

1973-1974 Australian National Cherub Championships

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Black Rock, Melbourne, Victoria.

Cherub class honours were decided at the Black Rock Yacht Club when two NSW girls created a turn up by showing a clean pair of heels to 60 top male 12-footer skippers and crews. The series was won by *Slithy Tove* skippered by 18 year old Bethwaite with 16-year-old Amanda Wilmot runner-up after out-sailing the all male fleet over the seven race championships.

Miss Bethwaite won because of a superior combination of gear and boat handling skill plus a great deal of perception and common sense in working out local knowledge to her own advantage right from the first race.

Both the winner and Victorian third placegetter, Steve Skinner's *Resurrection*, were Bethwaite-built hulls. *Slithy Tove* carried Elvstrom sails and was powered by Bethwaite built spars. Amanda Wilmot would have done even better if the breezes had been lighter, as she only carried a light crew aboard Gladys Victoria.

Results

1	<i>Slithy Tove</i>	(N. Bethwaite, NSW)	1,3,1,3,2,2	17.4;
2	<i>Gladys Victoria</i>	(A. Wilmot, NSW)	2,5,12,36,1,1,3	36.7
3	<i>Resurrection</i>	(S. Skinner. Vic.)	7,1,2,8,13,22,2	52;
4	<i>Vitamin C</i>	(A. McLean, Qld.)	6,2,4,10,4,5,7	53.7
5	<i>Clarence William III</i>	(S. Gosling, NSW)	5,9,3,17,28,6,1	65.4;
6	<i>Tachycardia</i>	(D. Pheiffer, NSW)	3,4,5,7,18,28,4	68.7;
7	<i>AD73</i>	(G. Hilton, WA)	41. 8,11,6,3,7,13	80;
8	<i>Woodwind</i>	(R. Zabukovic SA)	8,10,6,4,16,11,11	83.7;
9	<i>Seraphin</i>	(A. Moore WA)	12,15,8,2,34,13,18	99;
10	<i>Victoire</i>	(M. Galloway, WA)	9,37,13,1,12,30,6	99.7.

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