



2026 DF65 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

21 March 2026 – 24 March 2026

AUSTRALIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Grahamstown Aquatic Centre, Grahamstown Dam, Medowie

This is an ARYA Ranking Event

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This regatta is organised under the overall authority of the Australian Radio Yachting Association Incorporated (ARYA), in conjunction with the New South Wales Radio Yachting Association Inc, Lake Macquarie Radio Yacht Club & Horizons Model Yacht Club and conducted by its duly appointed Race Committee and the Australian DF Radio Sailing Association Inc. (ADFRSA)

2 RULES

- 2.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 as amended by Appendix E (Radio Sailing Racing Rules).
- 2.2** The following documents will apply: This Notice of Race (NoR), the event's Sailing Instructions (SI), International Class Administration Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), the respective International Class Rules, the ARYA Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Management Policy 2025.
- 2.3** The Heat Management System 2022 will apply if multiple fleets are utilized.
- 2.4** The following Racing Rules will be changed:
- E3.1: The control area will be defined on the course board.
 - E3.2: Launching area will be specified on the course board
 - E3.3: The course will be displayed on a Course Board.
 - E3.6: Following a general recall, Rule 30.1 shall apply to the restart. For subsequent general recalls Rules 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4 may apply.
 - E5.1 (a): The race committee will appoint Observers, who may be competitors.

E6.4: Add “but prior to the preparatory signal for the next heat or race.”

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The competition is open to:

- (a) affiliated members in good standing with ARYA and;
- (b) affiliated members of the ADFRSA (Inc.)
- (c) members in good standing with the IRSA Delegated National Member of their country of residence.

3.2 Entry will be denied to anyone who has been expelled or is currently serving a suspension from the ARYA (Inc) or any state or territory RC sailing association affiliated with the ARYA.

3.3 Competitors who reside outside of Australia entering in accordance with 3.1 (b) are required to become a ‘Temporary Affiliate Member’ of ARYA for the period of the event. This may be exempt for competitors who are insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of AUD \$20 million per incident or the equivalent.

3.4 Competitors with a disability who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in the event should, prior to entry, contact the organising club to confirm that these can be made. The onus is on the competitor to establish whether the available facilities are suitable and, if necessary, make arrangements for a support person.

3.5 The following class will be sailed:

DragonForce 65.

All boats must display a current Hull Registration Number and sail number issued by the ADFRSA Inc. for the class entered.

3.5 Eligible boats may enter online at the event website.

Event Website: www.aryanationals.com

Event Organiser: Mark Long

Entries close at: 2100hrs on 15/03/2026

Payment Method: Direct Deposit to:

Greater Bank

Account Name: Lake Macquarie Radio Yacht Club

BSB: 637000

A/C: 723940842

Payment **MUST** have your Surname, Sail No. and DF Class (65 or 95) in the reference.

3.6 Late entries may be accepted under the discretion of the regatta organisers under the following conditions:

After payment of both Entry Fee and Late Entry Fee.

3.7 Final Entry: No further entries will be accepted after 2100hrs on 18/03/2026.

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Class DF65

Fee: \$85

4.2 Other fees: ADFRSA fee of \$5.00 is included in the Entry Fee.

4.3 Late fee : \$15.00

5 EVENT SCHEDULE

5.1 DF65 Class on 21/03/2026 to 24/03/2026

5.2 Racing Times:

All times are local time as available on local mobile phone services.

Day One: 21/03/2026

Registration: 1100hrs to 1500hrs

Measurement and inspection: 1100hrs to 1500hrs

Day 2 and 3: 22/03/2026 and 23/03/2026

Briefing commences: 0945hrs

Warning signal for first race: 1000hrs

Racing concludes: No heat will commence after 1600hrs

Final Day: 24/03/2026

Briefing commences: 0945hrs

Warning signal for first race: 1000hrs

Racing concludes: No race will commence after 1500hrs

Presentation function: 1700hrs at the Bull and Bush Hotel, Medowie.

5.3 Racing will be held during the scheduled times with a maximum of 40 races for the series. There shall be no limit to the number of races/heats sailed on each day.

5.4 The warning signal for the next race/heat shall occur as soon as practical following the previous race/heat.

5.5 A break for lunch may be included at the discretion of the Race Officer. Lunch will be taken at a time to best fit in with the racing.

Please bring your own lunch or purchase from the nearby café.

6 MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall display a sail number issued by the Australian DF Class Association.

All registration formalities, including payment and any measurement checks, must be completed in accordance with the schedule outlined in this Notice of Race. (Refer paragraph 3 and 5.)

7 FREQUENCIES

For frequency bands other than 2.4 Ghz, each competitor shall nominate a minimum of three (3) frequencies with their entry. Permitted frequency bands are 27, 29, 36 and 40 Mhz and 2.4 Ghz.

8 PERSONAL SAIL NUMBERS

- 8.1** Authorised Personal Numbers shall take preference over other conflicting sail numbers provided the member seeking to use their Personal Number has entered the event, and paid the entry fee prior to 2100hrs on 15/03/2026 as set out in this Notice of Race.
- 8.2** Skippers wishing to use authorized Personal Numbers shall produce a current, valid personal number certificate at registration.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The ARYA Standard Sailing Instructions are available on the ARYA website (www.arya.asn.au) and a copy will be placed on the Event Notice Board prior to the commencement of racing.

10 VENUE

- 10.1** The event will be sailed at: Grahamstown Aquatic Centre, Grahamstown Rd. Medowie
- 10.2** Launching details: Wet and Dry

11 COURSES

- 11.1** Where possible, the course will comprise a first leg and a finish leg to windward. The course will generally be a windward/leeward course utilizing a gate at the leeward end of the course.
- 11.2** The Race Committee will attempt to set a course which will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes for the first boat to complete.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

- 12.1** RRS 44.1 is amended by RRS E4.3: Taking a Penalty.
- 12.2** The Arbitration System for Protest Hearings (Sailing Instructions Appendix A) will {{Arbitration}} used.
- 12.3** A Protest Committee will be appointed to hear any protests arising from the event and may comprise competitors not involved in the incident. RRS 60.3 and 61.1c may be replaced by a verbal notification and hearing if all parties affected by the incident agree.
- 12.4** Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.3(b).
- 12.5** Competitors entering this event may be appointed to act as an Observer in a race or heat by the Race Committee. An Observer appointed for a heat who is not present in the control area from the Warning Signal until released by the Race Committee, or who fails to act diligently as an Observer, may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing.

13 SCORING

- 13.1** Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series except for single day events, at which the minimum number will be three (3) races.
- 13.2** Where there are less than 21 competitors, the event may be sailed in one fleet.
- 13.3** For multiple fleet racing, allocation of boats for the first race will be made in accordance with the relevant scoring system, using the most recent ARYA Ranking Table.
- 13.4** The scoring system is as follows:
- (a.) For single fleet racing
 - i) The Low Point System (RRS A4) will apply.
 - ii) After 4 races have been completed, 1 discard.
 - iii) After 8 races have been completed, 2 discards.
 - iv) After 16 races have been completed, 3 discards, then adding one extra discard for every further 8 races completed.
- (b.) For multi fleet racing RRS A4 as amended by Heat Management System 2022 and the Event Sailing Instruction shall apply.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall. 1st place Masters (65 to 74 years) and 1st place Grand Masters (over 75 years)

15 CONDUCT

The Australian Radio Yachting Association Inc, the New South Wales Radio Yachting Association Inc and the ADFRSA Inc recognise that all events offer considerable publicity opportunities to Clubs, Associations and the sport generally. Competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on the sport and all competitors.

Behaviour by a competitor that is in breach of good manners or sportsmanship or which may bring the sport into disrepute shall result in a hearing in accordance with RRS 2 or RRS69.1 or the PRO may offer a competitor a two turns on the spot penalty to avoid going to protest. However, the PRO is not obliged to make this offer, nor is a competitor obliged to accept it in which case a protest hearing shall proceed.

16 DIGITAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

By taking part in this event, the competitor gives the organisation and the event's sponsors the right to use and show at any time static or moving pictures, films and TV recordings of the competitor and/or their boat made during this ARYA Ranking regatta in any materials, on any Web pages, and on any social media in support or in connection with the event, including the publication of results.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those entering or taking part in these Championships do so at their own risk and responsibility. (See RRS 4). The Australian Radio Yachting Association Incorporated, New South Wales Radio Yachting Association Inc, Lake Macquarie Radio Yacht Club & Horizons Model Yacht Club, the Australian DF Radio Sailing Association Inc. and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event disclaim:

“Any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, material damage, personal injury or death, or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and on the water, prior to, during or after the regatta, as a consequence of entering or participating in the Championship covered by this Notice of Race.”

At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves plus the decision to participate or continue must rest solely with and remain at all times with the competitors.

A competitor may only enter the event by accepting the ARYA Regatta Terms and Conditions.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information please contact:

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NOTES:

A Welcome BBQ will be conducted at the Clubhouse from 1300hrs on Saturday 21 March 2026

Supervised practice sailing on the racecourse will be available from 1400hrs on Saturday 21 March 2026

Tea and Coffee making facilities and Bottled Water will be available during sailing times at no charge.

Presentation venue is 5km from the Dam and catering will commence at 1700hrs.