

## 1970-1971 Australian National Cherub Championships

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### Henley, South Australia

Entries for the Cherub nationals totalled 61, the maximum allotted under class rules. The Henley S.C. in South Australia accepted the responsibility of host club, and managed the large and highly competitive fleet in an efficient manner. The Cherubs suffered from the severe weather, quite a few finding the local surf a problem, and in the first wild days retirements were plentiful. Local firms responded to the calls for help from this class and others in distress and the wounded were patched up to sail the next day. The Cherubs made a good Australia-wide representation, with entries from Queensland, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania, West Australia, and South Australia.

Boats from the home State, where the class has a small but enthusiastic following, had to follow the interstate skippers most times, but Robert Zabukovic led for most of the third heat until gear trouble put him out towards the end of the race.

After all the wind and waves Queensland and West Australia were challenging each other for the lead, K. Baddiley with *Checkmate* managing to hold the advantage from the West Australian B. Wright in *Pegasus II*.



Final placings were:

*Fresh conditions made handling difficult for the Cherubs. D Lindsay gybes at the wing mark.*

*Checkmate* (K. Baddiley, R Jeffries). Queensland;

*Pegasus II* (B. Wright, R. Moore), West Australia:

*Shadrack*. (M. Nash, M. Oram), New South Wales:

*Vindicator* (Miss H. Cerutty), Tasmania, Women's Championship.

The winner was a Mark 7 hull beautifully built and finished, while *Pegasus II* was a Fraser hull with sails by Jack Cassidy. These boats show the variation allowed by the rules, but were both close on actual performance.

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