



Australian Cherub News

Battle of the Generations at NSW States Round Two



Right: Kris Fay sailing *Wally* lines up for the start in Race 3 of the NSW States held at Belmont in early December. (Photo: Greg Bolton)

Sailmaking News

2008-09 Cherub National Champion **Andrew Chapman** has recently left MacDiarmid Sails in Sydney and will be setting up a new loft of his own in the new year.

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Class stalwart Trevor Fay, returning after a short break from the class jumped to the lead of the NSW Cherub State Championships after the second round of the series held on Lake Macquarie last weekend. Sailing with new crew Nathan Chipchase in their newly re-built boat *The French Tickler*, the pair finished the three race round with two wins and a second to go to the top of the points table for the series.

The first day of racing saw the fleet of 26 Cherub battling strong breezes of up to 30kts for two "short format" races. In the first,

Lane Cove boat *Alchemy*, Claire and Rolf Lunsmann, jumped to an early lead only to throw it away when they capsized while preparing to drop their spinnaker at the bottom mark at the end of the first triangle. At that point Fay and Chipchase inherited a big lead which they managed to hold to the finish. *Enough Rope*, Ryan Clifton-Smith and Tom Drury, had a race long battle with *Cauchemar*, Tim and Nick Harrington, for the minor placings, with *Enough Rope* prevailing at the finish.

As Race Two started the breeze that had been hovering around the 20kt mark

kicked in to an average 23kts, just under the wind speed limit for the class. With gusts well over 25kts it was a real test for all the crews. This time it was veterans Ray Beeton and Mick Duggan in *Vendetta* who lead at the top mark the first time narrowly in front of Fay and Chipchase. The first reach was all high speed action and when a big gust hit near the gybe mark nearly all the fleet capsized, including both Beeton and Duggan and Fay and Chipchase. Fay and Chipchase were the first to recover and at the top mark the second time they had

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 a handy lead over *Enough Rope* who fell back further with another swim. Brett and Ryan Lancaster in *Causing Haavik* sail a great race to secure second while Rohan Nosworthy and Sophie Holt sailing *The Scream* from Queens Lake sailing Club hung in for third.

Sunday's racing was more sedate with a 10 kts easterly finally replacing the strong north-easterly of the previous day. After a frustrating hour when the light and variable breeze prevented the PRO setting a fair course and after one attempt to start a race that had to be abandoned at the first mark racing, eventually got underway when the afternoon sea breeze finally arrived. As in the first race, it was *The French Tackler* and *Alchemy* who make it to the top mark first and second, joined in a small leading group by *Wally* and *Vendetta* which was being steered by stand-in skipper Dave Stewart. On the "long format" race these four boats raced in close company for the first two laps. On lap three Kris

Fay on *Wally* made a critical move at the gybe mark by delaying their gybe and sailing into good pressure on the right hand side of the course. This move allowed them to pass *The French Tickler* and *Alchemy* and move into the lead, which they held to the finish.

The overall results for the weekend's racing saw Trevor Fay and Nathan Chipchase jump to the head of the pointscore with a small points gap over Kris Fay.

NSW State Championships Round 2 in Photos: Right from top: Brett and Ryan Lancaster in *Causing Haavik*, get a good start in Race 3. Claire and Rolf Lunsmann in *Alchemy* take a swim while in the lead of Race 2. Adam Bolton and Duncan Murray had their new boat 3165 *Never Ready* flying in Race 3.



NSW State Championships 2010-11 Progress Scores									
Sail	Name	Skipper	Club	Pts	R4	R3	R2	R1	
1	3143	THE FRENCH TICKLER	TREVOR FAY	B16SC	11	2	1	1	7
2	3144	WALLY	KRIS FAY	B16SC	16	1	6	7	2
3	3158	CAUSING HAAVIK	BRETT LANCASTER	B16SC	33	13	2	10	8
4	3152	ENOUGH ROPE	RYAN CLIFTON-SMITH	B16SC	37	11	5	2	DNF
5	3093	THRILL ME... TIGER	KIRK MITCHELL	DSC	37	7	8	13	9
6	3164	CAUCHEMAR	TIM HARRINGTON	LC12ftSSC	38	4	DNF	4	3
7	3145	ALCHEMY	CLAIRE LUNSMANN	LC12ftSSC	40	3	DNF	6	4
8	3163	BLACK PEARL	LAWRENCE WAKEFIELD	DSC	49	5	DNF	11	6
9	3100	EVERYTHING ZEN	JEN PAGETT	DSC	49	6	DNF	5	11
10	2961	THE SCREAM	ROHAN NOSWORTHY	QLSC	52	8	3	12	DNS

Nationals Championship Preview

The 48th Cherub National Championships will be held at Largs Bay Sailing Club in Adelaide from Friday 28 December 2010 through to Tuesday 4 January 2011. The Invitation Race is scheduled to be sailed on 29 December and the first heat on 30 December. With Cherub sailors known for their liking of a good time there will be the usually frantic social program to test the stamina of everyone.

In the absence of reigning Cherub National Champion Alison Chapman, who is taking a short break from the class, the series is shaping up to be a battle of east versus west. On the western front last year's runners-up, Steven and Blake Vance from Perth Dinghy Sailing Club have a new rig in their boat and have been working hard in an endeavour to go one better than last year. Current National Junior Champion Brennan Stead will also be back to defend his title and take on the Open trophy as well. The two will head up a very strong WA team.

From the east, the contenders will include three times national Champion Trevor Fay who is returning to the class in a new boat, having given up his championship winning Cherub *Wally* to his son, Kris Fay who is stepping up from Flying Elevens.

This season there has been strong interest in the Cherub class with growing fleets at many Clubs across the country. The Brisbane fleet has moved their base to Darling Point Sailing Squadron and increased their numbers



Western Australian crew of cousins Steve and Blake Vance will be hoping to go one better than their runner-up finish at last year's Cherub Nationals. (Photo: Fiona Lunsmann)

with some quality new boats and crews. The class is also making a comeback in Tasmania at the Tamar Yacht Club, Beauty Point.

28 December 2010 to 4 January 2011



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Cherubs Available

The Cherub Second-hand boat list is currently well stocked with quality boats. Some high performance examples include 3140 *Stomping Ground* in Perth and the fully re-built 3070 *Ricochet* in NSW. There are also a number of boats that represent very good value in terms of performance or gear per dollar. Examples include 3062 *The Lairy Canary*, 3116 *Scooby Doo* and 3064 *Heart Shaped Box*.

This situation is unlikely to last, as new buyers enter the market following the nationals. If you have been trying about trying a Cherub next season now may be the time to act.

The Cherub Fact Sheets available on the web site are useful guides for new or second hand boat buyers.

WA Cherub Calendar 2010-11

Date	Event	Location
28 Dec to 4 Jan	48th Australian National Championships	Largs Bay SC, Adelaide
22 to 23 Jan	State Heat 5, 6, 7 and 8	Mandurah OFSC
Sat 12th Feb	State Heat 9	Perth Dinghy SC
Sun 13th Feb	State Heat 10	Mounts Bay SC
5, 6, 7 Mar	Cherub Grand Prix	Rottneest Island

Qld Cherub Calendar 2010-11

28 Dec to 4 Jan	48th Australian National Championships	Largs Bay SC, Adelaide
22 to 25 Apr	12ft Skiff Nationals	Brisbane

NSW Cherub Calendar 2010-11

28 Dec to 4 Jan	48th Australian National Championships	Largs Bay SC, Adelaide
6 to 15 Jan	12ft Skiff Inter-dominions	Lane Cove 12ft SSC
8 to 9 Jan	Manning River Marathon	Taree Aquatic Club
Wed 26 Jan	Australia Day Regatta	Avalon SC
12 to 13 Feb	State Championship Races 7 to 9	Toronto ASC, Lake Macquarie
Sat 5 Mar	State Championship Race 10	Lane Cove 12ft SSC
Sun 6 Mar	State Championship Race 11 and Presentation	Yarra Bay 16ft SC
11 to 16 Apr	Australian Secondary Schools Regatta (CHS)	Belmont 16ft SC
9 to 10 Apr	Batemans Bay Regatta Weekend	Batemans Bay Sailing Club



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New Cherubs - Complete Boats or Components

Complete Composites at the Nationals

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