

1996 1997 Australian National Cherub Championships and

As published in *Australian Sailing* magazine, April 1997

Henley, South Australia

The O'Mahoney Boat Constructions Cherub national titles, at Henley SC, Adelaide, attracted 45 entries representing SA, Queensland, NSW, ACT and WA.

The series was won by Scott Day and Scott Davis, one of 21 crews from Belmont 16ft Skiff Club, sailing *Beam Me Up*. Second was *Dry Reaching*, sailed by Marshall Harrington and Brett Morris of Georges River SC and third, *Primal Fear* (Matt Day, Alex Cachia, Georges River). A wide range of weather conditions was experienced with the solid breezes and rough seas present for the early races moderating to light breezes for the last two heats. The seas off Henley were difficult for visitors more used to the flat conditions of Lake Macquarie and Sydney Harbour nine masts were broken in the first two heats. The changing conditions shaped an interesting end to the regatta with the series being decided by the last race. *Dry Reaching* at the first mark had enough boats between her and *Beam Me Up* to win the series. However, *Beam Me Up* fought back to beat *Dry Reaching* over the line and win the series.

Day and Davis were having their first season together in Cherubs. Day attributed the work he had done with Anson on his working sails and improved crew work for their superior speed in fresh winds.

The *Beam Me Up* and *Dry Reaching* hulls were both O'Mahoney Mark II designs while *Primal Fear* was a Bollard design.

Results

- 1, *Beam Me Up* (S. Day, S. Davis, NSW), 1-13-1-2-18-7, 21.7;
- 2, *Dry Reaching* (M. Harrington, B. Morris, NSW), 4-3-1-2-3-217, 25.4;
- 3, *Primal Fear* (M. Day, A. Cachia, NSW), 12-17-2- dnf-4-3-1, 57.7;
- 4, *Rope City* (M. Matthews, R. Ford, Old), 8-13-1214-5-1-4, 69;
- 5, *The Lairy Canary* (T. Fay, R. Kelly, NSW), 11-2-9-dnf-6-6-6, 70.11;
- 6, *Heart Shaped Box* (R. Bridge, M. Willis, NSW), 3-723-4-7-11-11, 73.7;
- 7, *Rubber Hipped and Hoover Lipped* (G. Robinson, J. McCullough, NSW), 2-4-16-7-11-7-22, 76;
- 8, *Show Us Ya Kite* (D. Johnson, S. Power, ACT), 13-6-6-6-1915-5, 85.1;
- 9, *Scenic Root* (C. Garnett, A. Langton, NSW), 6-12-4-9-18-523, 86.7;
- 10, *Trick with a Knife* (A. Forbes, NSW), 20-22-7-dnf-1-4-12, 91.

Reproduced with the kind permission of *Australian Sailing* magazine

www.yaffa.com.au/mags/aslmag.htm