

Mounts Bay Nationals Announced

The 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Cherub National Council of Australia (CNCA) confirmed [Mounts Bay Sailing Club](#) as the venue for the 2009-10 Nationals. Mounts Bay is well located on the Swan River with easy access to the racing areas on Melville Water East and West. The Club has a huge rigging lawn, fantastic bar and great balcony to view the heats. There is a good choice of low cost accommodation nearby and Mounts Bay is known as a "real sailors club"

The Nationals program is planned to run from 28 Dec 2009 to 7 Jan 2010 with two lay days. The proposal is for racing to consist of 4 short races and 5 long ones for 9 races in total. Racing will take place in Matilda Bay, Melville Water East and Melville Water West with the short races to take place in front of the club. This should prove a great view for spectators.

The regatta social program will have emphasis on all age events, but somewhere in the packed program there will be time for a pub crawl and some drinking activities. A Rott-nest Island trip a certainty and the organising team is

promising that the social side of the event will be something to remember for a long time.

The recent growth in interest in the class both on the east and the west coast should mean that the 2009-10 Nationals will be one of the largest held in the west in recent times.

For Cherub sailors on the East coast there will be at least one container leaving from either Sydney or Newcastle and the NSW Cherub Association will be endeavouring to make sure that there is room for all the east coast boats that want to make the trip.

MBSC has twice previously hosted the Cherub Nationals. Gordon Lucas and Phil Arnold were the winners in 1964/65 and James Moor and Ben Stephens winners in 1997/98.

It is expected that the Notice of Race for the Nationals will be available in a month or so.

The AGM also confirmed that the 2010-2011 Nationals will be held at Largs Bay, Adelaide South Australia.



NSW State Championships Round Three

It is not often that the actions of administrators in sailing get described as “heroic” but the efforts of the NSW Cherub Executive in staging Round Three of the State Championship deserve that accolade.

On the eve of the event, which was scheduled to be held at Illawarra Yacht Club, the host club pulled out, cancelling all racing. The NSW Executive found themselves having to find a new venue, organise new race management and advise all the participants, all within a matter of a few hours. Heroically, they did so. John Sander-son from Drummoyne Junior Sailing Club and John Duckworth from Yarra Bay stepped in at very short notice offering to stage races on both the Saturday and the Sunday respectively. With all the competitors notified of the changed locations, racing went ahead successfully over the weekend.

The Drummoyne heat

proved to be a testing one for most of the fleet. Sailed in a dying Easterly breeze, it was the light weather flyers *Everything Zen*, *Sparky* and *The Black Pearl* who led the fleet at the top mark the first time. With *Sparky* having to drop out of the race due a mishap, *Everything Zen* and *The Black Pearl* sailed a virtual match race around the rest of the course with *The Black Pearl* sneaking to the lead at the finish.

Sunday’s two short races at Yarra Bay were raced in a fresh 20kt sou-easter which resulted in some great rides. Trevor Fay and Simon Young blitzed the field in the first race and looked to have the second one under control when an uncharacteristic capsized on one of the works allowed Andrew Chapman and Kurt Warner in *The Black Pearl* to take the lead.

With three heats remaining *The Black Pearl* holds a narrow lead over *Wally*.



NSW State Championship Progressive Pointscore (six races –one drop)				
	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Pts
1	3163	The Black Pearl	Andrew Chapman Kurt Warner	8
2	3144	Wally	Trevor Fay Simon Young	10
3	3100	Everything Zen	Andrew Stewart Amy Smith	18
4	3083	Batteries Not Included	Tim Harrington Alison Harrington	22

Right from Top: Racing was tight at Drummoyne here Alison Chapman and Pete Kendall in *Sparky* (3158) try to sail out from under Ryan Clifton-Smith and Nigel Blatchford in *Enough Rope* (3152) and Tim and Alison Harrington in *Batteries Not Included* (3083). Second from Top: National Junior Champion Alison Chapman had some issues at the top mark. Third from Top: It was battle of the wind and waves at Yarra Bay on the Sunday. Here Ryan Clifton-Smith and Nigel Blatchford in *Enough Rope* storm past Felicity Welman and Ewan Duckworth in *Camel Toe*. Bottom: The final heat at Yarra Bay saw current National Champions Andrew Chapman and Kurt Warner in *The Black Pearl* set up a slender lead in the State Championships with a hard fought win.

Australia Day Regatta at Avalon

Ten Cherubs from Sydney and from Belmont made their way to Avalon Sailing Club in Sydney's north to participate in the 173rd Australia Day Regatta. Rigging at beautiful Clareville Beach on Pittwater. As they rigged the crews found themselves among hundreds of picnickers all doing their bit to make Australia Day something special.

Avalon Sailing Club put on a top regatta with five divisional starts catering for a wide range of centreboard boats. The ten Cherubs started with half a dozen 13ft Skiffs and one or two 29ers and 470s. In a south-easterly breeze that built to 17 kts at the end of the race the Cherubs put

on an impressive show.

Avalon Sailing Club runs very effective Junior programs and has a strong and competitive fleet of about 20 Flying Elevens. A couple of their Flying Eleven sailors took the opportunity to try out Cherub sailing for the day.

The race was won by current National Junior Champions Alison and Will Chapman and from Lane Cove who cleared out from the fleet winning by a large margin. Remarkably the first four places were all taken by women skippers with Fiona Lunsmann finishing second in front of Avalon's Gemma Rasdall, sailing with Andrew Chapman, and Felicity Welman

sailing *Liquor in Public*.

The handicap trophy went to Adam Bolton and Duncan Murray in *Heart Shaped Box* who were

sailing on their home waters.

Cherub Results for the 173rd Australia Day Regatta Avalon Sailing Club

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew
1 3158	Sparky	Alison Chapman	Kurt Warner
2 3145	Alchemy	Fiona Lunsmann	Rolf Lunsmann
3 3163	The Black Pearl	Gemma Rasdall	Andrew Chapman
4 3159	Liquor in Public	Felicity Welman	James Warner
5 3064	Heart Shaped Box	Adam Bolton	Duncan Murray
6 3160	Getcha Cans Out	Simon Blatchford	Brodie Fetherston
7 3096	Perpetual Motion	Linda Spicer	Joshua Marks
8 3131	Can't Rush	Alina Muller	Peter Kendall
DNF 2985	Screamin' Seamen	Kris Fay	Macca Paton
DNF 3143	French Tickler	Josh Doyle	Nigel Blatchford

Below: Rigging and parking space was tight at the Cherubs participating in the Avalon Australia Day Regatta managed to squeeze in among the picnic makers at Clareville Beach in Sydney's north.



NSW Cherub Calendar 2008-9

28 Feb	NSW State Championship Heat 10	NSW	Lane Cove 12ft SSC
1 Mar	NSW State Championship Heat 11	NSW	Drummoyne SC
14-18 Apr	Australian Secondary Schools Regatta (CHS)	National	Belmont 16ft SC

WA Cherub Calendar 2008-9

22 Mar	WA State Heat 7	WA	Mounts Bay SC
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Cherub Sailors Out and About

Many current and former Cherub sailors made their way to the NSW south coast town of Eden for the Flying Eleven class National Championships in the middle of January.

Kris Fay and **Claire Lunsmann**, both fresh from competing in the Lake Macquarie Cherub Nationals, were there campaigning their respective Flying Elevens. Kris Fay finished the series in an excellent 7th place overall. **Ashley Knighton** was there primarily to support his younger sister Emma, but ended up sailing when he was asked to step in as a crew when another competitor fell ill. **James Whitelock** was also provided support for his brother Edward.

Current Cherub National Champion **Andrew Chapman** was present in his role as Head Coach for the Flying Eleven Association, supporting all of the crews participating in the regatta. He was ably assisted in his coaching duties by **Peter Kendall**.

Former Cherub National Champion **Iain Murray** headed up the Race Committee while also fulfilling the important and time consuming duties of being a parent helper.

The contingent of parents also included a number of other former Cherub luminaries including dual World and Australian Woman's Champion **Jeanine Treharne** and some more recent Cherub sailors including **Kingsley Forbes-Smith**, **Mick Holford**, **Trevor Fay** and **Rolf Lunsmann**.

The Flying Eleven Nationals attracted 73 boats, most of which were sailed by high school aged sailors. The large number of entries was particularly pleasing as the series was held outside the main centres of F11 sailing in Sydney and Belmont. The high participation levels are in part due to the concerted efforts of the [Flying Eleven Association](#) which is doing a great job developing our next generation of dinghy sailors.



Above: Current Cherub National Champion Andrew Chapman catches up with 1972-73 Champion Iain Murray at the Flying 11 Nationals held at Eden NSW.

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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.