

What do you need for a complete DF95 boat?

Personal view by Mike Ferring

The answer can vary a lot depending on how prepared you want to be. Some people carry all kinds of spare parts, but they're rarely needed (and people are generous about sharing their spares if needed).

Here's my list of basic bits. Much of the specialized stuff can come from radiosailing.net, the same place you get the boat.

Tool box/tackle box

Spare batteries: AA and LiFe

Metric measuring tape

Tweezers (and perhaps forceps)

Needle-nose pliers

Electrical tape (white)

Exacto knife

Screwdriver(s) fine Philips

Allen wrenches (provided with boat)

Thread Zap II cutter

Scissors

80# Spectra fishing line or rigging line (Mike Eades recommends the 80# and 40# line available at radiosailing.net)

Elastic line

Spare parts as needed: bowsies, servos, etc.

Servo Consistency Master (handy for checking servos and recovering LiFe batteries)

CA glue

Corrosion X

Some explanation. Some line comes with the boat kit, but better to go with the fishing/rigging line because it's better and because you won't mind using lots of it. The "bowsies" are tiny plastic pieces used to adjust nearly every line on the boat. The Thread Zap thing is terrific. It burns through the Spectra, leaving a clean cut that won't fray so the line will be easier to thread through tiny holes. The provided elastic line is junk. I bought a big spool of elastic on Amazon for about \$7. I could give you some.

The basic FlySky transmitter is fine and lots of people use them. I upgraded to a Spektrum radio and there are lots of other options priced from about \$100-\$250. I also got a LiFe battery charger, but the new kits ship with a battery that uses a USB charging system and I'm sure that's fine.

Some people also get a "B" rig for the boat, but it's not needed very often. That's something you might want sometime later. The basic "A" rig is good up to about 10 or 12 mph of wind, at which point the boat gets overpowered and is a handful to sail.