

DF Racing New Zealand Occasional Newsletter June 2021

There are a few interesting things happening across the DF classes, so thought it was time to get another newsletter out and share it all with the troops.

Dragon Weekend (DF Auckland Champs) at Wattle Farm

This double header weekend is taking place at Wattle Farm on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th July with a practice day Friday. The weekend includes a one-day DF65 Auckland Championship on Saturday followed by a one-day DF95 Auckland Championship on Saturday. The NoR is published on the DFRacingNZ [website](#), NZRYA [website](#) and the NMMS [website](#), so no excuses for not finding it.

I'm picking this will be a great weekend on the 2021 DF contest calendar where you can choose to race either or both classes. This format could be a real winner, satisfying both those that prefer one day events and those that want a full two days of competition. A big thanks to Bill Bradley and the NMMS team for putting this event together.

Contests Later in the Year

Keep an eye on the DFRacingNZ website Events page for more contests in the calendar for 2021:

- 2021 DF95 National Champs, 19 & 19 Sept. hosted by PRSC
- 2021 DF65 North Island Champs, 9 & 10 Oct, hosted by KRYC
- 2021 DF65 National Champs, 30 & 31 Oct, hosted by NMMS

DFRacingNZ Growth Around the Regions

There are a few areas where membership numbers have been on a bit of a roll over the last couple of months:

- Otago – a group of DF95s are now racing at Cromwell.
- Canterbury – numbers in the mid Canterbury area keep ticking away. The size of the PRSC DF95 fleet must be starting to rival the IOMs
- Nelson – Top of the South numbers are growing with the RYSN club having recently hosted a very successful DF65 open day. The 65 fleet includes a few classy ex dinghy and multi-hull sailors, so watch this space.
- Taranaki – A mixed fleet including 5 DF95s are racing twice a week at lake Rotomanu. Previous NZRYA Chairman Phil Pryde has come across to the dark side and acquired a DF95 number.

Revised Class Rules Published

Those of you that subscribe to the [DF Racing World Information](#) site will have seen the announcement that new revisions of DF65 and DF95 Class Rules have been published:

- [DragonForce 65 Restricted Class Rules v1.7](#)
- [DragonFlite 95 Restricted Class Rules v1.3](#)

There are two versions of each class rules document available. A straight copy of the rules and a version which highlights changes and gives an explanation as why each change has been introduced.

One area that may be of particular interest relates to repairs to hulls experiencing cracking around the keel box. Rule A7 (Repairs) in both class rules has been re-written and clarifies what is permissible in this area.

The new Class Rules (DF65 and DF95) are officially released and are now the current Class Rule versions for each respective class.

Formal Agreement with NZRYA

Last week saw the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between NZRYA and DFRacingNZ. The MoA sets out the relationship between the two organisations, delegates administration of DF classes in New Zealand to DFRacingNZ and establishes DFRacingNZ as the sole DF NCA in New Zealand.

This is an important document, giving us considerable autonomy in the running of DF affairs and enabling us to represent DFRacingNZ members at the ICA.

DF International Class Association

Significant progress has been made on the establishment of the DF International Class Association. Last month applications were invited from country class associations to join a future DF ICA World Council. DFRacingNZ has applied and signed up to the ICA Agreement. We now await formal acceptance.

The inaugural meeting of the ICA was held on Monday 14 June by video conference. The first order of business was to ratify the ICA Constitution and Regulations. The following management committee positions were then confirmed:

- Chairman – Phil Burgess (AUS)
- Vice Chairman – Chris Dance (AUS)
- Secretary – Russ Gardner (USA)
- Treasurer – Wayne Stobbs (GBR)
- Licensed Builders' Representative – John Tushingham (GBR)
- Publicity – Tim Long (GBR)

John Tushingham outlined the rationale behind updating the class rules and in particular Rule A7. The meeting confirmed the new class rules are effective from their date of release.

There remains considerable work to be done before full recognition as an ICA by IRSA, but steady progress continues to be made.

Website Updates

With all the above going on, there have been a few changes to the DFRacingNZ website:

- The old Constitution and ICA pages have gone. All formal DFRacingNZ documents have now been collected together on a new Documentation page under the Class Association menu tab.
- Class Rules have been updated to the new versions for both DF65 and DF95
- Permitted Variations documents (both classes) have been temporarily disabled. These documents are interpretations of what's allowed by the Class Rules and will take a little time to review to ensure they are not in conflict with the new Class Rule revisions.

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