

GO Get an Early Leader

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Above: GO, sailed by Phil and Andrew Vance, seen here at last year's Perth Nationals, had a good win in the first State Selection Race at EFYC . (Photo Andrew Burvill)

The first State Selection Heat for the Western Australian State Team was sailed at East Fremantle Yacht Club on Saturday 10 November. It was more like an obstacle course than an actual race with a fresh sea breeze catapulting the fleet around in a narrow and busy stretch of the Swan river. The race was a close, three way battle up the top with Phil and Andrew Vance on *GO* winning from behind, followed by Cam Rule and Todd Montgomery on *Cunning Linguist* then Paul Hamer and Tash Banning on *Stomping Ground*.

WA State Championship Heat 1 was sailed at Mounts Bay Sailing Club in light conditions on 11 November. A shifty south

easterly ensured that the lead was swapped many times with boats often moving up and down a dozen places. After the wind dropped out completely *Liquor in Public*, Ben Lawrie's new boat had a massive lead. Unfortunately he completely stopped in a hole whilst four boats sailed right up to and past him. Those five boats finished within a minute of each other with *Stomping Ground* sailed by Paul and Tash winning, followed by a resurgent *Liquor in Public* and then *Fine Mess*.

The season looks to be very competitive for the first six spots. At the moment *GO* would be expected to dominate a bit more often than others but anything could happen.

Ben's new boat *Liquor in Public* is the sexiest WA boat at the moment. The design remains largely the same as the sister boats *Cunning Linguist* and *Up Skirt Sha-Bam* (see a theme here?), and has the pace to do some serious damage in the Nationals. He will be one to watch out for.

Noelene Snelling, now representing Koombana Bay Sailing Club in Bunbury and sailing with Steve O'Dea, put in a great performance to finish 5th in State Heat 1. With another "very experienced sailor" sailor Steve Clarke also performing well in his new boat. With these old buggers both in the top 6 all the young whipper snappers better watch out.

Cameron Rule

NSW State Championships Round One

The first three heats of the NSW State Championships were held on Lake Macquarie on 24 and 25 November, hosted by Belmont 16ft Sailing Club. Twenty six Cherubs faced the starter for two short races in the Saturday. It was a hot fleet including reigning State Champion Trevor Fay in *Wally* and last years runner-up team Adam Forbes and Kurt Warner in their new boat *Thicker Than Water*. Top Queensland Cherub *Tradesman's Entrance* sailed by Andrew Triggell and Travis White travelled down from Brisbane to test their speed against the NSW boats adding to the quality at the racing.

The first race started in an 11 kt south east breeze under overcast skies. *Wally* opened an early lead chased closely by *Alchemy* and *TTW*. Most crews struggled to carry kites on the tight first reach with each of the first three, and many behind them, having to drop their kites to make the wing mark. This allowed James Warner and Ewan Duckworth in *Camel Toe* to race up to the leaders with excellent reaching technique. On the second work Andrew Stewart and Amy Smith in *Everything Zen* stormed into second place, only a boat length behind *Wally* at the top mark, with *Camel Toe* in third. *Wally* held on to its lead to record a good win from *Everything Zen*, *TTW* and a fast finishing *Tradesmen's Entrance*.

The second heat, raced in similar conditions, saw *Tradesman's Entrance* the early leader, followed by *Wally*, *TTW* and Wayne Torpy and Nathan Chipchase in *Ricochet*. *Wally*

soon slipped through to the lead and by the finish it had a narrow gap over *TTW* and *Tradesman's Entrance*. In fourth place was *The Lairy Canary* having their best race of the series.

Sunday's long race started in similar breeze conditions but with clear skies. *TTW* grabbed the lead from *Achtung Baby!* Which was being steered by stand in skipper, former National Women's Champion Caroline Philips, and *Everything Zen* with *Wally* back in fifth place. Shortly after disaster struck in two places with *The Lairy Canary* loosing its rudder gantry and *Everything Zen* loosing its mast when a shroud fitting broke.

Meanwhile *TTW* had built up a sizable lead, with *Wally* working its way through the fleet to second. The spectators were then treated to a great match race with *Wally* sneaking though at the death to take the win.

Behind these two there was very close racing between a large group of boats headed by *Pocket Rocket*.

The second round of the series will be sailed at Georges River and Yarra Bay on 8 and 9 December.

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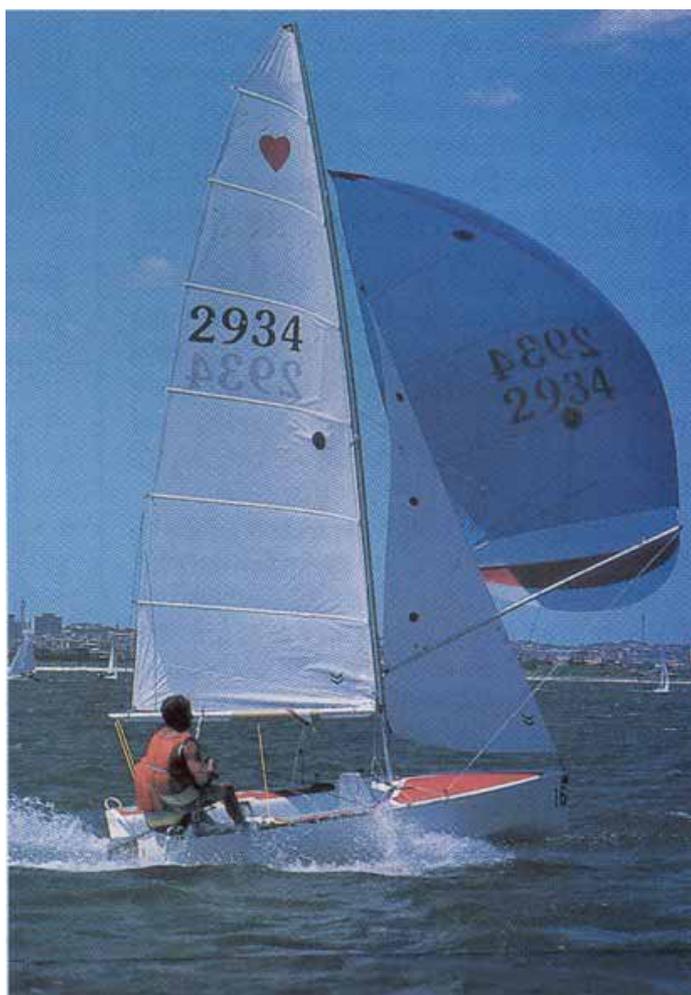
Top: Top mark action with Kris Fay and Robbie Polec in *Ajax* leading *Ricochet* and *Fast Forward* down the first reach of Heat 3.

Middle: Nigel Hale and Ben Schutz raced consistently over the weekend and lie third overall in the points after three heats.

Bottom: Lane Cove crew Catherine Trew and Kate Hayward in *Ralph* were the handicap winners of Heat 3 (Photos: Dallas Blatchford)



What a Classic: NSW State Championship Honour Roll



Above: Famous Cherub *Rocky N Bullwinkle* features on the NSW State Championship Honour Roll twice, the two victories being ten years apart. The first was in the hands of Tony Dillon and Dave Gibson in 1988/89, the second in 1998/99 with Michael Quirk and Craig Hill. The boat, now converted to an asymmetric kite, is still racing regularly in the hands of Shane Triggell at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, where it will be a starter in the 2008/09 Nationals . (Photo Australian Sailing)

The latest new feature of the Cherub web site is an Honour Roll listing the 43 crews who have won the NSW Cherub State Championship since its inception in 1964/65.

The list includes some famous names. Past winner Nicky Bethwaite is now part of the Australian Olympic Sailing Team, recently selected to represent Australia in the Yngling class at the Beijing Olympics. Grant Simmer who won the title in 1972/73 is now the Managing Director of the America's Cup winning Alinghi Syndicate. Grant's sister Dr Karen Simmer won the title the previous year. She is now Professor of Newborn Medicine at the University of Western Australia and Deputy Chair of the University's Academic Board. Multiple NS14 National Champion and skiff designer Michael Nash is on the list, as are well known sailmakers Geoff Adams and Phil "Bugs" Smith and shipwright Andrew "Noddy" Hay. Three members of the Wilmot family all make

the list as winners.

The most prolific name on the Honour Roll is the current champion Trevor Fay who has now won the title seven times over an eleven year period.

While the new Honour Roll contains details of sail numbers, boat names, skipper and crew names and club affiliations, it is missing some details and *Australian Cherub News* is seeking your assistance to fill some of the gaps. For example, do you know the sail number of *JLA* the boat that Geoff Adams and Tony Brown sailed to victory in the first two State Championships? Possibly you may know the first name of James Wilmot's crew from 1969/70 or the Club that they represented. If you can help us to fill in these or some of the other missing details please send an email to lunsmann@tpg.com.au.

[NSW Honour Roll](#)

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2007-2008 NSW State Championships Progressive Pointscore (Three Heats—No drops)

	Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	1	2	3	Pts
1	3144	Wally	Trevor Fay	Simon Young	B16ftSC	1	1	1	3
2	3158	Thicker Than Water	Adam Forbes	Kurtis Warner	GRSC	3	2	2	7
3	3154	Pocket Rocket	Nigel Hale	Ben Schutz	B16ftSC	6	5	3	14
4	3147	Camel Toe	James Warner	Ewan Duckworth	GRSC	5	11	4	20
5	3145	Alchemy	Fiona Lunsmann	Rolf Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC	7	8	5	20
6	3070	Ricochet	Wayne Torpy	Nathan Chipchase	B16ftSC	8	14	6	27
7	3095	Fast Forward	Amy Carlson	Nathan Carlson	B16ftSC	10	9	9	28
8	3152	Enough Rope	Ryan Clifton-Smith	Stuart Frazer-Sinclair	B16ftSC	10	9	9	28
9	3100	Everything Zen	Andrew Stewart	Amy Smith	GRSC	2	6	dnf	32
10	3136	Beaver Fever	Andrew Berryman	Matthew Wright	B16ftSC	9	12	12	33
11	3128	Rush	Felicity Killoran	Mel Killoran	LC12ftSSC	11	19	8	38

Proposed Constitutional Changes

The body that controls Cherub sailing in Australia is the Cherub National Council of Australia (CNCA). It is a body made up of representatives of each of the State Cherub Associations. At last year's AGM, held during the Perth Nationals, Jenni Birdsall put forward a draft of a new National Constitution for discussion. At this year's AGM, to be held in Brisbane, the NSW Association will be formally moving that an amended new draft be adopted.

The NSW proposal will be in four parts. The first will be a document that confirms the current arrangement for the management of the CNCA and the Nationals. This new document is based on the discussion draft but contains some changes to better reflect current practice in the class.

Three amendments will then be proposed. These three amendments are intended to bring about some changes to the way we do things.

The first proposed amend-

ment will be to allow States that are organising the Nationals to do so outside the requirements of the National By-laws, if the changes are approved in advance by the CNCA. This provides more flexibility to run the National series in formats that suit the particular venue chosen.

The second amendment will be to change the limits on the length of National

Championship races from a "fixed length" to a "target race time". The proposal will be to adopt target race times of 45 minutes for any short races and 80 min for any long races. The changes would allow Race Committees to vary the length of the courses to suit the conditions on the day. This change is in line with current international regatta management practice. The change will

also allow provision for the inclusion of some short races at the Nationals in line with the successful trial at the Sydney Nationals in 2004/05. Given the strong support shown at the meeting in Perth for retaining triangular courses, there will be no proposal to change the shape of Nationals courses.

The third amendment will be to increase the qualifying age limit for the "Veterans Trophy" from an average crew age of 28 years to 35 years.

In voting on the proposal, each State has two votes and the National Office Bearers have one vote each.



The proposed move to adopt "target race times" will allow race committees increased flexibility when setting courses, allowing them to set the length the windward leg to suit the breeze conditions on the day.

Related changes will allow the possible introduction of some short format races in the National program. A mixed program of long and short format races was successfully trialled at the last Sydney Nationals. (Photo Dallas Blatchford)

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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.