

Summary of 2020 DF95 NCR

Class: DF95

Chevrons: GOLD

Date: October 23rd-25th

Location: Lake Ray Hubbard, Garland, TX

Host Club: Trinity River Yacht Club

of Entries: 51

Winds: 0-25 mph from around the compass

Races completed: 13 with 2 throw-outs

Scoring System: Low Point, HMS

Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants:

Chuck LeMahieu - Regatta Organizer

Fred Rocha – Regatta Director

Sylvia Dimayuga – Asst. RD

Carrie LeMahieu - Score Keeper

Asst. Sherri

Chuck LeMahieu – Live Stream Announcer

Sparky Sorenson (Sparky's Video Productions) – Drone Video and Still Camera

Sarah Woodward – Production Assistant

Leon Lance – DF95 Maintenance

Russ Gardner/Joe Roddy /Leon Lance – Technical Inspection

The Trinity River Yacht Club #10 (TRYC) hosted the 2020 DF95 NCR RC regatta

With 51 skippers, the NCR was arranged around three fleets running HMS. The weather was arranged by Loki – the Trickster! Every day of the regatta showcased different weather and different winds. Thursday practice was Sunny and 84 with a southerly breeze at 8-15 mph, Friday morning a front blew through and we raced in cloudy conditions, temps in the mid-50s and wind from the north at 15-20 with gust up to 25mph. Saturday was cloudy to partly cloudy, temps in the mid-50s and wind dropping all from 6 to 0 mph with racing halted as it dropped off and shifted from the north to east. Sunday brought the skippers cloudy to foggy skies with temps climbing into the low-60s and an easterly breeze ranging from 6-12mph. Skippers tested and raced a range of different sail suites throughout the regatta. The other factor on Lake Ray Hubbard is the wave action. The best description of it is probably “sailing in a washing machine” when the wind is shifting around as it did. So all in all it was a thorough test for the skippers.

The varying conditions and an incredibly tough field of top RC sailing competitors were overcome by the eventual 2020 Champion through incredibly consistent sailing. Peter Feldman, while logging only one bullet, also only discarded 20 points with his 2 throw outs, the lowest of the competitors. He was continually in the top four finishers of A fleet while handling the wind, the chop, and the very tough competition.

Additionally, the event was livestreamed with commentary. Skippers that could not attend had the opportunity to catch most of the event live with both drone and static camera perspective. One thing that became apparent to skippers as they watched the event after the fact is the massive difference in perspective from an on the dock view to the drone eye in the sky. Mark hits and boat contact that was not noticeable from the dock, 75 yards away from the action (especially given the waves) showed some egregious rules violation from the drone perspective. So, there's a good reason the rules require race observers to be working from the same vantage point of the skippers. For those interested in watching some of the action just go to YouTube and search for Dragon Sailing North America and you'll find all three days of action!

Thanks again to the many that helped organize and manage this showcase regatta!

2020 DF95 NCR Results

Place	Skipper	Sail #	Points
1	Peter Feldman	42	38
2	Greg Gust	281	55
3	Chris Macaluso	3	66
4	Tony Gonsalves	51	67
5	Brig North	11	69
6	Mark Golison	55	75
7	Gary Boell	71	82
8	Baron Bremer	81	82
9	Ryan Glaze	62	95
10	Danny Thomas	105	108

Remaining Finishers: Brian Shores, Steve Landeau, Dennis Rogers, Yann Bonard, Kevin Hayes, Erich Schloemer, Ray Seta, Keith Ives, Nick Maudlin, Robert Cummings, Chuck Millican, Gary Winton, Reichard Kahle, Eric Hemker, Griffin Orr, Mark Ralph, Russ Gardner, Mike Feldman, David Aldridge, Bruce Huckaba, John Maudlin, AJ Moritz, Chris Collins, Sean Gust, Ed Balun, David Woodward, Chris Raab, Rob Davis, Patrick Kelly, Steven Lambert, Mark Shores, Joe Roddy, David Smedley, Greg Adams, Vicki Balun, Ben Miller, Leon Lance, Scott Mauney, Scott Pettit

Submitted by Russ Gardner