

DF Racing New Zealand Occasional Newsletter October 2021

Covid-19 continues to wreck havoc with our contest schedule as yet another one bites the dust.

2021 DF65 North Island Champs

This contest was originally scheduled for October 9/10 and had to be postponed to November 13/14 in the face of Covid travel restrictions. With the contest a little over two weeks away and Covid Delta still creating mayhem, hopes have faded that all North Island competitors would be able to get to the event. The Kapiti Radio Yacht Club has therefore reluctantly pulled the pin. There are no viable alternate dates available in the sailing calendar, so unfortunately the contest will not be run this year.

KRYC Alternative Contest

With the cancellation of the DF65 NI Champs, Kapiti will run a one-day, open invitation club regatta at Awatea Lake on Sunday November 14. A practice day is available on Saturday. There will be no entry fee, just get there if you're able to and have a great day of sailing. A NoR for the event will go up on the KRYC [website](#) in the next couple of days.

DF95 Nationals

It is still hoped that the DF95 Nationals can proceed at Best Island, Nelson as planned. The contest is scheduled to run on November 30 and December 1, sandwiched between the IOM SI Champs and the IOM Nationals as follows:

- IOM South Island Champs – 27, 28 November
- DF95 Nationals – 30 November, 1 December
- IOM Nationals – 3, 4, 5 December

It is likely that the IOM SI Champs could go ahead, requiring only that south Island competitors are able to attend. However, the two National Championships need all competitors able to get there, so close attention is being paid to Government announcements on the lifting of travel restrictions. I'll keep everyone posted as information comes to hand.

DFRacingNZ AGM and Call for Nominations

The DFRacingNZ AGM will take place in December. Formal notice will be issued in the next few days. Voting at the AGM will be online as provided for in the Constitution. Keep an eye out for the Notice of AGM arriving in your mailbox.

We are also calling for nominations for Committee members. Nominations should be received by the Secretary by 5.00pm on November 22.

Welcome to Waiheke Island Radio Yacht Club

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to members of the Waiheke Island Radio Yacht Club (WIRYC). The club fleet is primarily made up of DF65s with a few members also looking at a DF95. The club has an active racing programme and members are keen to start participating in the Auckland DF competition scene. WIRYC has this week joined 27 members to DFRacingNZ, easily taking the record for the biggest weekly jump in membership numbers since the association started.

cheers
Graeme Perry
(Secretary)