

WA State Selections Round One



Right: Steve and Blake Vance took the win in the first WA State Selection Series Race at EFYC (Photo Andrew Burvill)

Kade Matthews Memorial

The first WA State Selection Heat, dedicated to our friend and Cherub sailor Kade Matthews, who passed away a few years ago, was sailed in a blustery 15–28 knot Easterly at East Fremantle Yacht Club.

Eleven Cherubs turned up, of which five did not finish due to the severe conditions. The race was sailed along some narrow stretches of the Swan River so boat traffic and chop combined with gusts over 25 knots to make it very hard to keep the boats upright. Often crews were sailing with jibs alone with the mains flapping uncontrollably, even a de-powered Cherub with a 160kg crew was struggling to keep the boat down.

Cam Rule and Cain McVee on *Cunning Linguist* ran into trouble when the centreboard hit a rock close to a sandbank about mid-way through the race.

The impact fortunately occurred on an up breeze leg, however the centreboard took all the impact and all but destroyed a third of it. The boys sailed on undeterred and managed to finish in third place.

Richard Howell and Paul Hamer sailing on *Stomping Ground*, both former State Champions, teamed up and placed second. This was a very impressive result considering that was the first Cherub race Richard has skippered for years. After the race Paul mentioned that the boat wasn't performing satisfactorily, so we better watch out in the Nationals after they have had a chance to tweak their settings!

Serenity Now, sailed by Steve and Blake Vance have showed early signs of a possible dominance over the fleet after winning the race by over five minutes. They showed their superior upwind performance early on by passing

Cunning Linguist just on speed alone to take the lead after the second leg. Their silky smooth skills propelled them further in front, whilst behind many boats were struggling in the nasty conditions.

WA State Heats

Four WA State Heats have now been completed, sailed at Perth Dinghy Sailing Club, Koombana Bay Sailing Club and Mounts Bay Sailing Club.

Steve and Blake Vance on *Serenity Now* won the first three heats convincingly. *Cunning Linguist* sailed by Cam Rule and Todd Montgomery won the latest Heat at Mounts Bay after covering *Serenity Now* closely on the last work.

Series handicap leaders *Erotic Cucumber* sailed by Ben Loffelman and David Meile have been improving steadily, and look to make the WA State Team for the Nationals.

- Cam Rule

NSW State Championship Round Two

Belmont boats dominated the top placing at the second round of the NSW Cherub State Championships held in their home waters of Lake Macquarie. The round attracted twenty six entrants from across NSW, including the emerging Cherub fleet from Queens Lake Sailing Club at Laurieton and visitors from Darling Point Sailing Squadron in Brisbane. Racing consisted of two short races, Heats 4 and 5, on Saturday and one long race, Heat 6, on Sunday.

Day One was sailed in a NE sea breeze that struggled to hold out a strong westerly air flow with the result that the breeze would build for a period and then die before freshening again. The leaders were the ones who found the pressure and stayed in it. In the first of two short races *Enough Rope* sailed by Ryan Clifton-Smith and Nigel Blatchford from Belmont escaped the dying breeze at the pin end of the start line to set up a large lead at the first mark. *Alchemy*, Claire Lunsmann and Rolf Lunsmann from Lane Cove, led the rest of the fleet with *Getcha Cans*

Out, Simon Blatchford and Liam Doyle, and *Cauchemar*, Tim and Chris Harrington, in close pursuit. As places traded behind them *Enough Rope* progressively built their lead until the final work when traffic created by the local yacht fleet chopped into their advantage over the other Cherubs. They eventually held on to win the heat comfortably. Behind them *Ricochet*, Andrew Berryman and Matthew Wright managed to fly through the fleet after a slow start to catch and pass *Alchemy* in the shadow of the line taking second place by a mere 6 seconds. Series leader *Sparky*, sailed by Alison Chapman and Nick Dallen, recovered from an equally slow start to take fourth place.

At the start of Heat 5 the plans of several boats were thrown into disarray when a sharp wind veer close to the start gun saw much of the fleet struggling to lay the start line on Starboard tack. *Enough Rope* recovered well in the centre of the course narrowly leading the fleet to the top mark the first time. Very close behind them

Cauchemar, Tim and Chris Harrington, *Rope City*, Ashley Knighton and James Walters and *Wally*, Trevor and Naomi Fay formed a group that swapped places but were not able to pass *Enough Rope*.

Sunday's Heat 6 saw the fleet racing in 20-25 plus kt north-westerly that tested all the crews and led to many thrills and spills. *Enough Rope* established a lead at the top mark the first time with *Alchemy* and *Ricochet* rounding close together. Behind the first three a major gust flattened half the rest of the fleet with only the more experienced and skilled crews staying upright. At the wing mark *Alchemy* also capsized allowing *Wally* and *Rope City* through chasing the remaining two leaders. For this race Trevor Fay had brought Rohan Kelly out of retirement, reuniting the former National Championship winning crew from the first time in two seasons. Relishing the strong conditions Fay and Kelly in *Wally* closed on the leaders and when *Enough Rope* made an error on their final gybe of the run

Wally stormed past never to be headed. Behind them *Enough Rope* and *Rope City* held down second and third with *Indefatigable*, Rohan Nosworthy and Paddy Holt from Queens Lake sailing a great race in fifth place. At the top mark the last time disaster struck *Rope City* when their rudder snapped as they bore away, ending their race. *Wally* sailed on to a convincing win from *Enough Rope* and *Ricochet* with *Indefatigable* fourth.

It was a credit to the sailing skills of the whole fleet that, despite the testing conditions, the unlucky *Rope City* was the only DNF.

The three races pushed the top Belmont boats, *Enough Rope* and *Ricochet*, up the leader board with *Enough Rope* now sitting just two points behind the series leader *Sparky*. With two more rounds of racing to be completed in February and March next year the series is poised for a close finish.

Full results and photos of the racing are available at www.cherub.org.au



Far left: Rowan Nosworthy made a return to the class after a long absence, with an excellent fourth place in NSW State Heat 6 representing Queens Lake Sailing Club with Paddy Holt. They were sailing the remodelled *Indefatigable*.

Left: The conditions for Heat 6 were testing. Here Jen Pagett and Andrew Stephenson in *Everything Zen* (3100) take a dunking as Mark and Sophie Holt in *The Scream* 2961 sail over them in the pre-start. (Photos: Fiona Lunsmann)



Top left: 2005/06 National Championship winning team of Trevor Fay and Rohan Kelly got together in *Wally* for the first time in over two seasons and put on a sailing display for the rest of the fleet on the way to winning Heat 6. Top right: The critical moment in Heat 6 as Ryan Clifton-Smith and Nigel Blatchford in *Enough Rope* try, unsuccessfully, to pull off a gybe drop inside *Wally* at the bottom mark. Their resulting swim relegated them to second place. Bottom left: Jen Pagett and Andrew Stephenson in *Everything Zen* get some pace on in the pre-start. Bottom right: The fleet get away from the start line in the very fresh conditions. (Photos: Fiona Lunsmann)

NSW State Championship 2009-10 Progressive Pointscore Rounds 1 and 2

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6	Points
1 3158	Sparky	Alison Chapman	Rhys Mara Nick Dallen	LC12ftSSC	1	1	1	4	3	7	17
2 3152	Enough Rope	Ryan Clifton-Smith	Nigel Blatchford	B16SC	3	7	5	1	1	2	19
3 306x	Cauchemar	Tim Harrington	Alison Harrington Chris Harrington	LC12ftSSC	2	6	3	6	2	6	25
4 3145	Alchemy	Claire Lunsmann	Rolf Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC	5	2	2	3	7	9	28
5 3160	Getcha Cans Out	Simon Blatchford	Liam Doyle	B16SC	4	4	9	5	8	8	38
6 3144	Wally	Kris Fay Trevor Fay	Emma Knighton Naomi Fay Rohan Kelly	B16SC	9	13	4	10	4	1	41
7 3070	Ricochet	Andrew Berryman	Matthew Wright	B16SC	8	5	DNC	2	6	3	42
8 3155	Rope City	Ashley Knighton	James Walters	B16SC	7	3	6	9	5	DNF	50
9 3064	Heart Shaped Box	Adam Bolton	Duncan Murray	BYRA	12	11	12	7	11	10	63
10 3103	Pure Pleasure	Lawrence Wakefield	Oliver Jones	DJSC	11	8	10	11	12	11	63
11 3100	Everything Zen	Jen Pagett	Andrew Stephenson	DJSC	6	9	7	16	14	14	66

Date Change for Rottnest Trip

Please note that the date for the Rottnest Island Trip planned that is one of the many highlights of the Nationals Social Program has changed. The trip will now be on

Tuesday 5 January 2010

If you are interested in booking tickets for \$45 each, please indicate this on your National Championship Entry Form or email telisha_crannage@inet.net.au

New to Cherubs ? Need Information ? We can help?

The Cherub National Council of Australia does quite a lot beyond organising the Cherub Nationals and looking after administrative and technical matters of the class. A lot of our efforts are aimed at helping Cherub sailors to enjoy their sailing and get the most out of it, including improving their sailing skills.

Here are some of the ways in which we can help:

Web Site

The web site [Cherub Central](#) is our main means of keeping Cherub sailors informed about events and important notices. We have recently updated the [History](#) section of the web site which now contains reports and results of Cherub Championship back to 1964.

Facebook

In addition to the web site we also have a group on [Facebook](#), so if you have a Facebook page you should consider joining the "Australian Cherub Sailors" group. There are currently 134 members of the group. We have just uploaded a lot of great photos of the racing from Round 2 of the NSW State Championships.

Fact Sheets

If you are new to the class, we have five [Fact Sheets](#) on the web site that set out some of the basic information about the class. Over the next few months we hope to expand the range of the Fact Sheets to cover the topic of and tuning and possibly some others.

Cherub Tips

In addition to the Fact Sheets we now have a number of Training Tips which contain some useful tips from some of our most senior and knowledgeable sailors on how to sail a Cherub well. The Cherub Tips can be found on the CD mentioned below. We don't put them on the web site as they are "Secret Cherub Business".

Find an Expert

If you need technical advice on matters of design, composite construction, sailmaking or any other technical matter related to Cherubs we can put you in touch with someone who will most likely know exactly what you need to know.

Introduction CD

We have an *Introduction to Cherubs* CD which contains a large gallery (700Mb) of photos of Cherubs focusing on deck and rigging layouts, system and general sailing photos. The CD also contains the *Cherub Tips*, a training curriculum and other useful information about the class. If you are a Cherub sailor or a prospective Cherub sailor you can get a copy of the CD by sending your postal details to lunsmann@tpg.com.au

Cherub Drought Worsens

The current shortage of good quality second hand Cherubs seems to be getting worse. Just at the moment the popularity of the class is such that there is a steady stream of enthusiastic young sailors contacting Cherub Central looking for boats so that they can get into the class.

At the same time we are aware that about half the national Cherub fleet is not being sailed regularly.

So, if you happen to have a good Cherub in the shed or garage not being used regularly, this may be the time to do some thing about it. If you would like to sell the boat just send an email with the details to the head of the Web Team at [Cherub Central](#)

If you are sure that your absence from regular sailing is temporary you might consider a lean/lease deal with some young sailing at you Club.

Nationals Entries Still Open

The opportunity to put in a Late Entry to the Nationals at Mounts Bay Sailing Club in Perth is still open and will be through to the start of the event.

Details of the Notice of Race can be found [here](#). The regatta is shaping up to be a great one with a packed social program organised and ready to go.

Nationals Results

If you truly cannot make it to Perth you will be able to follow the results at the MBSC web Site [here](#)

National Publicity Help Needed

If you have good communication skills and you would like to get involved in the Cherub Association's national publicity and communications effort we could do with your assistance.

If you think that you could help send a note to: lunsmann@tpg.com.au

Right: More action from Heat 6 of the NSW States. Top Ryan Clifton-Smith and Nigel Blatchford in *Enough Rope* in full flight. Below: Adam Bolton and Duncan Murray in *Heart Shaped Box*. (Photos: Fiona Lunsmann)



International 14 Worlds

The biggest event on Sydney Harbour in this summer will be the International 14 World Championship to be held at Manly from 3 to 11 January. The event has attracted a star studded fleet of top line skiff sailors from around the globe.

Among the entries are some familiar Cherub names from recent and not so recent times. 2006-07 Cherub National Champion **David Von Felton** will be there as will 2004-05 Junior Champions **Phil and Andrew Vance**. Other former Cherub luminaries **Ben Lawrie, Steve Walters, Sam Batt, Ben Powell** and **Rohan Van Dongen** along with current Cherub parents **Tim and Greg Vance**.

From the more distant past of the Cherub archives are **Scott Davis, Allen Davis** and former Australian Cherub sailor **Sean Stevens** who will be representing Great Britain. You can follow their progress at i14worlds.com

New Allwood Sails Agency

International skiff sailor Cameron McDonald has established a Sydney agency for Allwood sails. Cameron will be available to take orders for Allwood sails and deliver local customer service to Sydney based customers. He will also be offering a local distribution service for a number of other skiff oriented products.

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WA Cherub Calendar 2009-10

Date	Event	Location
Sat 12 Dec	SPRINT SERIES and State Selection 6	Perth Dinghy SC
Sun 13 Dec	SPRINT SERIES and State Selection 7	Mounts Bay SC
Dec 28 to 7 Jan	47th Australian National Championships	Mounts Bay SC
Sat 23 Jan	State Heat 5	Mandurah OFSC, Mandurah
Sun 24 Jan	State Heat 6	Mandurah OFSC, Mandurah
Sat 13 Feb	State Heat 7	TCYC, Rockingham
Sun 14 Feb	State Heat 8	Mounts Bay SC

NSW Cherub Calendar 2009-10

Date	Event	Location
Dec 28 to 7 Jan	47th Australian National Championships	Mounts Bay SC, Perth
Tue 26 Jan	Australia Day Regatta	Avalon SC
Sun 7 Feb	GARDE Sprint Series Round 1	Sydney Flying Squadron
13 to 14 Feb	State Championship Heats 7 to 9	Toronto ASC, Lake Macquarie
Sun 28 Feb	GARDE Sprint Series Round 2	Sydney Flying Squadron
Sat 6 Mar	State Championship Heat 10	Lane Cove 12ft SSC
Sun 7 Mar	State Championship Heat 11 and Presentation	Yarra Bay 16ft SC
6 to 10 Apr	Australian Secondary Schools Regatta (CHS)	Belmont 16ft SC

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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.