

## 1971-1972 Australian National Cherub Championships

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### **Bramble Bay, Queensland**

A champion crew assisted by *Vitamin C* defeated a strong fleet of champions for the Australian Cherub class championship on a wind-whipped Bramble Bay course in Queensland.

*Vitamin C* is no pep pill; she is the revolutionary "flying saucer" type Cherub designed by the defending champion Ken Baddiley and built by his meticulous father Harry and crewed by Queensland's best young for'ard hand Rhys Jeffries. She won the national crown, second in a row for her crew, with an impressive scorecard of 1-2-2-1-1-1-1.

This was a fine performance but did not come about without a struggle, particularly with West Australian heavy-weather specialists Ian Blanckensee and Stephen Boardley, masters in the heavier heats which they won with *Redwing III*.

*Vitamin C's* sail wardrobe was exclusively perfect-setting Jack Cassidy sails a suit which has had hard racing all summer, but which has constantly improved, reaching peak performances in the national series.

Baddiley won the last national crown with *Checkmate* in heavy winds and it was thought that he would be the master in these conditions at Humpybong. But had the series blown hard throughout, Blanckensee had the form to win. However, in moderate conditions the *Vitamin C* combination were the complete masters winning two of their heats by wide four-minute plus margins, and their performance in the heavy stuff was not far behind *Redwing III*, which gave them strong all-round capabilities worthy of national championship honours.

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