

## 1985-1986 Australian National Cherub Championships

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### Bunbury, WA

Brothers Andrew and Stephen Hay (NSW) sailing *Revised Edition*, a four-year-old New Zealand boat that came to Australia as *New Testament* for the 1983 World Championship, won five of the seven races to take the Cherub nationals. Second was *Axiom* sailed by another brother combination, Mark and Brendan Mathews from Qld, and third were West Australians Mark Beizel and Evan Watts in *Wings*, a near-new Murray design.

Forty-two entries sailed from the Koombana Bay YC in mostly light to moderate breezes and moderate seas. The famous Fremantle Doctor failed to appear in any race, which disappointed a lot of WA crews.

The Hay's win was just reward for a winter rebuild which took 7 kg off the weight of the ply hull. It was achieved by consistently obtaining clear air shortly after the start and then using their good upwind speed and tactics to hold off challengers.

In the last race, the leading six boats crossed the line within 15 seconds of each other.

- 1, *Revised Edition* (A. Hay, NSW), 5-1-1-2-1-1-1, 3;
- 2, *Axiom* (M. Mathews, Qld) 7-2-2-1-3-4-10, 32.7
- 3, *Wings* (M Beissell, WA), 1-7-3-3-5-5 -2, 34.4
- 4, *Last Resort* (B. Gibson, NSW), 2-4-8-6-8-3-8, 56.4;
- 5, *Skateaway* (D. Brook, NSW), 4-DSQ-4-4-2-7-14, 60;
- 6, *One Step Beyond* (D. Gibson, NSW), 6-3-9-7-4-9-6, 65.1;
- 7, *Black Friday* (H. Stoddart, ACT), 17-DSQ-5-8-9-2-3, 70.7;
- 8, *Apollo* (R. Le Guier WA), 9-6-DSQ-5-10-13-9, 86.7;
- 9, *Colorfast* (A. Heany, NSW), DN'F-8-6-10-13-6-15;
- 10, *Press Release* (J. Floyd, Vic), 3-5-RET-DNS-7-8-5. 101.7.

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