



PROFILE: ZACK ROSSER

Zack's Canopy Coaching With Teags

SA SKYDIVING YOUNG GUN, ZACK ROSSER, HAS RECENTLY ATTAINED HIS CANOPY COACH RATING. ZACK HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY PROGRESSING AND LEARNING AS MUCH AS HE CAN AROUND CANOPY PILOTING AND SHOULD BE PROUD OF SOME FANTASTIC SUCCESSES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS. HE HAS JUST PUT TOGETHER A FEW RESOURCES AND MADE CANOPY COACHING AVAILABLE TO OTHER JUMPERS HERE IN SA. TEAGS CAUGHT UP WITH ZACK TO ASK HIM A FEW QUESTIONS.

How long have you been skydiving and at what point did you become more interested in Canopy Piloting?

I've been skydiving for three years now, doesn't feel that long! I was interested in Canopy Piloting competitions specifically before I did my AFF course. I used to watch all the Dubai Swoop League and the American Nationals day tapes just because I found it really interesting. Had no idea of how complex Swooping was but I was instantly drawn to it from the get go.

What have been your main influences / inspirations to pursue CP?

I think the main inspiration was watching all the other 'big dogs' swoop in and thought, "that was pretty cool, I wanna do that". My main influence though would have to have been my good friend, Beau Gora, after he went to Nationals for the first time under a Crossfire2 129, it opened my eyes up to the options and that I could also do that.



You had some recent success at the Kapow Cup and the CP Nationals, tell us about that and your training in the lead up to the events.

Yeah I was pretty stoked to get first place at Kapow Kup and be the Intermediate Champion, which was a pretty good personal achievement. I can't lie, I was wearing the medal till I got home to Adelaide. Nationals I had no main goals except for learning as much as I could. Competition was tough but I was super proud of myself for my own results. I learnt so much and was just an overall great two weeks of learning and hanging out with good friends, would highly recommend it. Leading up to both Kapow and Nationals I was flying camera for the Bruise Brothers which helped with training as it was basically free hop'n'pops and then in my spare time trying to do as many jumps as I could with Beau Gora and Bryce Sellick who I consider to be my mentors.

What are your main motivations for starting your own coaching?

I think my main motivations would have to be self-progression and other's progression. So many of my mentors were happy to help me out, coaching me get to where I am, so I figured it's only fair I did the same and try to build safer canopy pilots in SA, and hopefully have more people come over to Nationals too.

What are your top three tips for new canopy pilots?

1. Be patient and learn your canopy, don't be in a rush to get to the next stage.
2. Have a progression plan. Be realistic with where you want to go with canopy piloting.
3. Have the right gear and look after your gear!

Thanks Zack, congratulations on your achievements this far and we are excited to see just how far you'll go in the future.

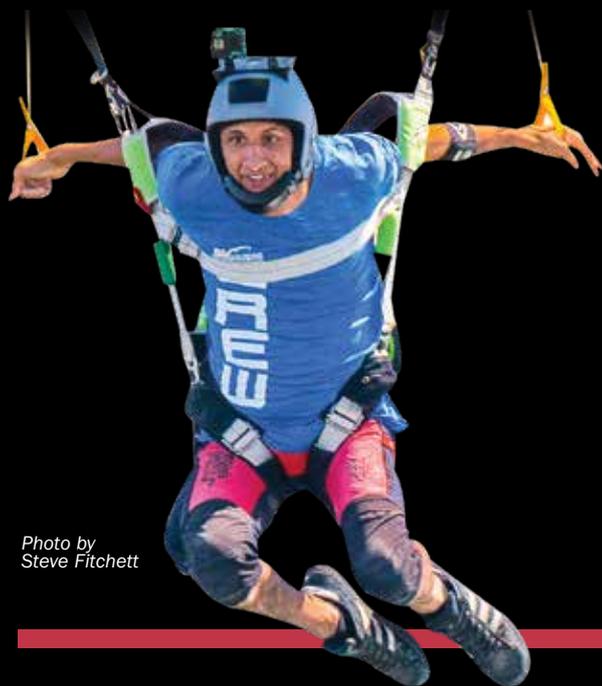


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