

The Rules

There are two sets of rules applicable to DF Boats when racing:

- Class Rules
- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)

DF Class Rules

The purpose of class rules is to ensure that boats compete on an equal footing. Class rules identify the equipment items that must be on the boat and those areas where the owner has some discretion.

The DF65 and DF95 classes each have their own set of class rules which can be found on the DF Racing World Information site

- DragonForce 65 Restricted Class Rules 2021 V1.7
- DragonFlite 95 Restricted Class Rules 2021 V1.3

The following two references are to documents that detail any variations thats are permitted by the class rules. Note that these are not official class documents, but interpretations by the author of the class rules:

- DF65 Class Rule Permitted Variations
- DF95 Class Rule Permitted Variations

The Racing Rules of Sailing

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) govern the conduct of yacht racing. The rules are revised by World Sailing (WS) every four years following the Olympic Games and come into effect on 1 January of their first year. The current version is RRS 2021 – 2024.

The rules cover all racing disciplines sanctioned by WS with an appendix to the rules covering the particular requirements of each discipline. For radio sailing, the relevant appendix is Appendix E.

The RRS are owned by WS and individual sailors must be affiliated to WS to compete in races governed by the RRS. In New Zealand, an individual right to use the RRS is through membership of a club affiliated to the NZRYA which is itself affiliated to Yachting New Zealand.

The definitive, current RRS can be viewed or downloaded from www.sailing.org which is the WS official website. The RRS documents are here.

The Call Book

Occasionally interactions between boats racing are so complex or unusual that we need the help of experts to decide how the rules should apply. Call books are a way to document the rule interpretations of judges and umpires in resolving complex incidents on the race course.

You can find the Call Book for Radio Sailing here.