



**Right: Wrapping up a "threepeat" Steve and Blake Vance from Perth Dinghy Sailing Club take out the 2010-11 Western Australian State Championship.**

## Pacific National WA Cherub Championships

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For the third year in a row Steve and Blake Vance on Serenity Now from Perth Dinghy Sailing Club have won the Pacific National WA Cherub Championships. Off to a shaky start, the boys found their form after heat 2 winning 6 out of the remaining 8 heats. After such a successful career in Cherubs, the Vance cousins will concentrate on sailing their 14 foot skiff.

Second place was tied between Cam Rule and Cain McVee on Cuning Linguist from Mounts Bay Sailing Club and Brennan Stead and Elliot Mahar on Fine Mess from Perth Dinghy Sailing Club. On count back however, Cuning Linguist won out taking the runner up position again. The 10 race championship was held over four months at Mounts Bay Sailing

Club, Perth Dinghy Sailing Club, Koombana Bay Sailing Club and Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club. The sailors were treated to some strong wind, in particular a 20 knot plus offshore breeze at Mandurah Offshore Sailing and Fishing Club. In fact the last race on the Sunday was cancelled due to dangerous conditions.

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Above left: Alistair Standing and Daniel Cappy on *Juicy* get it a bit wrong at the "Gate mark". Right: Brennan Stead and Elliot Mahar in *Fine Mess* power to the finish mark in the Bunbury Race. (Photos: Michelle Lucarelli)

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Highlighting the gnarly conditions, heat 7 saw Cunning Linguist, then Fine Mess both cart wheel just before the downwind finish line. Cunning Linguist managed to still win the race, however whilst Fine Mess was 1 metre away from floating through

the line Serenity Now flew past and took 2<sup>nd</sup> position. Alistair Standing and Rachel Jones on *Juicy* showed glimpse of brilliance by sailing for survival in the heavy offshore wind in Mandurah to place 2<sup>nd</sup> in heat 6 and then by winning heat 10 at Mounts Bay Sailing Club by demonstrating tactical superiority in the light conditions.

The social side of the competition was, as always, just as exciting as the racing. The sailors enjoyed the weekend stays, particularly visiting the clubs and pubs in Mandurah and Bunbury.

team transporting their Cherubs to the National Championships in Adelaide.

- Cam Rule

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2010-2011 Western Australian Cherub State Championships

No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Pts
1	3135 Serenity Now	Steve Vance	Blake Vance	2	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	4	10
2	3148 Cunning Linguist	Cam Rule	Cain McVee	1	2	dnf	2	4	dnf	1	3	2	3	18
3	3130 Fine Mess	Brennan Stead	Elliot Mahar	6	1	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	18
4	3123 Juicy	Alistair Standing	Daniel Cappy	dns	dns	4	6	3	2	5	dnf	4	1	37
5	3085 Smacket	McLovin (Daniel Hackett)	Aiden Blight	5	6	3	5	5	4	4	dnf	dns	5	37
6	3084 Back in Black	Todd McVee	Steve Fryer	4	7	5	4	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	68
7	3157 Dumfounded Dipshidts	Luke Coppins	Chris Jahn	3	3	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dnf	dns	dns	78
8	3122 Dark Horse	Tom Batt	Andrew Hackett	dnf	4	dns	8	6	dnf	dns	dns	dns	dns	78
9	3077 TNT	Ed McGough	Todd Montgomery	8	dns	dns	7	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	87
10	3108 Queen of Hearts	Noelene Snelling	William Moran	7	8	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	87
11	3106 Bitch	Ryan Smith		dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dnf	dns	96

## Square Top Mainsail Trial

*The Cherub National Council has endorsed the construction of a number of experimental "Square Top" mainsails during the 2011-12 season.*

At the Annual General Meeting held in Adelaide during the National Championships, the Council agreed that a number of experimental sails should be built to allow the class to judge the merits of moving to mainsail roach profile more in line modern "Square Top" designs. The aim is to up date the look of the class and keep it in touch with current sail developments in other high performance classes.

The experimental sails will be made to test the performance characteristics of a square top on current masts and to develop the details measurements needed for a future rule change. It is expected that experimental sails will be made in Sydney, Belmont, Perth and possibly Brisbane.

If the experiments are successful, a new set of cross width measurements will be developed and the amended rules will be put to Cherub owners in a "remit" during the 2012 winter. All registered Cherub Owners will be entitled to vote on the remit. If the remit is passed the new rules would come into force for the 2012-13 season and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Nationals to be held at Belmont.

The Cherub mainsail profile was last changed in 2006 and the intention of the Council is to give all Cherub owners plenty of advance notice of this next possible change.

**Does a "Square Top" main sound like a good idea? Have your say on our [Facebook Page](#)**

**Below: Many unrestricted design classes such as 12ft Skiffs have moved to "Square Top" mains.**



## First Australian Cherubs

Celebrated WA yachtsman Gordon Wright, who with Garry Bisdee was the first ever Cherub National Champion, has been in touch with *Australian Cherub News* and has passed on some photos from the earliest days of Cherub sailing at Mounts Bay Sailing Club and in Australia. We plan to publish more in coming issues.



**Above: Recognise the Cherub National Championship Trophies? They have gone through a bit of re-modelling since 1963/64 when Gordon Wright won them all. Below: Cupid III the first Cherub National Champion (wearing an experimental sail and not its own number of 601). Bottom: The original seven Cherubs, the first in Australia, rigging on Opening Day at Mounts Bay Sailing Club October 1961.**



## NSW State 2010-11 Championship Wrap

The final round of the NSW Cherub State Championships was raced at Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club and Yarra Bay 16ft Sailing Club on the weekend of 5 and 6 March. The final two races were tense affairs with first and second place overall up for grabs between the two leading boats and third also very open.

Saturday's race at Lane Cove on Sydney's upper harbour was sailed in a gusty south easterly that topped 20kts at times. The breeze, plus the normal upper harbour traffic, made the race a tactical affair with several changes of leadership. Local Lane Cove skipper Alison Chapman, who was the stand in skipper for *Enough Rope*, showed that despite having been out of the class for twelve months, she still has the touch to sail a Cherub fast. Working the gusts and shifts up the long first work she had *Enough Rope* close to the early leaders Lawrence Wakefield and Oliver Jones from Drummoyne in *The Black Pearl*. The two leading boats then played out a race long duel with places swapping regularly. Behind them the Championship was being fought out between current National Champions Trevor Fay and Nathan Chipchase in *The French Tickler* and Kris Fay and Liam Doyle in *Wally*. At the finish of the race it was Alison Chapman and Tom Drury in *Enough Rope* who held on to win, proving Chapman to be the master of the upper harbour. On the last downwind leg *Wally* slipped

through *The Black Pearl* in to second place, with *The French Tickler* back in fourth.

The result set up a dramatic final race, with Trevor Fay on *The French Tickler* need to beat his son Kris Fay on *Wally* to take the series. The two were guaranteed the top two places.

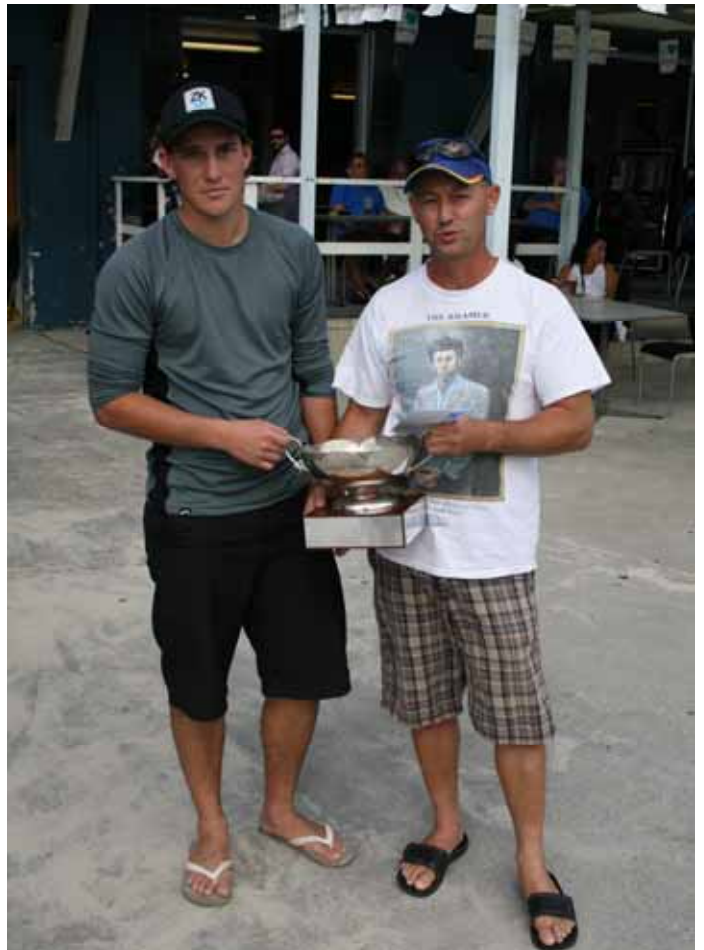
On Sunday the fleet moved to Yarra Bay for the final showdown and faced a steady 10 to 15kt south easterly and flat seas. Brett and Ryan Lancaster on *Causing Haavik* made the most of the first work to set up a very narrow lead over *The Black Pearl* and Claire and Rolf Lunsmann on *Alchemy*. Well back in the fleet were *The French Tickler* and *Wally* who were sailing their own private race. At the bottom of the second run Tim and Nick Harrington on *Cauchemar* passed *Causing Haavik* and were never headed, sailing away to a convincing win that saw the take third place overall in the series. *Causing Haavik* held on to second with *Alchemy* finishing third. In the all important series decider *The French Tickler* did enough to sneak into fifth place, three places ahead of *Wally*. This result gave Trevor Fay his ninth NSW State Championship spread over fourteen years.

Overall, despite the clear points gap between the first two boats and the rest of the fleet, the series saw five different crews win races in a fleet where, in

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Above: Tim and Nick Harrington in *Cauchemar* sailed away from the fleet for a big win in the final heat of the NSW State Championship. Below: "Winners are grinners" 2010-11 NSW State Champions Trevor Fay and Nathan Chipchase. Bottom right: Locals John Affras and Max Gundy were all smiles during their first ever State Championship race at Lane Cove in *Ajax* (Photos Greg Bolton)



## Notice of Race for Yeppoon Nationals

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the words of the new State Champion skipper, "The standard of sailing is improving all the time". Thirty five Cherubs sailed in at least one of the nine races of the series and, with Trevor Fay stepping into a new boat for next season, the prospects for another very competitive series on 2011-12 are great.

### **Cherub 2010-11 NSW State Championship Honours State Champions**

Trevor Fay and Nathan Chipchase,  
3143 *The French Tickler*, Belmont 16ft SC

### **State Championship Runners-up**

2<sup>nd</sup> Kris Fay and Liam Doyle,  
3144 *Wally*, Belmont 16ft SC

3<sup>rd</sup> Tim Harrington and Nick Harrington,  
3164 *Cauchemar*, Lane Cove 12ft SSC

### **Junior Champion and First Woman Skipper**

Claire Lunsmann and Rolf Lunsmann,  
3145 *Alchemy*, Lane Cove 12ft SSC

### **Cadet Champion**

Kris Fay and Liam Doyle,  
3144 *Wally*, Belmont 16ft SC

### **Handicap Trophy**

Brett Lancaster and Ryan Lancaster,  
3158 *Causing Haavik*, Belmont 16ft SC

### **Best New Boat**

Adam Bolton, 3163 *Never Ready*,  
Bayview Yacht Racing Association

### **Most Improved Crew**

Jenifer Pagett and Andrew Stephenson,  
3100 *Everything Zen*, Drummoyne SC

The 2011-12 Nationals will be held at [Keppel Bay Sailing Club](#) in Yeppoon Queensland.

The Notice of Race has already been released and is available on the [Cherub web site](#). The dates have been confirmed as 28 Dec 2011 to 4 Jan 2011 and the entry form is available with the NoR.

This is going to be a BIG event the first to be held at a location outside a major city for a number of years and the first ever to be held at a tropical tourist destination. Start your planning now!

Yeppoon is the coastal resort town adjacent to Rockhampton on the

Tropic of Capricorn.

Keppel Bay Sailing Club is one of the premier sailing clubs in Queensland backed by a major social club just across the road from the sailing venue.

The club is right behind the Cherub event and can be guaranteed to stage a fantastic event. Nearby Great Keppel Island and other local resorts will provide a great holiday destination for the whole family.

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## All in the Cherub Family

There is a lot to be said for family relationships in the sport of sailing. The Cherub class in New South Wales, Australia has them up, based on the evidence of their recent 2010-11 State Championships. The final race of their nine race series was a triumph for family crews.

The race was won by Tim Harrington sailing with his **SON** Nick as stand-in crew, a role normally capably filled by his **WIFE** Alison, second was Brett Lancaster sailing with his **BROTHER** Ryan as crew while third went to Claire Lunsman who sails with her **FATHER** Rolf completing an all family podium. A couple of places back in the final race were the series winner Trevor Fay who narrowly edged out his **SON** Kris to take the State Championship for the ninth time. Elsewhere on the thirty five boat final result sheet John Sanderson gained family bragging rights by beating his **SON** Alex and Mark Holt, who sails with his **SON** Paddy up front, triumphed over the boat crewed by his **DAUGHTER** Sophie. John Sanderson's crew Jessica Stephenson lost out overall to the boat crewed by her **BROTHER** Andrew while Aaron Kirkby scored a win over the boat steered by his **BROTHER** Stuart.

The results speak for themselves and prove that family connections can take you to the top of the tree even in athletically demanding, and fun boats like Cherubs.

**Below: Trevor Fay tucks his son Kris away in a "lee bow" during the final race of the NSW State Championships. (Photos Greg Bolton)**



## Chapman High Performance Sails

2008-09 Cherub National Champion Andrew Chapman has started a new sailmaking business, **Chapman High Performance Sailing**. Chapman, who was formally the chief Cherub sailmaker at MacDiarmid Sails, will now be operating his own loft based at Artarmon in Sydney's inner northern suburbs.

The first generation of Cherub sails from the new loft are expected to be available shortly.

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