

DF 95 Group News Update No 25

December 2022



2022 Has been another great year for DF 95s at PRYC with increased numbers and a huge improvement in our members sailing skills & their ability to handle radio-controlled Yachts

Well, the 2022 sailing season is just about over, what a year we have had at Paradise with new members, members of other classes buying 95s to come and sail in our competitive race programme as well as several visitors from other QLD 95 clubs plus interstate and overseas 95 Skippers. Which has been great to see especially as the reputation of our club grows across the country for very competitive DF 95 racing.

This year's Club Championship Scratch & Handicap series was well attended with large fleets and the final overall winners were not known until the 10-day race programme was completed. Again, our Congratulations to this year's winners, well sailed guys.

Scratch Championship: 1 st Hank Beyer, 2 nd Mike Cosgriff, 3 rd John Musgrave

Handicap Championship: 1 st John Musgrave, 2 nd Mike Cosgriff, 3 rd Graham Cowling

This past year we have tried to ensure all of our skippers gain a greater knowledge of the rules of sailing, so they are fully competent to handle the various things that occur during competitive racing, especially having a good understanding and appreciation of their obligations and know what to do when breeches of the rules occur, to protest the offending boat correctly and to ensure when they infringe the rules and acknowledge they are at fault



and therefore are required to take the appropriate action, without confrontation , the use of bad language and adhere to the SSI requirements of good Sportsmanship and good behaviour .

Further in the new year it is planned subject to committee approval to establish a weekly programme for new sailors to our sport to first under go a series of practical radio sailing classes over a separate windward leeward course so their level of ability and competence can be determined and if help and assistance is needed it is provided until they reach a level where they can join the senior experienced skippers.

Over the past few years, a number of new people to our sport have shown up with new or used boats wanting to sail and find what appears to be an easy sport to participate in, is not that easy as a level of skill is required, and find they cannot master the sailing basic requirements and therefore become disillusioned, sell their boats and leave the sport. So, we believe we have an obligation to help these people. Once the programme is approved, that will include basic help and assistance with the rules of sailing, we plan to start in late February here at Emerald Lakes on a Sunday.

No 1, The December DF 95 Sailing Programme & Social activities:

Please ensure you carefully read this sailing programme as there is either change of days & Dates or special one-off racing events or hosted or social events for the Month of December.

- **Friday the 2 nd:** General Club Scratch Racing, set up at 11.00 am, racing underway at 11.45 am.
- **Sunday the 4th:** There will be no DF 95 Sailing this day as the club are hosting the DF 65 Interclub series Round three at Emerald Lakes, Volunteers are required please.
- **Friday the 9th:** General Club Scratch race day, set up at 11.00 am and racing underway at 11.45 am, it will also include a fun team's event
- **Saturday 10th:** The club Christmas Party & Prize giving Function starting at 11.30 am until 2.30 pm with Lunch and drinks provided at VMR Southport
- **Sunday the 11 th:** General Club scratch Race Day, set up at 11.00 am, racing underway at 11.45 am
- **Friday the 16th:** General Club Scratch race day, set up at 11.00 am and racing underway at 11.45 am.
- **Sunday 18 th: LAST RACE DAY FOR 2023, Special DF 95 Event racing & Christmas Function,**
Set Up at 10.00 am
Racing underway at 10.30 am
Racing finishes at 2.00 pm
Lunch & Drinks at the Back Page Bar at 2.30 pm
Race fee & Lunch \$10.00 per head
- **First Race Day January 2023: Friday 13 th of January set up at 11.00 am with scratch racing underway at 11.45 am.**

No 2, DF 95 Group Fleet Member Profile:

This month we have another regular sailor who is quietly spoken, a quiet achiever who finishes within the top ten of our senior skippers in both Fleet Scratch and Handicap racing. Peter Rambaud sail No 155.



Peter's Boat 155 is always well set up and tuned, his secret to successful racing

Peter Rambaud-- DF95 #155--My story.

My sailing history/story is very minimal, especially compared to previous bio's

I grew up in Auckland. Some Sundays we would go to the harbour and watch the 18 footers and for a season or two, my father raced a Cherub and we were spectators. I had a desire for a P Class but this did not eventuate.

From the age of 5, I played Rugby League every Winter Saturday, by 10 it was Cricket in summer as well. At about this time my father reconnected with a childhood school/sailing mate and started crewing on his boat at Richmond Yacht Club, out of West haven, in Saturday club racing. This led to the occasional invite to our family for a Sunday sail to which I was a very willing participant.

At age 13 to 17, in winter I played Rugby for school in morning and League for club at midday. In summer it was cricket for school in morning and club in the afternoon.

When I was 15, my parents purchased a 32 ft yacht (almost like a stretched H28). This was the start of family sailing. While there was some club racing, I was usually playing sport. Occasionally I was able to go in club Family Cruising Races, from West haven to an overnight anchorage. These races suited "our style" as all boats had to tow dinghies and no spinnakers.



By age 18 to 20 I was into club rugby and represented Auckland in age group and played seniors at 20, injured at 21, and finished at 23.



At 25, my parents purchased a Davidson 31, hull no. 6, and about the same time Half Moon Bay marina opened. We were one of the first in and it made everything simpler.... walk on/walk off and no need for the long drag up the harbour against

wind and tide. My parents had this yacht for 10 years. I was married at 21 and my first born was when I was 25. This precluded me from possible opportunities to use the boat and it is a regret that I did not use the opportunity to sail more.

Age 35, 1987, we moved to Gold Coast. I started work with Pioneer Concrete, 2 yrs. as despatcher and 5 yrs. as plant manager.

By 1994, I was divorced and 1995 had had enough of work so bought a Nichols Tri ,39ft, then hospitalised with knee operation, then with new partner spent 5 yrs.

liveaboard mostly, got to the Whitsundays via a prolonged stay at Gladstone and back go Gold Coast. Sold the tri in 1999.

I then undertook a variety of employment; 2yrs driving taxi, 6 mths in company liquidation, and relief post contracting. This led me to getting an Aust Post Contract. 12 years later I retired in 2017 at 66yrs young.

In 2014, I was in a new relationship and have never been happier. This led to our camping phase...tent, then campervan, then camper trailer, then caravan.

Which brings me to 2021...Jason Pearce, my Partner's son in law, introduced me to radio-controlled sailing. I came, I saw, and I was " hooked ". So, I got a DF95, with much appreciated advice/assistance from Ron Brown. My learning curve was dramatic and is still a work in progress....in all of my previous sail experience I basically never had to know the rules of sailing...when cruising one just has to stay out of the way. It has been my experience that all members are willing to help / advise and I would like to acknowledge the assistance from Mike Cosgriff. My highlight so far is winning the "Back Page Bar Long Race "due to, one suspects, generous handicapping on the day and Chris Palmer getting weed around his keel.

To anyone thinking radio control sailing might be a goer, I encourage them to come along, have a look, have a talk, and as happened to me, a member will most likely let you have a go. It can be competitive, as is the nature of racing, but new members can still partake and enjoy. There is plenty of assistance available you only have to ask.

Thank you Peter It is great to see just about all of our fleet members have started sailing in either Centre boarders and or Keel Boats giving them a great grounding in how to sail. This experience gives those who have this back ground a great advantage in Radio Sailing.



No 3, Club News & Information:

- The three new launching ramps were officially opened by the Local Councillor Bob La Castra in Late November a wonderful facility the club now has with these located in



four areas of the lake making it much easier for us old blokes to launch our boats in safety. The fund raising undertaken by the club and from the Gold Coast City Council monitory contribution these assets have been able to have built after some 12 years of negotiation and planning.

- As I will be away in Melbourne visiting our family for all of January and most of February John Musgrave has kindly offered to stand in as your Fleet Captain for this time period. I would kindly ask you all give him your help and support please. Especially when setting up and returning all equipment to the shed.
- Please be aware the club have introduced a new By-Law as from November this year we now are required to remain off the concrete walkway as a complaint was lodged with the GCCC as walkers, cyclists and our members have experienced near misses



where sufficient accidents could have occurred. Therefore, we now are required to have all able-bodied sailors who wish to walk within the control area may do so only on the roadside Grass and those who prefer to sit to sail can place their chairs on the water side of the pathway. The only access on the concrete path is to launch and retrieve your boats. Please observe this club Request.

- Several of the newer members have asked what actual tools, parts and accessories do they require to have available and to maintain their boats. This picture identifies what is needed and should be brought with everybody on Race Day so if an issue arises you will be able to repair or replace defective parts so you do not miss the racing each day.



- *John Musgrave PRYC Member wins the Daniel Bergen made set of DF 95 A sails*



With the recent loss of stolen property from the Coomera Radio Club their fund-Raising raffle to replace the Rescue Boat was won by PRYC Member John Musgrave one set of **Bergen Sails** made, A sails for his DF 95. The Coomera club wishes to acknowledge the huge support and contribution made by the Paradise Radio Yacht Club and its members to help raise funds, plus the donation of the Aluminium constructed Launching ramp now redundant due to the new pontoons, plus a 3 Hp Outboard has allow the Coomera Club to continue sailing. This help, assistance and kind donations were gratefully received.



The new Coomera Club's Rescue Boat is now fully operational thanks to PRYC

Finally, as this is the last News update for 2022, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all our fleet members who have helped and assisted me with the running and organising of our groups sailing activities this past year. I would also like to extend a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year to you and your families for 2023.



Looking forward to seeing you all on the water in December as we complete the sailing year.

Kind Regards to you all,

Ron Brown
DF 95 Fleet Captain
PRYC

