TANSW Crew Swap Day GRSC 26th Nov 2017

The inaugural TANSW Crew Swap Day was held on Sunday on the pristine waters off Georges River Sailing Club.
A warm sunny day greeted the 29 sailors and after rigging they attended a briefing session where the crews and skippers were allocated. The experienced crews were allocated to the less experienced skippers and vice versa. Racing was scheduled for two sprint series (3 races in each series). Once everyone got to see who they were sailing with in the first, and then after a changeover the next 3 races, we had James Burman give a few tips on how he approaches sailing a Tasar. He shared his boat setup settings and the race journal. Gary and Robyn Ratcliffe also shared some tips: Keep the boat flat for which the skipper is responsible by trimming the main with the traveller, and everyone agreed with Tara McCall, that the most important thing for the day was communication between skipper and crew.
Out on the water it was a classic GRSC day with a 15 to 18 knot NE sea breeze (with a couple of gusts over 20 knots), some nice waves and a 2 knot tide.
The starts were tight with a couple of interesting decisions as skippers and crews got used to each other. Greg Kennedy and David Hunt were on fire with 2 firsts and a second in the first series and it was seriously close for the next 4 boats. Everyone enjoyed the testing work and exhilarating reaches and a there were couple of capsizes in the one lap races (Ratz to name one!)
After a quick change of crew on the sandy shore 13 boats went out again for another 3 races with David Hunt again getting two firsts and a second , this time with skipper Gary Ratcliffe.
Back on the beach everyone was buzzing and once showered sat down to tell a few stories and rehydrate with some well-earned cold refreshments (and a coffee).
Our fearless reporter got a few quotes from the soggy crews:
“Puts the skippers on notice when they have different crews”
From one crew, “Got a great ab workout as I had to sail with the two lightest skippers.”
“I’m from Melbourne, everyone said it was really bumpy conditions but not when you’ve come from sailing in Melbourne” (Kylie)
“It put the skippers on notice when they have different crews - they can sometimes give their crew a bit of hard time but not today.”
“I think the skippers were on their best behaviour” (Ed; I assume that means that we skippers are not always so well behaved?)
“Weird but fun, not used to being at the front of the pack.” (Ed; guess who)
“Survival, in second round of three.”
“Learnt heaps, was a challenge to adapt to different gear set ups.”
“Skippers were great”
“Skippers assumed a no means yes when asking “you ready to tack?.”

When the skippers were asked for a few comments over a cold refreshment they replied.
“Loved the fact that the two crew I had (and the youngest) were not at all phased with the windy conditions.”
“Found it a bit personal that my crew wouldn’t stay in the boat with me, was it the gear or me!”

“If I knew Robyn was giving crew recovery lessons I would have requested her” (Ed: I think Robyn may have had the most swims on the day and her skipper Mark Phillips came back with 5 cuts to his follically challenged head. I wonder how he got those?)
“It was awesome fun, crew fab.”
“Found it difficult for me to explain in ways that they (the crew) understood but good exercise for me to keep it simple.”
“Imogen was a gun, she’s a real natural.”
“Shame about the weight drop in second series of three, lost my competitive advantage.”

Overall everyone was happy, no one cried and all looking forward to the Crew swap day next year.
Results
Flight One (first 3 races)
1 Haywire (GRSC) Greg Kennedy & David Hunt (1, 1, 2, Total 4)
2 Mr Scraggles (GRSC) James Burman & Beatriz Calvete (2, 4, 1, Total 7)
3 Blew'n (GRSC) Bruce Hilleard & Jenny Overton (4, 3, 3, Total 10)
4 Sea Major & Minor (WSC) Ralph Stanford & Tina Hilleard (5, 5, 4, Total 14)
5 Game (GRSC) Andrew Maher & Christine Selvey (6, 7, 5, Total 18)
6 Rastasarmouse (GRSC) Boyd Newton & Jack Maher (7, 6, 6, Total 19)
7 Ratz (GRSC) Gary Ratcliffe & Pip Hooper (3, 2, 14, Total 19)
8 Decadence (WSC) David Eastwood & Kylie Dixon (8, 8, 11, Total 27)
9 2Sheep Stations (GRSC) Bernie Streater & Renae Kennedy (9, DNF, 7, Total 30)
10 Tranquil Shaw's (GRSC) Cameron Shaw & Kylie Symonds (10, 12, 8, Total 30)
11 Ruby (GRSC) Todd Finney & Matt Smyth (13, 9, 9, Total 31)
12 String Theory (GRSC) John Haines & Tara McCall (11, 10, 12, Total 33)
13 MK Rules (GRSC) Mark Phillips & Robyn Ratcliffe (12, 11, 13, Total 36)
14 Something Cool (NSC) Malcolm Handel & Imogen Stanford (14, 13, 10, Total 37)

Flight 2 (Races 4 to 6)
1 Ratz (GRSC) Gary Ratcliffe & David Hunt (1, 1, 2, Total 4)
2 Mr Scraggles (GRSC) James Burman & Imogen Stanford (2, 2, 1, Total 5)
7 Haywire (GRSC) Greg Kennedy & Tara McCall (4, 3, 4, Total 11)
3 Sea Major & Minor (WSC) Ralph Stanford & Christine Selvey (3, 4, 6, Total 13)
4 Game (GRSC) Andrew Maher & Tina Hilleard (6, 5, 3, Total 14)
5 Rastasarmouse (GRSC) Boyd Newton & Kylie Dixon (5, 6, 4, Total 15)
6 Something Cool (NSC) Malcolm Handel & Jack Maher (9, 7, 5, Total 21)
8 Tranquil Shaw's (GRSC) Cameron Shaw & Jenny Overton (8, 8, 8, Total 24)
9 2Sheep Stations (GRSC) Bernie Streater & Beatriz Calvete (10, 9, 7, Total 26)
10 MK Rules (GRSC) Mark Phillips & Robyn Ratcliffe (DNF, 10, 9, Total 33)
11 Blew'n (GRSC) Mark Hooper & Renae Kennedy (7, DNF, DNS, Total 36)
12 Decadence (WSC) David Eastwood & Kylie Symonds (DNF, DNS, DNS, Total 44)
13 Ruby (GRSC) Todd Finney & Matt Smyth (DNS, DNS, DNS, Total 45)
14 String Theory (GRSC) John Haines & Pip Hooper (DNS, DNS, DNS, Total 45)

Skipper Combined
1 Mr Scraggles (GRSC) James Burman (2, 4, 1, 2 ,2, 1, Total 12)
3 Haywire (GRSC) Greg Kennedy (1, 1, 2, 4 ,3, 4, Total 15)
2 Ratz (GRSC) Gary Ratcliffe (3, 2, 14, 1 ,1, 2, Total 23)
4 Sea Major & Minor (WSC) Ralph Stanford (5, 5, 4, 3 ,4, 6, Total 27)
5 Game (GRSC) Andrew Maher (6, 7, 5, 6 ,5, 3, Total 32)
6 Rastasarmouse (GRSC) Boyd Newton (7, 6, 6, 5 ,6, 4, Total 34)
7 Blew'n (GRSC) Bruce Hilleard/Mark Hooper (4, 3, 3, 7, DNF, DNS, Total 46)
8 Tranquil Shaw's (GRSC) Cameron Shaw (10, 12, 8, 8 ,8, 8, Total 54)
9 2Sheep Stations (GRSC) Bernie Streater (9, 14, 7, 10 ,9, 7, Total 56)
10 Something Cool (NSC) Malcolm Handel (14, 13, 10, 9 ,7, 5, Total 58)
11 MK Rules (GRSC) Mark Phillips (12, 11, 13, DNF ,10, 9, Total 69)
12 Decadence (WSC) David Eastwood (8, 8, 11, DNF, DNS, DNS, Total 71)
13 Ruby (GRSC) Todd Finney (13, 9, 9, DNS, DNS, DNS, Total 76)
14 String Theory (GRSC) John Haines (11, 10, 12, DNS, DNS, DNS, Total 78)

Crew Combined
1 (GRSC) David Hunt (1, 1, 2, 1 ,1, 2, Total 8)
2 (GRSC) Tina Hilleard (5, 5, 4, 6 ,5, 3, Total 28)
3 (WSC) Christine Selvey (6, 7, 5, 3 ,4, 6, Total 31)
4 (NSC) Beatriz Calvete (2, 4, 1, 10 ,9, 7, Total 33)
5 (BSC) Jenny Overton (4, 3, 3, 8 ,8, 8, Total 34)
6 (GRSC) Jack Maher (7, 6, 6, 9 ,7, 5, Total 40)
7 (WSC) Imogen Stanford (14, 13, 10, 2 ,2, 1, Total 42)
8 (BSC) Kylie Dixon (8, 8, 11, 5 ,6, 4, Total 42)
9 (GRSC) Tara McCall (11, 10, 12, 4 ,5, 4, Total 46)
10 (GRSC) Pip Hooper (3, 2, 14, DNS, DNS, DNS, Total 64)
11 (GRSC) Renae Kennedy (9, 14, 7, 7, DNF, DNS, Total 66)
12 (GRSC) Robyn Ratcliffe (12, 11, 13, DNF ,10, 9, Total 69)
13 (GRSC) Kylie Symonds (10, 12, 8, DNF, DNS, DNS, Total 74)
14 (GRSC) Matt Smyth (13, 9, 9, DNS, DNS, DNS, Total 76)