

## **DF Racing New Zealand Occasional Newsletter April 2022**

With most Covid-19 restrictions about to be swept aside, we can hopefully look forward to actually sailing the events we have scheduled for 2022. You can always check out upcoming contests on the [Events](#) page of the DFRacingNZ website, or through the [national sailing calendar](#) on the NZRYA website. We have a mix of tried and true with a couple of completely new events in the calendar, so I hope to see many of you around the contests through the coming months.

<b>2022 DF65 Nationals</b>	Awatea Lake, Paraparaumu	3, 4 Dec 2022	<a href="#">TBA</a>
<b>2022 DF95 Nationals</b>	Pegasus	12, 13 Nov 2022	<a href="#">TBA</a>
<b>2022 DF65 NI Champs</b>	Wattle Farm	22, 23 Oct 2022	<a href="#">TBA</a>
<b>2022 Wgtn DF Champs</b>	Awatea Lake, Paraparaumu	8, 9 Oct 2022	<a href="#">TBA</a>
<b>2022 DF95 SI Champs</b>	Jacks Point	3, 4 Sept 2022	<a href="#">TBA</a>
<b>2022 Auck DF Champs</b>	Wattle Farm	16, 17 July 2022	<a href="#">TBA</a>
<b>2022 DF65 SI Champs</b>	Best Island	14, 15 May 2022	<a href="#">View</a>
<b>2022 DF95 NI Champs</b>	Regency Lake	30 Apr, 1 May 2022	<a href="#">View</a>

From the DFRacingNZ Events page

### **2022 DF95 North Island Champs**

First up in the calendar is the DF95 North Island Champs at Regency Lake at Gulf Harbour. The event will be hosted by the Gulf Harbour Radio Yacht Club. Steve Champion, who did such a fine job of hosting the same contest last year, has offered his services as RO once again. This will be the first time a DF championship event has been held at GHRYC and there's only four weeks to go, so get those entries rolling in.

### **2022 DF65 South Island Champs**

Radio Yacht Squadron Nelson are hosting the first DF65 contest in the South Island. The club's brand new facility at Best Island is absolutely tailor-made for DF65 racing. The venue allows those travelling with motorhomes to stay on site and a Saturday evening social dinner is planned at the nearby golf club. Having enjoyed RYSN hospitality at an IOM event at the end of last year, I can only recommend you get this into your contest calendar – only six weeks away, so start making travel bookings.

### **Regional DF Champs**

After successfully trialling back-to-back one day DF events over a single weekend in 2021, the Wattle Farm boys are planning to do it again. The weekend will cater for DF65 racing on Saturday followed by DF95 racing on Sunday. The Kapiti boys attending that event were so impressed there is now a Wellington DF Champs in the calendar that will be run to the same format:

- Auckland DF Champs – Wattle Farm, 16 and 17 July
- Wellington DF Champs – Awatea Lake, 8 and 9 October

### **2022 DF95 South Island Champs**

This contest is worth an early mention as it will be the first ever radio sailing event to be held in Queenstown. We have growing DF95 numbers in Central Otago, with fleets in both Cromwell and Queenstown. The event will be officially hosted by the Pegasus club (PRSC) who continue to give such great support to the class. Get in early with your travel planning and think about packing the ski gear in with the boat so you can catch a bit of late season action on the slopes. The event will be held at Jacks Point on 3rd, 4th September.

## 2021 DFRacingNZ AGM

The DFRacingNZ AGM took place in December. Thanks to all who voted on the motion to continue the existing fee structure. The motion was carried.

The following members were elected to the DFRacingNZ Committee:

- Mike Calkoen (Chair)
- Graeme Perry (Secretary)
- Nicholas Wedde
- Bill Bradley
- Darryl Pender

Contact details for committee members are on the Contacts page of the website.

Looking forward, we plan to bring the 2022 AGM forward to a May-June timeframe to better align with our financial year end in December. Looking further forward, the 2023 AGM will likely be brought forward again to February-March at which point we would have the AGM better positioned to follow end of financial year reporting in December.

### Some Links of Interest

The following links include some interesting DF content:

- NZRYA News Feed – register [here](#) to be sent an email each time a News item is posted on the NZRYA website. I'm seeing increased DF content being included on the national body News page.
- DF65 Dragon Force Tuning Tips – Mike Jefferies of Queensland, Australian has put together this [Utube channel](#) with lots of videos on all aspects of DF65 racing.
- [DF Racing World Information Site](#) – A great reference point for a global view on the DF community. Check out the interview series under the Media tab.

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Graeme Perry  
(Secretary)