## *DF95 Class Coordinator Report 2021/22 Season.*

Planned Events 21/22

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| 2021 State Championships | Cancelled due to Covid 19 | |
| 2022 State Championships | Lake Macquarie | July 2022 |
| 2021 National Championships | Cancelled due to Covid 19 | |
| 2022 National Championships | Hobart Tasmania | March 2022 |
| 2021 GP Rd 2 | WMYC | June 2021. |

As you can see it has not been a great year for the DF95 Class in NSW.

While the class continues to grow with nearly 500 boats sold to NSW residents, membership numbers of NSW RYA affiliated clubs have not been so dramatic. The two main clubs sailing the DF95 are SMMC and WHMBC on a regular basis. WMYC and KBSC have run races during the season. FTRYC have held some racing but not as much as in the past.

What is evident is the number of social groups sailing the DF95 within the state who are not members of NSWRYA. Groups at Yamba, Raymond Terrace, Pittwater and Shoalhaven Heads are just a few. These sail on a regular basis mainly during the week. This picture can be seen in a number of the other States where owners are choosing not to join their State Body.

I am sure the new Insurance Policy been negotiated by the ARYA on behalf of its members will go a long way to encouraging these groups to join the rest of us. I am sure the other classes are finding that there is a lack of new suitable venues and clubs to run events.

There was talk recently about sailing at DSC on Friday evenings during the Summer Months. We will have to wait and see if this actual transpires. As we age and more and more of us retire, weekday sailing is proving very popular WHMBC get upwards of 15 DF95s boats on some Wednesdays'. I see that the RC Laser can have as many as 19 boats racing on a Thursday at DAC.

Resistance from some established Clubs to the new breed of Chinese Toy Boats, as they call them, is still around but some clubs see these classes as an opportunity to grow membership and introduce the more established classes as a natural progression in the sport. The DF95 and DF65 are working to make this possible by pairing events and Championships where competitor time constraints do now allow two-day events.

### *Nationals 2022 Update.*

Four skippers from NSW made the long journey to Hobart in March to compete at the National Championships. 19 Boats were entered and after three hard days of racing, local skippers took the top two places with a Vic visitor taking third. The event was very well run and in good spirit with little or no issues that were not resolved on the water. Montrose Bay is a great venue for events, it has everything including weed that you want at a National Championships. It looks like the DF95 will be off to Qld in early 2023 for its next National Championships

And sadly, we have lost a number of our fellow skippers during the year, including some of our first owners in the class, Allen Griffin, FTRYC, Phillip Page WHMBC. They like so many more will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts go out to their families.

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