

Coaching

Up until gaining their "C" Certificate a pilot generally has only gotten advice on flying from instructors. Although the pilot is still under supervision of the duty instructor he/she may now find that coaching will play a larger part in their flying. While instructing is more about stick and rudder skills, coaching is more about improving thermalling/cruising and getting more out of the flight. DDSC is lucky that most instructors are also coaches so the pilot has most likely received a basic form of coaching already. Just like duty instructors, coaches are usually rostered every Saturday as well for pilots to make use of. There are many ways that a coach can help improve your flying:

Theory

Coaches can help to explain many aspects of flying (weather/water ballast/final glides etc.) in a one on one theory session and answer the many questions a new cross country pilots may have. There are many articles available to read as well.

Two seater flying

If given enough notice, coaches can be made available for coaching in a two seat club glider. A number of coaches are signed off to fly Duo Discus JSR which can enable the pilots to fly a much larger cross country task and impart more knowledge to the pilot.

Lead and follow

Lead and follow flights allow the coach to take a number of pilots out on a cross country task. These flights are a perfect opportunity for the pilot to watch and learn from a more experienced pilot.

Post flight de-brief

Even if the coach had nothing to do with the flight they can help by doing a de-brief using the logged flight and SeeYou. Using Seeyou combined with a coaches input can yield a lot of valuable information on what can be improved as well as what the pilot is doing well.

The coaches at Darling Downs Soaring Club are available to the membership to improve flying and satisfaction in their gliding so be sure to make the most of the services.