

1990-91 Australian National Cherub Championships

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Belmont, NSW

Lake Macquarie sailors Andrew Hewson and Greg Stivano won the Australian Cherub title staged from the Belmont 16ft Skiff Sailing Club. Hewson and Stivano sailed *Otmorot* to victory in the 50-boat fleet that had representatives from five States and Territories. The fleet experienced a full range of conditions from a light five knots in heat seven to a fresh 20 knots in heat four.

The *Otmorot* crew were sailing their 11th season together and showed good speed through all wind conditions, but they were particularly fast in the 10 to 15 knots of heats two, four and five. At all times their crew work and tactics were solid. They also won the junior title.

Hot Chille Peppers sailed by brother and sister combination of Maria-Luisa and Victor Ojeda, from WA, finished runners-up. This boat had outstanding upwind speed in over 15 knots, but struggled in the light stuff. Belmont pair Kane Sinclair and Martin Plentinger in *Go Hard or Go Home* had good speed in all wind strengths, but had to dig themselves out of the fleet too often and finished in third place. Sinclair and Plentinger also won the cadet title.

Generally, as in past years, NSW boats dominated the series with seven boats in the top 10. Within the NSW fleet, boats from Lake Macquarie showed the benefit of strong club racing.

- 1, *Otmorot* (A. Hewson, G. Stivano) 9-1-41-1-10-3, 28.7;
- 2, *Hot Chille Peppers* (M. & V. Ojeda) 2-17-2-5-3-1-19, 44.7;
- 3, *Go Hard or Go Home* (K. Sinclair, M. Plentinger) 3-6-5-7-2-6-2, 45.1;
- 4, *Genetic Misfortune* (J. & G. Boyd, NSW) 1-361-9-12-2-13, 54;
- 5, *The Friday Edition* (H. Stoddard, R. Scott, ACT) 4-5-15-3-dsq-11-1, 61.7;
- 6, *Cowabunga* (T. Fay, S. Young, NSW) 5-2-3-10-13-2-22, 62.7;
- 7, *Final Decision* (R. Livingstone, G. Bauchop, NSW) 10-12-29-0-412-4, 76;
- 8, *We're No Angels* (B. Sleeth, A. Rodrigues, Vic) dnf-3-19-6- 53-17, 81.1;
- 9, *Smoke My Peg* (G. Searant, C. Pomfret, NSW) 13-8-242-6-17-10, 86.7;
- 10, *Placebo Effect* (J. Kernson, M. Andrews, NSW) 9-14-9-8-7-9-11, 88.

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