



TASK FORCE 72

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MISSION REPORT

RATHLUBA LAGOON - MAITLAND

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2009



A pleasant day's play was held at Lake Rathluba (The Reg Sea or Lake Clack) East Maitland, by all 3 of us in attendance, Wolfgang Nebart with HMAS Vampire & USS Chosin, Peter Jones with British coastal trader Severity & Allan Pew with INS Taragiri & HMS Lincoln.

The weather was mildly pleasant for early autumn with a light NW breeze blowing the odd cloud across the sun and we treated ourselves to a delicious BBQ lunch, courtesy of the club, expertly assembled by Acting Club Chef Peter Ramsay-Jones on his portable gas BBQ, well-done acting chef, a TV program is almost certain.

Highlight of the day was when one of the members in attendance decided to test the depth of the water at the edge of the bank where we launch & recover, being a new venue with only 2 events so far, the water has been too murky to see the depth and we assumed it was about knee deep.

Un-named member, with left boot firmly placed on bank, lowered his wader-clad right leg into the soup until he reached "EQUALIBRIOUS NONERECTUS HOMOSUPIUS INSERSIONUS". We can now confirm that the depth at the edge is chest high to a vice president.

Fortunately there is no photographic record of this test, but again, Mr Jones came to the forefront in his other part time capacity as Seniors and Dumb Old Farts Activities Rescue Coordinator (SADOFARC).

It was agreed by all to expedite the end of the day's proceedings at about 2.00 pm, with some nasty looking weather closing in from the south. Well, the vice president didn't want to get rained on.

Words by Allan Pew, photos by Peter Jones





Severity being monstered by those Navy rev heads





Now the RAN gets in on the action





Peter's coastal freighter minding its own business





Severity is an example of the inter-war English coasters, many of which ended their days on the bottom of the English Channel curtesy of the Luftwaffe or Kriegsmarine





The Indian Navy frigate Taragiri gives Severity a close look





Wolfgang's Daring class destroyer HMAS Vampire

