



# **New Zealand Radio Yachting Association (Inc)**

2026 DF65 South Island Championship

Organising Authority: Nelson Radio Sailing Club

*Sat Apr 04 and Sun Apr 05 2026*

*Best Island, Richmond*

This is a DFRacingNZ Ranking Event

## **Notice of Race**

### **1 Organising Authority**

- 1.1 This regatta is organised under the authority of the New Zealand Radio Yachting Association (NZRYA) and conducted by the Nelson Radio Sailing Club (the Organising Authority) in conjunction with DFRacingNZ.

### **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 Simple Heat Racing System (SHRS) shall apply in the event that multiple fleets are utilised.
- 2.3 The following documents will apply:
- (a) This Notice of Race (NOR)
  - (b) The event's Sailing Instructions (SI)
  - (c) DragonForce 65 Restricted Class Rules 2024 V1.8.4
  - (d) DragonForce65 Instruction Manual
  - (e) Simple Heat Racing System – Version 2023-2
- 2.4 Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions (where relevant to radio sailing) shall apply.

### **3 Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 Competitors shall be members, in good standing, of NZRYA, or the Designated National Member (DNM) of their country of residence.
- 3.2 All competitors who reside outside of New Zealand and intend to enter this event must join NZRYA as an Individual Member (NZRYA membership includes public liability insurance cover of NZ\$2 million per incident).
- 3.3 The following class will be sailed: DragonForce65 (DF65).
- 3.4 Sail Numbers shall be those numbers allocated to registered owners by DFRacingNZ and published on the Association website, or by the appropriate authority in their country of residence.
- 3.5 Eligible skippers may enter using the online entry form: [Click here](#).
- 3.6 Entries close at 1700 on Mon 30 Mar 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Race Committee until 1700 on Thu 02 Apr 2026.

## 4 Fees

- 4.1 The following fees apply:
- Entry Fee: NZ\$50.00
  - Late Entry Surcharge: NZ\$5.00
- 4.2 Payment should be made to the Nelson Radio Sailing Club account: 03-1354-0628916- 00.
- 4.3 Payment will not be available at Registration.

## 5 Event Schedule

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

Event Day	Activity	Time
Practice Day: Fri 03 Apr 2026	Practice session Optional registration/measuring for those boats present	13:00 - 16:00 13:00 - 16:00
Competition Day 1: Sat 04 Apr 2026	Registration Briefing First warning for a race or heat not before First warning for a race or heat not after	09:30 10:30 11:00 17:00
Competition Day 2: Sun 05 Apr 2026	Briefing First warning for a race or heat not before First warning for a race or heat not after	10:30 11:00 15:30

- 5.2 All registration formalities, including payment and any measurement checks, must be completed in accordance with the schedule outlined in this Notice of Race.
- 5.3 Registration and measurement will be conducted at the sailing venue adjacent to Race HQ.
- 5.4 Briefings will be held at the sailing venue adjacent to Race HQ.
- 5.5 There shall be no limit to the number of races/heats sailed on each day.
- 5.6 The timing and duration of any lunch breaks will be at the discretion of the RO and scheduled to best fit in with the racing.
- 5.7 Lunch will not be provided. Competitors should self-cater for each day of the event.
- 5.8 A presentation will be held at the sailing venue as soon as practicable after the conclusion of racing on the last day of the event.

## 6 Heat Composition

- 6.1 Boats will be seeded in accordance with their ranking at national, regional or club level. Where ranking is not available, or incomplete, boats will be seeded first by alphabetical order of their national letters then by numerical order of their sail number.
- 6.2 Boat assignment to qualifying series heats shall be in accordance with SHRS 3.1 Standard Progressive Assignment. The heat movement table to be used will be specified at the briefing.
- 6.3 The heat composition will be displayed on heat boards at race headquarters.
- 6.4 The Race Committee may call heat starting fleets and check that competitors are in the start area prior to the

warning signal. However, it is the responsibility of each competitor to be available for his/her heat.

## 7 Qualifying and Final Series

7.1 Boats may be split into finals fleets after:

- 6 races have been completed, or
- Sun Mar 15 2026 at 11:00, whichever comes first.

## 8 Measurement

8.1 All boats must pass any measurement checks deemed necessary by the Organising Authority.

8.2 Boats will be subject to scrutiny at registration and may be subject to spot checks at any time.

8.3 All boats must comply with the DragonForce 65 Restricted Class Rules 2024 V1.8.4.

## 9 Radio Frequencies

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

## 10 Sailing Instructions

10.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the NZRYA website and a copy will be placed on the Event Notice board prior to the commencement of racing.

## 11 Venue

11.1 The event will be sailed at Best Island, Richmond.

11.2 For a Google Maps link to the venue: [Click here](#).

11.3 Launch and retrieval is dry.

## 12 Event Classification

12.1 The following conditions must apply for the event to be classified as a championship, or ranking event:

- (a) A minimum of ten (10) competitors starting in the event and
- (b) A minimum of six (6) completed races for the event.

## 13 Prizes

13.1 The following prizes will be awarded:

- NZRYA medals shall be awarded to first, second and third place-getters.

## 14 Conduct

14.1 The New Zealand Radio Yachting Association, the Nelson Radio Sailing Club and DFRacingNZ, recognise that competitor behaviour can impact unfavourably on the sport and all competitors.

14.2 Behaviour by a competitor that is in breach of good manners or Sportsmanship and Fair Play (see Sailing Instructions Appendix A) or which may bring the sport into disrepute shall result in a hearing in accordance with RRS 2 or RRS 69.1.

## 15 Digital Property Rights

15.1 By participating in this event, competitors grant NZRYA, the Nelson Radio Sailing Club, and the event's

sponsors the unrestricted right to use, reproduce, and display, at any time, any static or moving images, recordings, or other media of the competitor and their boat (including published results) captured during the regatta. Such material may be used in any form of media, including websites and social media platforms, for promotional, educational, or commercial purposes.

## 16 Personal Data

16.1 Personal information collected for the purpose of running this event will be handled in accordance with the NZRYA Data Privacy Policy. The policy can be found on the NZRYA website.

## 17 Risk Statement

17.1 By taking part in this event, the competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They will Check, Clean and Dry their boat and any equipment that may have pest organisms on it before sailing in this event.
- (b) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (c) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (d) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, race officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

## 18 Further Information

18.1 To find more information on the event: [Click here](#).

18.2 Please direct event enquiries to:

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