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MISSION REPORT

ROCKINGHAM

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On Sunday the 24th Jan, Fleet Base Perth had its first run of 2010, venturing down to Rockingham. Although a little warm it was a great start to the year, with 5 boats taking to the water.

FBP is growing well now with half a dozen members and getting close to enough finished ships and submarines to put on a display.

It was not all smooth sailing though, as last run HMAS Ovens (yours truly's favourite little submarine) got caught up on the weeds and needed to be rescued, this time it was Bruce Woods turn for an issue and that brought his day prematurely to an end.

On the water for the day was HMAS Mersey, HMAS Manchester, HMAS Vendetta, HMAS Darwin and Hillary's Perkasa torpedo boat for a bit of variety, and speed? :)>

I missed photos of Vendetta and the Perkasa, sorry guys but I will get them next time.



HMAS Vendetta and Darwin are still under construction and are coming along nicely with more moving parts than the space shuttle, with Pete seemingly enjoying the learning curve of his first ship.

Our next running day is planned for the 21st Feb at Sanctuary Waters; hopefully there will still be some water in the lake as Perth is having a real dry spell at the moment (one of the longest recorded).

Report and images: Rob Ritchie





Setting up in perfect weather conditions





The partially completed model of the guided missile frigate HMAS Darwin cruises the lake





Mersey leads Manchester out onto the lake





Type 42 air defence destroyer HMS Manchester in a tight turn to port





Close up of the detail on HMS Mersey, a River class offshore patrol vessel





HMS Mersey sailing the lake's placid waters under perfect summer skies





Manchester trails Mersey past some of the lake's water obstacles





Stern shot of Manchester showing her flight and quarterdecks





Members of Fleet Base Perth, 'roughing it' over in the west

