

**1969-1970 Australian National Cherub Championships and  
1st Cherub World Championships 1970**

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New Zealanders Russell Bowler and Peter Walker could not have wished for a more satisfactory result than coming the double at the recent Australian and world Cherub championships sailed on the Swan River in Perth. Their victory, the culmination of a 12-month campaign, was due to a series of brilliant performances in light and heavy conditions. Apart from one disqualification and a 19th placing, Bowler and Walker were never farther back than fourth in the other 10 races that were sailed in the two championships. Their tally included four wins and three second placings. Their boat, *Jennifer Julian*, was of foam glass fibre construction - similar to the one with which Bowler won the Interdominion 12ft. Skiff title last year.

Sixteen-year-old Jamie Wilmot of Sydney gave an excellent display of sailing in *Jazzzer* to be runner-up for the world title after finishing fourth in the Australian championship sailed the previous week. A retirement in the sixth heat cost him any chance he had of beating the New Zealand pair for the title. West Australia's Gordon Lucas, three times winner of the Australian championship, did not live up to expectations with his new boat *Ace III*. The boat was launched only shortly before the invitation race for the Australian series and after being beaten on a count back by Bowler for the national title Lucas seemed to have a good chance of winning the world championship. However, he could only manage two seconds, two thirds and a sixth in the five heats he counted in the world series and finished third overall.

Protests lodged against the construction of both *Jennifer Julian* and *Jazzzer* after the fifth heat of the world championship were dismissed. It was claimed that *Jennifer Julian* lacked enough buoyancy and that *Jazzzer's* chine was rounded at the tuck instead of being square. The protests were dismissed when it was pointed out that there was no provision in the class constitution for a protest to be lodged against a boat during a championship series if that boat had been passed as meeting class requirements by an association measuring officer and been given a certificate of registration. Any protest against the construction method of a boat had to be submitted before the series began. *Jazzzer* was leading in the world series after five heats and the emotional strain young Wilmot underwent during the controversy brought on an attack of asthma and he failed in the last two heats.

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