



TASK FORCE 72

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MISSION REPORT

MANLY DAM

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A quiet running day at Manly Dam although livened up by the small personal fitness class in action by the lake when we arrived to get set up

They came over to look over the models as we set up, with the instructor being a particularly outstanding example of the benefits of personal fitness, plus a lovely face to go with the attractive physique.

After she left (and a few members went and had a dip in the cold lake) we settled down to a day's sailing.

Ron was there with his fine collection of WW Australian destroyers; Vince with three of his WW1 destroyers; Mike had Nemesis and Wollongong and Carl, on his first run since returning from HMAS Ballarat's round the world deployment, had a trio of Russians to round out the fleet.

The weather was a bit windy and the water was a bit choppy, which kept Wollongong on the hard stand, however the conditions proved no match for Ron's French destroyer Le Terrible or HMAS Warramunga in her new camouflage scheme.

Waterhen also took to the water well, however it was Carl who sprang the day's surprise.



He brought along his Nanuchka class missile boat Skhval (Squall), his Krivak Storezhevoi (Vigilant) and his partially built Sovremenny class destroyer Nastoychivyy (Persistent).

Nastoychivyy is a big bugger, with quite a freeboard and will be a very impressive ship when completed. She handles the choppy conditions with aplomb, as you would expect from a class designed for the extremes of the Barents Sea.

In keeping with Storezhevoi, Nastoychivyy also has a very nice bow wave, thanks to the large bow sonar, heavily raked bow and wide flare of the hull forward.

Report and images by Mike James





Ron's Le Terrible awaits her chance to get wet





Large for a WW2 Destroyer, Le Terrible handles the swell well





Carl's Storezhevoi throwing a lovely bow wave at high speed





Ron's HMAS Warramunga in her new camouflage colours





Nastoychivyy at speed ignoring the wind and wave





Storezhevoi rests peacefully at anchor





HMAS Waterhen presents a contrast with later destroyers





Nanuchka class missile boat Skhval rides the swell





Skhval powering through the swell at speed





Nastoychivyy is notable for her wide decks and high freeboard

