

1986-1987 Australian National Cherub Championships

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The 24th Cherub titles were held at the Inglis YC in Wynyard, Tasmania with 32 Cherubs competing and representatives from ACT, NSW, Qld, SA, WA and Tasmania. The series was sailed in a variety of weather conditions with one heat being postponed because of strong winds. *Beyond Friday* (Hugh Stoddart, Tim Stuarich ACT) sailed a very consistent series to take out the title from last year's National champions Andrew and Stephen Hay on *Latest Edition*. Both boats are of the "Wop" design, the shells being manufactured by Pamcraft from the Association mould which was taken off ex-World champion *Foreign Affair*. "Wop" design boats proved to be superior in the fresher breezes filling the first five places. The junior trophy was won by *Gumboots* (David Leigh, Alan Mansfield, NSW) which ran fifth overall. Hard luck story of the series goes to *One Step Beyond* (David Gibson, Peter Belline, NSW) which relishing the heavy conditions at the start of heat one, cleared out from the fleet. She was leading by the proverbial country mile when halfway up the last leg the wind died and the Tasmanian boats led by *Smooth Operator* (Richard Buchanan) worked up the shore from the rear of the fleet to take the top placings.

- 1, *Beyond Friday* (H. Stoddart, ACT) 8-2-3-1-DNF-2-1, 25.7;
- 2, *Latest Edition* (A. Hay, NSW) 6-5-8-3-2-1-5, 40.4;
- 3, *One Step Beyond* (D. Gibson, NSW) 5-11-7-5-1-5-2, 46;
- 4, *Stress Factor* (D. Brook, NSW) 11-4-6-2-13-6-3, 57.1;
- 5, *Gumboots* (D. Leigh, NSW) 18-1-17-4-7-4-4, 60;
- 6, *Max Factor* (P. Reid, Tas) 7-3-4-7-6-11-DNF, 68.4;
- 7, *Smooth Operator* (R. Buchanan, Tas) 1-8-1-11-19-21-9, 71;
- 8, *Roaring Forties* (C. Symonds, Tas) 2-10-5-8-14-14-10, 79;
- 9, *Liquid Lamington* (B. Gibson, NSW) 19-13-11-9-3-7-6, 81.4;
- 10, *Longer Fuse* (P. Symonds, Tas) 4-6-2-6-16-20-DNF, 82.4.

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