

2005-06 Australian Cherub National Championships

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Belmont sailors Trevor Fay and Rohan Kelly sailing *Wally* were convincing winners of the 43rd Australian Championships held at Largs Bay Sailing Club in Adelaide. Midway through the regatta it looked like a very different result was in the offing as light weather and short course racing produced three different heat winners from three different states. After four heats the series was lead by the husband and wife team of Craig and Mel Davidson from Jervis Bay Sailing Club in NSW in *Fortune Faded* with two wins from Travis Figg and Robert Burvill in *TNT*. At this stage Fay and Kelly were languishing in fifth place on the pointscore needing a great change of fortune to revive their chances.



Trevor Fay and Rohan Kelly sailing Wally, winners of the Cherub Nationals at Largs Bay. (Picture Paparazzi.com)

Following the New Year's Day lay day Adelaide's sea breezes started to blow and in the stronger wind Fay and Kelly started to shine. Demonstrating outstanding downwind speed and skills in the Adelaide chop they won the remaining five heats to clinch the championship. Their victory was the first for a NSW crew since Fay last won the title in 2000/01.

The championship attracted a fleet of 35 boats with the top boats from each of the strong fleets in NSW, South Australia and Western Australia performing well. The series also demonstrated the increasing diversity of sailors in the Cherub class with competitor's ages ranging from 15 to 61.

Second overall in the series were South Australians Neil How and Justin Gardner in *Dirty Sanchez* who backed up their heavy weather form with consistent results in the lighter races. The Junior Championship went to Glen Emery and Grant Edwards from Henley Sailing Club while the Cadet Championship went to Steven and Blake Vance from Perth. The Women's Skipper trophy was won by Belmont's Caroline Phillips for the second year in a row.

1. Wally (T.Fay/R.Kelly, NSW), 2-6-6.5-8-1-1-1-1-1, 13pts
2. Dirty Sanchez (N.How/J.Gardner, SA), 6-7-3-3-6-3-3-3-3, 24
- 3 Fortune Faded (C.Davidson/M.Davidson, NSW), 11-1-2-1-5-10-4-5-7, 25
4. Pocket Rocket (C.Phillips/N.Hale, NSW), 3-4-6.5-7-4-5-11-11-9, 38.5
5. In God's Hands (J.Birdsall/J.Penney, NSW), 14-15-26-13-3-2-5-2-2, 41
6. Quick Spoon (G.Emery/G.Edwards, SA), 9-5-1-12-7-11-9-7-5, 43
7. GO (P.Vance/A.Vance, WA), 8-20-19-9-10-6-2-6-4, 45
8. Fine Mess (S.Vance/B.Vance, WA), 1-dnf-20-4-11-4-10-13-6, 49
9. Camel Toe (A.Forbes/K.Warner, NSW), 7-12-17-2-8-9-8-4-16, 50
10. TNT (T.Figg/R.Burvill, SA/WA), 5-3-4-5-12-13-dnf-ocs-12, 54
- 10 Serenity Now (M.Von Felron/J.Kelly, WA), 19-2-22-6-2-16-12-8-8, 54

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