

1991-1992 Australian National Cherub Championships

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Gear failure ruined a "right-down-to-the-wire" contest in the Cherub nationals at Henley, Adelaide, contested by a strong, 46-boat fleet, which had tight racing in mainly heavy conditions.

Just 2.3 points separated leaders Kane Sinclair, Andrew Hewson and John Boyd (all from NSW) going into the last two heats on the final day.

Hewson won the morning heat in light to moderate conditions to be in the box seat for the resail of the fourth race which followed, in a considerably stronger breeze.

Sinclair started at the pin end of the line with Hewson lurking a couple of lengths to windward. But the slightly heavier Sinclair and his crew Andrew Quinn, both 18, from Belmont, jumped out of the start, rounded the windward mark and hit the lead on the next work. But then a broken trapeze wire ended Hewson's challenge and gear failure also put Boyd out of the race leaving Sinclair to finish third for an overall win.

The first three were all fast around the course with Sinclair perhaps having a slight edge on the reaches.

- 1, *Go Hard or Go Home* (K. Sinclair, NSW), 5-2-1-1-4-2-3, 19.7;
- 2, *Otmorot* (A. Hewson, NSW), 6-I-2-nf-2-3-1, 23.4;
- 3, *Genetic Misfortune* (J. Boyd, NSW), 46-3-nf-1-1-7, 38.4;
- 4, *Back Seat Pickup* (M. Crockett, NSW), 1-nf-6-3-6-9-4, 52.1;
- 5, *Up the Creek* (M. Benson, NSW), 9-3-10-7-3-5-5, 59.4;
- 6, *Smoke My Peg* (G. Searant, NSW), 7-8-5-4-7-8-2, 61;
- 7, *Too Much Fandango* (A. Torville, NSW), 3-18-4-2-8-4-20, 62.7;
- 8, *Ice Man* (D. Carey, SA), 2-48-15-nt-11-8, 78;
- 9, *Deep Sea Racing Prawn* (P. Schneider, WA), 13-10-nf-5-5-6-6, 78.4;
- 10, *We're No Angels* (B. Sleeth, Vie), 84-7-9-of-7-14, 84.

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