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Brisbane Nationals Planning

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The Organising Committee for the Brisbane Nationals is well advanced in their planning of what should be one of the best attended Nationals regattas in recent times. The [Notice of Race](#) for the event has been posted on Cherub Central and arrangements for the race organisation are well underway.

Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron is one of Australia's premier regatta venues with excellent facilities

and plenty of room for rigging.

The racing will be on the north east waters of Waterloo Bay. Sailors who attended the 2003-04 Nationals won by local crew Andrew Fee and Brendan Matthews in *JW Bell* will be familiar with the conditions.

This year should see many younger crews who are new to the Cherub class attending their first Nationals. Entries are expected to be strong for the Cadet Championship for skippers aged under 18 as of 1 Dec 07 and for the Junior Championship for skippers aged 18 to under 21.

While there is plenty of accommodation in the local Wynnum Manly area it is worthwhile getting in early as some has started to become booked out for the period of the regatta. One new accommodation

option is the recently completed 39 room Manly Marina Cove Motel complex that has been built on the RQYS site. The Club also has camping available on site.

A number of other accommodation options are listed on the Cherub website.

Entries for the Nationals close on 7 December 2007 with entries needing to go to:

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Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron is one of Australia's best regatta venues with very high quality facilities at their Clubhouse (left and blow left) and plenty of space on the site (below right).



Winter Transfer Market Hots Up

There has been a lot of activity recently in the Cherub transfer market with some high profile boats finding their way into the hands of new owners, a number of whom are new to the class.

Australian Cherub News has had its spies out to spot some of the more prominent moves.

While a number of top line Cherubs briefly appeared on the [Cherub Central](#) second-hand boat list in April and May, the rate at which they were snapped up indicates the strong interest in the class nationally.

Meanwhile, the Cherub

class is still proving itself as an effective pathway to some of Australia's high performance senior classes. In Perth, last year's Cherub National Champions, the Von Felten brothers, have moved into **International 14s** as have Ben Lawrie, Rohan Van Dongen and Matt Haskamp. Steve Walters has acquired a **Sharpie** to contest the Sharpie Nationals that will be held at East Fremantle this year.

In Sydney, Evan Williams has moved into **12ft Skiffs** where he will team up with former Cherub sailor Bill Olsen.



Above: The Belmont team of Simon and Nigel Blatchford will split next year with Simon campaigning a new boat while Nigel swaps the trapeze wire for the tiller on *Syncin'*.

Cherub Transfers for 2007-08

Sail No	Boat	From	To	New Club
New	KISS		Duncan Groome	LBSC (Adelaide)
New	???		Neil How	LBSC (Adelaide)
New	Getcha Cans Out		Simon Blatchford	B16SC (Belmont)
3158	Thicker Than Water	Leigh Ashwood	Adam Forbes and Kurt Warner	GRSC (Sydney)
3157	Up Skirt Sha-Bam	Ben Lawrie	Steve Clarke	PDSC (Perth)
3152	Enough Rope	Griffin/Williams	Ryan Clifton-Smith	B16SC (Belmont)
3147	Camel Toe	Adam Forbes	Ewan Duckworth and James Warner	GRSC, YBSC (Sydney)
3143	Syncin'	Simon Blatchford	Nigel Blatchford	B16SC (Belmont)
3142	Fortune Faded	Carla Bauchop	Rob Anderson and Kingsley Forbes-Smith	LC12ftSSC (Sydney)
3135	Serenity Now	The Von Feltens bros	Steve and Blake Vance	PDSC (Perth)
3132	Green Apple Splat-ter	McVee/Fryer	Benton O'Dea and Kate Hill	KBSC (Bunbury)
3130	Fine Mess	Steve and Blake Vance	Brennan Stead	SofPYC (Perth)
3124	Moe's Tavern	Tony Sheldon	Steve O'Dea and Rob Hill	KBSC (Bunbury)
3111	Vagas Bay	David Stewart	Samantha McLaren and Cam Rose	DJSC (Sydney)
3084	Back in Black	Cain McVee	Todd McVee and Steve Fryer	PDSC (Perth)
3072	Boogie Nights		Peter Campbell	(Perth)
2977	Ajax	Matt Foy	Robbie Polec and Ross Woodthorpe-Anderson	LC12ftSSC (Sydney)

NSW Program 2007-08

Date	Event	Location
11-12 Aug	Traveller's Trophy - Brass Monkey Regatta	Sydney Flying Squadron
18-19 Aug	Traveller's Trophy - Northern Division Championship	Manning River Sailing Club
26 Aug	YA NSW Youth Development Day (Cherub Training)	Dobroyd Aquatic Club
29 Sep-1 Oct	Traveller's Trophy - Jervis Bay Regatta	Jervis Bay Sailing Club
24 Nov	State Championship Heats 1&2	Belmont 16ft Sailing Club
25 Nov	State Championship Heat 3	Belmont 16ft Sailing Club
8 Dec	State Championship Heat 4&5	Georges River SC
9 Dec	State Championship Heat 6	Yarra Bay 16ft Sailing
27 Dec to 5 Jan	National Championships	Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron
26 Jan 2007	Traveller's Trophy — Australia Day Regatta	Georges River SC
3 Feb	Traveller's Trophy — SFS Trophy	Sydney Flying Squadron
16 Feb	State Championship Heat 7	Jervis Bay Sailing Club
17 Feb	State Championship Heat 8&9	Jervis Bay Sailing Club
1 Mar	State Championship Heat 10	Lane Cove 12ft SSC
2 Mar	State Championship Heat 11	Abbotsford Flying Squadron
2 Mar	NSW CA Annual General Meeting	Abbotsford Flying Squadron
8-12 Apr	Australian Secondary Schools Regatta (CHS)	Belmont 16ft Skiff Club
26-27 Apr	Traveller's Trophy (08/09)— Batemans Bay ANZAC Regatta	Batemans Bay SC

What a Classic: 1983 World Championships

This year's Cherub Nationals at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron will mark the 25th anniversary of the last occasion on which Queensland hosted a Cherub World Championship. The 1982-83 Australian Nationals and the following 1983 World Championships were held by RQYS on the same waters of Waterloo Bay.

The series was a landmark for the Cherub class featuring the first Australian appearance of the famous boat *Foreign Affair* (2712) sailed by New Zealanders Bill Wallace and Phil McNeill. The kiwi crew won the Worlds in a tight finish from Sydney's Ben Lehmann in *Colourfast* (2867).

The 1983 Worlds saw four

top NZ boats and two British boats take on the Australians. The quality of the NZ entries was proven when three of their four entries finished in the top ten.

Robert Keeley's detailed report on the Worlds for *Australian Sailing* magazine can be found on the Cherub web site [here](#).

Following the Worlds *Foreign Affair* was sold to Australian Greg Harnett. Harnett sailed it to victory in the 1994-95 Australian Nationals and the 1985 Worlds in Auckland. The hull design was then used as the basis for at least two moulds from which many Australian Cherubs were built throughout the 1980s and 1990s.



Above: Well known Australian magazine editor Robert Keeley sailed *Goodnight Saigon* in the 1983 Worlds. His disappointing results in the series are long forgotten but his [humorous account](#) of the racing for *Australian Sailing* still reads well. (Photo Ian Grant)

Club Profile: Koombana Bay Sailing Club

Located on Anchorage Cove, Bunbury Western Australia, Koombana Bay Sailing Club is the latest Australian club to experience a surge in their numbers of Cherubs. At this stage it looks as if KBSC will have six Cherubs sailing next season.



The Club occupies a great spot close to town. The sandy beach launching area facing the generous area of protected waters that lie behind Bunbury's extensive breakwater. Beyond the breakwater the racing area on Koombana Bay offers solid and reliable sea breezes and great waves that the Cherubs will love.

KBSC is no newcomer to Cherubs. In 1985/86 the Club hosted the Cherub National Championship when it was won by Sydney brothers Andrew and Steven Hay in *Revised Edition*.

The Club's regular racing program is conducted on Saturday afternoons. Fleets raced are Cruisers A, Cruisers B, Division IV and Catamarans. The dinghy fleet includes a

number of Jay Dees and now a good fleet of Cherubs.

The jump in numbers in the Cherub fleet has been brought on through three top line boats joining the Club. Former local Jay Dee sailors Benton O'Dea and Kate Hill have acquired *Green Apple Splat-ter*, which they will be racing against their parents Steve O'Dea and Rob Hill who have upgraded from an old Cherub to *Moe's Tavern*.

Also joining the Club will be former Perth Cherub sailor Noelene Snelling with *Queen of Hearts*. The three new boats will be up against Rob Oysteric and Jeremy Lister in *Taking it Easy*, Leigh Gornall in *This Way Up*



Above: Former top NSW boat Moe's Tavern is on its way to Bunbury in WA where it will be racing as part of the upgraded Cherub fleet at Koombana Bay Sailing Club.

and the Dwyer brothers in *Teacus*. The re-invigorated fleet should make for good racing next season.



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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.