

## Dramatic win in closest WA Cherub State Championships in History

### Inside this issue:

<i>Cherubs at the 12ft Skiff Nationals</i>	2
<i>NSW States</i>	3
<i>New Management at Allwoods</i>	4
<i>Crews Gear Up for CHS</i>	4
<i>Cherubs Wanted Urgently</i>	4

**Right: By winning the final two heats of the WA State Championships Brennan Stead and Josh Leslie established themselves as one of the boats to watch next season. (Photo Michelle Lucarelli)**



*Go* sailed by Phil and Andrew Vance overtook *Cunning Linguist* sailed by Cam Rule and Todd Montgomery in the last state heat to become the latest WA Cherub State Champions. The win was a great way to finish their career in Cherubs before they move on to 14ft Skiffs.

In a race characterized by a volatile and shifty Easterly the lead swapped as many as 5 times in the final heat, but the deal was sealed for *Go*, after *Cunning Linguist* gibed at the top mark to try their hand at the other side of the course and fell into a lighter shift.

Before the last heat, just 0.4 of a point separated the leading boat, *Cunning Linguist* and second placed *Go*. In addition, there were 3 boats within a couple of points of each other eligible for 3rd place. But in the end 3rd place was snapped up by *Fine Mess* sailed by Brennan Stead and Josh Leslie. It was a fantastic effort considering they had to carry a DNF and won the last 2 heats. They will be ones to watch out for next season.

The long series was held over 5 months from November to March, where competitors raced from Mounts Bay Sailing Club, Perth Dingy Sailing Club,

Koombana Bay Sailing Club and South Perth Yacht Club. All types of conditions were encountered, from 1 knot Easterlies in flat water to 25 knot Southerlies in 2 meter swell. In that regard the winner is truly a master of all conditions, and would be in good stead to compete at the highest level in any class.

The outlook for the next season and the next State Championships is looking excellent, with a great deal of interest from junior fleets looking for an exciting, cutting edge Skiff to sail that also has a great social scene.  
- Cameron Rule

## Cherubs at the 12ft Skiff Nationals

Eight Cherubs accepted the invitation to race in the 12ft Skiff National Championships held at Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club in Sydney at Easter. Six of them competing for the special prize that was offered for the first Cherub in the final results and two of them chose to experiment with twin strings and bigger sails competing directly against the 12ft Skiffs.

While the two beefed up Cherubs struggled to come to terms with two string sailing in the gusty and variable breeze condition of Sydney's upper harbour the standard Cherubs surprised many of their larger cousins by finishing well on the overall standings.

The stars of the regatta were former Flying Eleven National Champion Alison Chapman from Lane Cove

and Nathan Chipchase from Belmont who, sailing together for the first time and in a borrowed boat, comfortably won the Cherub prize and finished 21st overall in the series.

The 12ft Skiff Nationals was raced over six heats comprising two long format races and four short format. The first heat sailed in a dying southerly breeze saw Ben Lawrie the runner-up at the Cherub Nationals, sailing *Liquor in Public* with Kurt Warner, sneak a win in the Cherub group by passing Chapman and Chipchase in *Alchemy* on the last downwind leg of the race. This was the last time that Chapman and Chipchase were headed in the series as they pressed on to take five straight wins in conditions that varied from 6kts to 20kts. Photos of the series here.



### Cherubs at the 12ft Skiff Nationals

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew
1 3145	Alchemy	Alison Chapman	Nathan Chipchase
2 3159	Liquor in Public	Ben Lawrie	Kurt Warner
3 3144	Wally *	Trevor Fay	Kris Fay
4 3147	Camel Toe	Amy Carlson	Ewan Duckworth
5 3128	Ralph	Catherine Trew	Kate Hayward
6 3062	The Lairy Canary *	Josh Doyle	Tom Drury
7 3116	Scooby Doo	Poppy Moore	Rachael Logie
8 2978	Toey	Andrew Glassock	Catriona Glassock
9 2977	Ajax	Natalia Jastrzab	Robbie Polec

**Right from top: Alison Chapman and Nathan Chipchase in *Alchemy* comprehensively won the Cherub Prize at the 12ft Skiff Nationals. Catherine Trew and Kate Hayward working up the harbour in *Ralph*. Two strings, a big jib and a masthead kite proved to be a handful in the gusty conditions even for reigning Cherub National Champion Trevor Fay sailing with his son Kris. *Alchemy* is dwarfed by the big rigs of the 12ft Skiffs at the start of Heat 6. Despite this Chapman and Chipchase finished a creditable 21st overall beating many of the skiffs. (Photos: Fiona Lunsmann)**

## NSW States

Trevor Fay put the final touches to another comprehensive NSW State Championship win by winning the final heat held at Abbotsford on Sunday 2 March. The last two heats of the season long, eleven heat series could not have been more different. Heat 10 sailed at Lane Cove saw 25 knot gusts ripping across the flat waters of the upper harbour resulting in some monumentally fast rides and some spectacular crashes. Between the gusts were much quieter patches that tested everyone's sailing skills.

The crew to come out on top was Adam Forbes and Kurt Warner in *Thicker Than Water* who, after a recall at the start, managed to quickly work their way to the lead and then sail away from a fleet that was stretched out across the race course. The gusty conditions led to many swims some of which now feature on the *Australian Cherub Sailors* group gallery on Face-

book.

On Sunday the action moved to Abbotsford and by morning the Southerly air-stream had moderated significantly. In the quieter condition Trevor and Kris Fay jumped to an early lead along with Kurt Warner who took over the helm of *Thicker Than Water* for the final race and Andrew Stewart and Amy Smith in *Everything Zen*.

The Handicap Trophy for the series went to Lane Cove sisters Felicity and Melanie Killoran in *Rush* who managed to secure consistently good placings throughout the event.

The full final pointscore can be found [here](#).

**Right from top: Start of Heat 10 at Lane Cove sailed in a fresh southerly. Adam Forbes and Kurt Warner in *Thicker Than Water* secured a good win in Heat 10. Felicity and Mel Killoran in *Rush* won the overall Handicap Trophy for the series through consistent results over the eleven races. (Photos: Greg Bolton)**



### 2007-2008 NSW State Championships Final Results

	Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	10	11	Series Points
1	3144	Wally	Trevor Fay	Simon Young, Kris Fay	B16ftSC	6	1	10
2	3158	Thicker Than Water	Adam Forbes	Kurt Warner	GRSC	1	3	18
3	3154	Pocket Rocket	Nigel Hale	Ben Schutz	B16ftSC	3	DNS	29
4	3100	Everything Zen	Andrew Stewart	Amy Smith	GRSC	5	2	35
5	3147	Camel Toe	James Warner	Ewan Duckworth	GRSC	2	4	49
6	3145	Alchemy	Fiona Lunsmann	Rolf Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC	8	8	60
7	3070	Ricochet	Wayne Torpy	Nathan Chipchase	B16ftSC	4	10	66
8	3095	Fast Forward	Amy Carlson	Nathan Carlson	B16ftSC	DNF	7	67
9	3128	Rush	Flick Killoran	Mel Killoran	LC12ftSSC	9	5	74
10	3062	The Lairy Canary	Josh Doyle	Tom Drury	B16ftSC	10	6	75

## New Management at Allwoods

Two former Cherub National champions Joel McDonald and Brendon Matthews are the new management team at Allwood Sails in Brisbane.

Clive Allwood has decided to step back from the day to day management of the loft, a role that will now be taken on by new proprietor Joel McDonald. Brendon Matthews will become a partner in the business while continuing his association with Brenmark Industries the builders of Cherub hull shells.

As part of the changes the Allwood loft will be moving into the same premises as Brenmark Industries.

Clive Allwood will continue

to be involved in the business that was founded by his father in 1959. Joel was Clive's first apprentice and, for the last three years, has been running his own loft at Shute Harbour

Joel was involved in the original design of the Allwood Cherub spinnaker that has become so popular at the front end of the fleet. He has assured Cherub sailors that the Allwood designs and service will continue.

McDonald and Matthews campaigned Cherubs together for a number of years winning the Nationals held in Brisbane in 1998/99.

## Crews Gear up for CHS

High school aged Cherub sailors in NSW are gearing up for the 2008 Combined High Schools Regatta that will be held at Belmont from 14 to 19 April. They will be joined by a number of crews from junior classes such as a Flying Elevens who plan to borrow a Cherubs for the annual schools event. The regatta is open to all high school students and regularly attracts over 200 boats.

As well as competing for overall honours against all the other classes on yardstick the Cherubs will compete among themselves for the Cherub scratch and handicap trophies donated by the NSW Cherub Association. Entry forms for the event can be found [here](#).

## Cherubs Wanted Now

Do you have a Cherub that you rarely use? Do you know of someone with an unused Cherub in their garage? There is a significant demand for Cherubs at the moment and a desperate shortage of boats on the [Second Hand Boat List](#).

If you would like to put your boat on the market contact [Wayne](#) at [Cherub Central](#). You could be helping a new pair of young Cherub sailors get started.

Much of the current interest in the class has been fuelled by interest in the next Nationals to be held at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club

### Allwood Sails

[www.allwoodsails.com.au](http://www.allwoodsails.com.au)

[allwoodsails@netspace.net.au](mailto:allwoodsails@netspace.net.au)

Telephone: **07 3206 4657**

Fax: 07 3206 4128

Joel: **0415 195 275** Clive: **0417 075 316**



## Australian Cherub News

Association contacts:

[cherub.org.au](http://cherub.org.au)

E-mail: [info@cherub.org.au](mailto:info@cherub.org.au)

NSW	<a href="#">Ewan Duckworth</a>	02 9344 5880
WA	<a href="#">Andrew Vance</a>	08 9332 6196
SA	<a href="#">Duncan Groome</a>	08 8242 1140
Qld	<a href="#">Rob Jackson</a>	07 3393 3383
Tas	<a href="#">Mike Fuller</a>	03 6266 7109
Vic	<a href="#">Brent Frankcombe</a>	03 9807 9607

The Cherub is a 2 person 12ft high performance racing skiff with spinnaker and trapeze. Cherubs are very quick craft, offering exciting rides particularly downwind with their large asymmetric kites. The majority of Cherub sailors are in their late teens or early twenties but the flexibility of the class and the Cherub's great sailing qualities mean that there are also attractive to many older sailors. Many women sail Cherubs, both as skippers and as crews. Husband/wife, boyfriend/girlfriend, brother/sister and parent/child combinations of crew are common.