

# **2014 STATE CHAMPIONS**

**Boat Name & Number:** Arctic 2040

**Crew:** Greg Rowsell & Eli Cameron

**Club:** Port Dalrymple Yacht Club

**Hull:** Tiger – standard Mark Thorpe fit-out and foils

**Rig:** Ctech Hi Modulus Mast 5-5-1 layup, Ctech boom. Barracouta sails 6.9/2.4

**Combined crew weight:** Approx 130 kg

**Years sailed together:** 6 months

**What was your goal for this series?** To finish as well as possible but at least top three

**Who else impressed you during the series?** Nick McElwee & Issy Cameron

**What was your preparation leading up to the series?** Sailing regularly following the Adelaide Nationals. Race honed as a result of very close racing against Nick & Issy in club events and other regattas

**What was the highlight of the series for you?** Open water sailing at Swansea and finally winning a State NS14 title after 10 seasons of trying.

**What things do you feel you have improved upon?** Having a fantastic crew in Eli Cameron and sailing well in light to mid-range conditions.

**What do you think was the difference between you and the boats behind you?** Good boat speed and crew weight for the conditions enabled us to focus on tactical sailing

**Plans next season?** Sail as well as possible and enjoy ourselves

**Have you any thoughts on the series or the class?** We must grow the class at some new clubs and attract experienced sailors and youth to the class.

**What advice would you give to other sailors?** Stick at it and concentrate on doing the basics well. Don't over analyse or complicate things. Keep your boat layout simple with the basic controls working well. We all need to work on truly keeping our boats flat and working on free sailing/planing up and down wind in a breeze.

**Who would you like to thank?** Eli for being such a fantastic and enthusiastic crew, my wife Barb for her support and Peter Bridley and all the others who ran the last two States at Swansea.