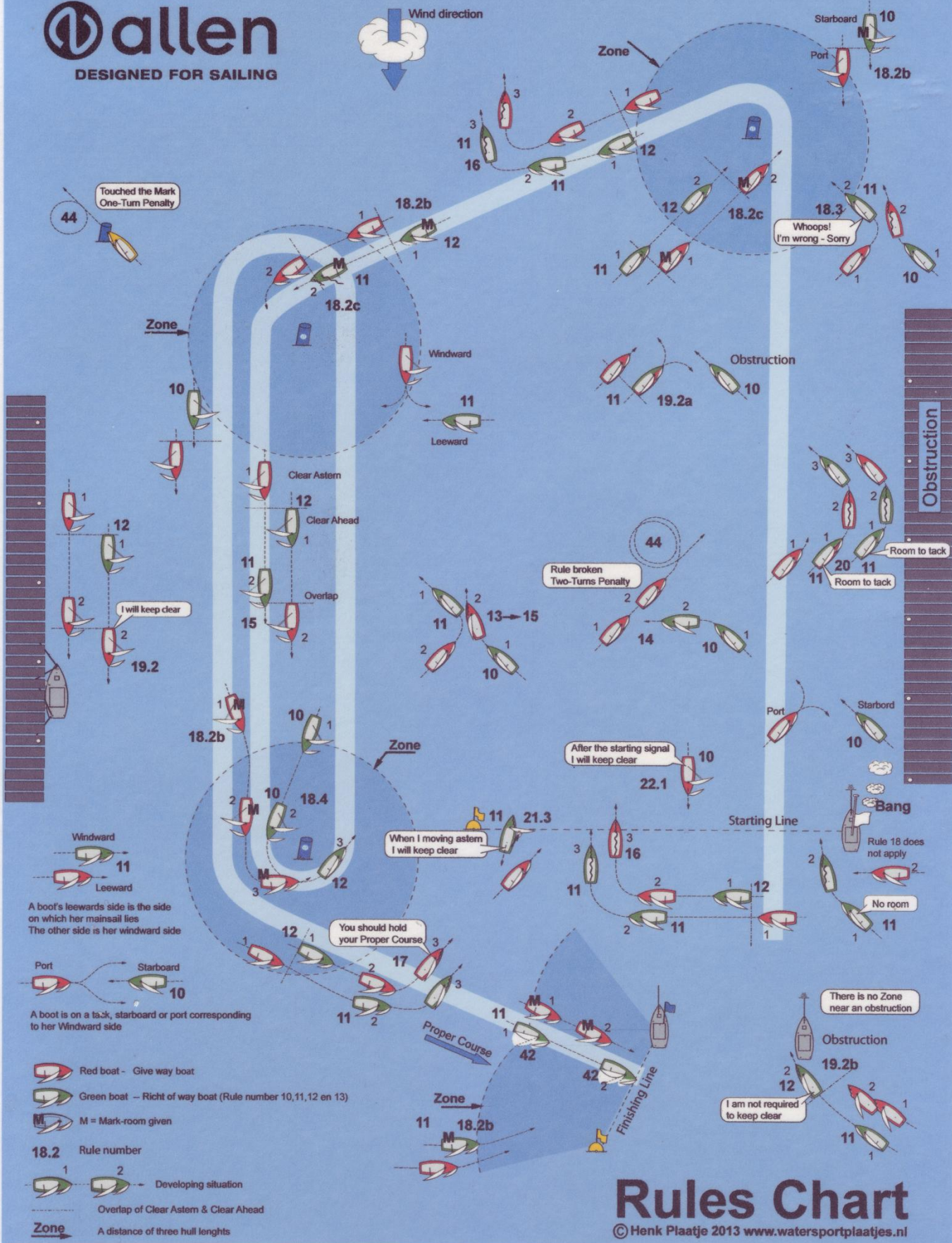


MAIDEN VOYAGE MARCH 2016

Racing Rules:

The next page has a really nice drawing showing the basic rules of racing. I first saw this on the PLRMYC weekly update and it was supplied by Ted Stevens and George Fish of Tasmania. I have put this in as some of our '95ers have stepped up from the DF65 which was intended as an introductory boat to radio sailing/racing – and what a success it has been – it got me back into the sport. Now that the '95 has also attracted experienced sailors from other classes there is a need to step up the knowledge of the Rules to let everyone enjoy our racing.

Yacht Racing Rules 2013 - 2016



Touched the Mark
One-Turn Penalty

Whoops!
I'm wrong - Sorry

I will keep clear

Rule broken
Two-Turns Penalty

After the starting signal
I will keep clear

When I moving astern
I will keep clear

You should hold
your Proper Course

I am not required
to keep clear

A boat's leeward side is the side
on which her mainsail lies
The other side is her windward side

A boat is on a tack, starboard or port
corresponding to her Windward side

- Red boat - Give way boat
- Green boat - Right of way boat (Rule number 10,11,12 on 13)
- M = Mark-room given

- 18.2** Rule number
- Developing situation
- Overlap of Clear Astern & Clear Ahead
- Zone** A distance of three hull lengths

Rules Chart

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SAILING TYPES



THE CLUB P R O

A frustrated author who, unable to get his novels published, keeps his hand in by reporting club races for the yachting press. At present unpaid, he hopes, with brilliant writing, to stun his editors into offering him lucrative global assignments to report World Championships, Olympics, etc. He tends to compensate for a really detailed knowledge of sailing by over dramatising, with the consequence that a perfectly uneventful procession round the course in 0 – 3 knot zephyr becomes an essay on the heroic spirit of man battling for survival with the elemental forces of Nature.

After market sails: In answer to those who asked about aftermarket sails, they are available from:

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Martin Roberts at www.housemartinsails.co.uk

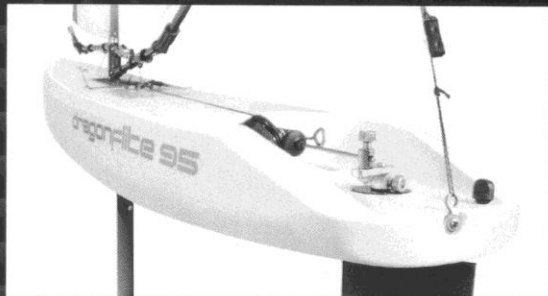
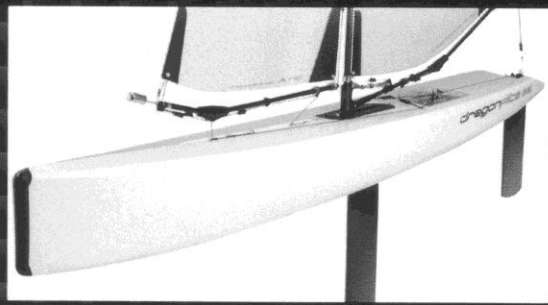
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www.carrsails.com

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