

**1966 1967 Australian National Cherub Championships  
and 1967 Interdominion Championship.**

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Fifty-five Cherubs from five states took part in the class National titles held on Middle Harbour, Sydney. The Open and Junior titles developed from the outset into a tussle between the 1965-66 champion, Gordon Lucas, of Western Australia in *Ace*, and the current New South Wales champion, Geoff Adams in *Pepper*. The tussle lasted right through to the last heat, which *Pepper* entered with a slight points lead over *Ace*. *Ace* finished the heat in third position, ahead of *Pepper* in fourth place, but *Pepper's* earlier lead gave her the title. Ross Swanson's Western Australian Boat *Sandy R* came home third overall. *Tremelo*, sailed by Warwick Downes of New South Wales, gave a brilliant performance for a new boat to take out the Australian Cherub Cadet Championship (for under 18 entrants). *G.L.*, skippered by Ian Lindsay of New South Wales, finished second with Chris Nash in the consistent *Vagabond* in third place. The series started with the traditional invitation race, won by *Sandy K* from *vagabond* and *Conformity* (Ian Gibson, NSW).

The first heat, sailed in a light south east breeze saw *Pepper* jump into the lead in the closing stages to win from *Ace* and the Queensland boat *Witchcraft* (G. Conn). Light conditions prevailed for the second heat, won by *Ace* from *Pepper* and *Tinkerbelle* (G. Smith, NSW) with *Tremelo* fourth. *Pepper* made things difficult for *Ace* by taking out the third heat from *Sandy K* with *Watana* (M. Fletcher, NSW) third and *Ace* fourth. The final heat saw a battle royal between *Ace* and *Pepper* to decide the championship. Neither came to the front, but *Pepper*, in fourth, kept close enough to *Ace*, in third, to hold the title. The heat went to *Sandy K* from *Vagabond*.

The National titles were followed by the first Cherub Interdominion championship conducted on Middle Harbour by the Clontarf Junior Sailing Club. Thirty Australian boats from five states and 12 New Zealand boats entered. The first heat was abandoned when the time limit expired. *G.L.* took the second from *Pepper* and *Conformity*, while in the third *Mecca* (New Zealand) won from *Pepper* and *Sandy K*. *Sandy K* took out the fourth heat comfortably from *G.L.* and *Conformity*, with the New Zealand boat *Serendipity* fourth. The first heat was resailed, and resulted in a win for *Mecca* from *Vagabond*, *Pepper* and *Cascade*.

*Pepper* came good in the fifth heat to win clearly from *Serendipity* and *G.L.* *Mecca* came home eighth after being damaged in an accident. *Serendipity* led all the way. in the final heat from *Ace*, *Conformity* and *Pepper*. When final points scores were added, *Pepper* had won her second big honour within a week, with a clear win in the Interdominion on 6936 points. New Zealand took second and third placings with *Serendipity* (6317) and *Mecca* (6167). The next five placings went to Australia (*G.L.*, *Sandy K*, *Conformity*, *Vagabond*, *Ace*).

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