

## Dramatic Finish to Cherub Nationals

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**Right: 2008-09 National Championship winners from Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club Andrew Chapman and Kurt Warner get *The Black Pearl* going downwind. (Photo: Dallas Blatchford)**



Andrew Chapman and Kurt Warner from Sydney's Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club sailing *The Black Pearl* took out the 46th Australian Cherub National Championships held at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club.

Chapman and Warner took the title in a nail biting final race in which they needed to beat their closest rivals Andrew Triggell and Chris Anderson from Brisbane in *Tradesman's Entrance*, and the defending National Champions,

Trevor Fay and Simon Young from Belmont in *Wally*.

The final race, held in a 17-20 kt sea breeze, saw the lead change several times before Chapman and Warner finally prevailed by passing *Tradesman's Entrance* on the final work. The dramatic final heat win tied *The Black Pearl* and *Tradesman's Entrance* on points with the series going to Chapman on count-back. It was the second time in three years in which the

National championship has been decided on count-back.

Chapman's sister Alison, sailing with her brother Will in *Sparky*, finished fourth overall taking the Junior Championship and the trophy for first female skipper. A broken rudder fitting early in the series led to them having to carry two DNFs and robbed them of a chance for overall victory. Despite this they won three heats and finished second in two

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more, showing outstanding speed in both light and moderate conditions.

The Cadet Championship was won in convincing fashion by newcomers to the Cherub class Brennan Stead and Josh Leslie from Perth Dinghy Sailing Club.

*The Black Pearl* is a new boat built over winter. The construction of the hull was a joint effort by Kurt Warner and Kulmar Boatbuilding's Ben Dibley. It was put together from a Matthews shell and components from Ben Lawrie

in Perth. The boat's mast is one of the new 46mm "High Modulus" series from CST. The sails were designed and constructed by Andrew Chapman, a sailmaker at the Sydney loft of MacDiarmid Sails.

The Nationals regatta was one of the best in memory both in terms of the racing and the active social program that included karaoke, go-karts, trivia, New Years Eve and loads of socialising.



Above Top: The fleet bears down on the bottom mark. Bottom: Todd McVee and Steven Fryer from Perth Dinghy Sailing Club get some air in *Black in Black*. (Photos: Dallas Blatchford)

### Cherub Nationals by Numbers

- 47 entries made the LMYC series the biggest Nationals regatta since 2000/01.
- 23 of the entries (49%) were either Cadets (under 18 years) or Juniors (18 to 21 years).
- The 12 entries in the Woman Skipper category was the largest number for several years.
- Every boat raced every day.
- No protests were entered during the regatta.
- Entries represented four States and the ACT.
- Alison Chapman became the fourth female winner of the Junior Championship and the first since Maria-Luisa Ojeda won it in 1990/91.

### 2008-2009 Australian Cherub Championships

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	State	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1 3163	The Black Pearl	Andrew Chapman	Kurt Warner	NSW	LC12ftSSC	8	15	2	5	2	3	2	3	1	18
2 3153	Tradesman's Entrance	Andrew Triggell	Chris Anderson	Qld	RQYS	11	1	4	2	4	2	5	2	3	18
3 3144	Wally (V)	Trevor Fay	Simon Young	NSW	B16SC	4	10	1	1	7	1	4	5	4	20
4 3158	Sparky (J, W)	Alison Chapman	Will Chapman	NSW	LC12ftSSC	2	8	dnf	dnf	1	8	1	1	2	23
5 3130	Fine Mess (C)	Brennan Stead	Josh Leslie	WA	PDSC	6	11	5	6	5	4	3	22	5	34
6 3152	Enough Rope	Ryan Clifton-Smith	Nigel Blatchford	NSW	B16SC	32	2	3	8	24	9	8	8	6	44
7 3100	Everything Zen	Andrew Stewart	Amy Smith	NSW	DSC	3	3	9	10	10	12	9	6	7	47
8 3159	Liquor in Public (V)	James Warner	Geoff Moore	NSW	B16SC	10	14	23	3	9	6	6	11	48	59
9 3135	Serenity Now (J)	Steven Vance	Blake Vance	WA	PDSC	1	7	10	12	11	11	20	14	12	64
10 3149	Quick Spoon	Glen Emery	Grant Edwards	SA	LBSC	12	4	7	20	6	10	13	21	13	65

## Nationals Photos

Photos taken during the series by the people from **Eternal Images** are now available over the Web. Their site can be found at: [www.eternalimages.com.au](http://www.eternalimages.com.au)

## Accolades for Nationals Organisers

If there were a trophy awarded for the best organisation of a National Championship it would have to go to the team that put together the 2008-09 Cherub Nationals. Cherub National Council of Australia President Simon Blatchford together with his parents Dallas and Annette and Jackie Doyle did a magnificent job organising one of the most memorable and enjoyable regattas in years. The organising team together with the dedicated and hard working team at the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club ensured that both the racing program and the active social program went off smoothly. Annette, Dallas and Jackie seemed to spend every hour of the Championship attending so one of another aspect of the event.

The organising team was given a huge and deserved ovation by the large crowd at Presentation Night.



Above Top: Winners of the Handicap Trophy for the Championship were Andrew Wallace and Lachlan Frazer from Sydney's Yarra Bay Sailing Club sailing *Lick This*. Middle: Close high speed action down one of the reaches with David Mitchell and Reece Goldsmith in *Thrill Me Tiger* leading Ben Loffelmann and David Meilli in *Harden Up* and Lisa Sanderson and Oliver Jones in *Rush*. Bottom: Not everything went fully to plan. Blake Vance escapes the severe thunderstorm that put an end to racing on Race Day One.

Right Top: A high quality change of colour over winter for *The Wrong Trousers* helped Jason Dixon and Haydan Trenorden take out the trophy for the best presented boat at the Nationals. Brisbane's Andrew Triggell and Chris Anderson sailing *Tradesman's Entrance* came as close as possible to winning the series, loosing out on count-back. (Photos: Dallas Blatchford)

# National Championship Honours 2008-09

## Open Championship

1	The Black Pearl	Andrew Chapman and Kurt Warner	LC12ftSSC
2	Tradesman's Entrance	Andrew Triggell and Chris Anderson	RQYS
3	Wally	Trevor Fay and Simon Young	B16SC
4	Sparky	Alison Chapman and Will Chapman	LC12ftSSC
5	Fine Mess	Brennan Stead and Josh Leslie	PDSC
6	Enough Rope	Ryan Clifton-Smith and Nigel Blatchford	B16SC

## Junior Championship (Under 21)

1	Sparky	Alison Chapman and Will Chapman	LC12ftSSC
2	Serenity Now	Steve Vance and Blake Vance	PDSC
3	Can't Rush	Pete Kendall and Evan Williams	LC12ftSSC
4	Alchemy	Fiona Lunsmann and Rolf Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC
5	Back in Black	Todd McVee and Steve Fryer	PDSC
6	The Lairy Canary	Josh Doyle and Tom Drury	B1SC

## Cadet Championship (Under 18)

1	Fine Mess	Brennan Stead and Josh Leslie	PDSC
2	Pocket Rocket	Kris Fay and Rohan Kelly	B16SC
3	TNT	Daniel Ryan and Rob Burvill	PDSC
4	GO	Mathew Jones and Daniel Lucas	PDSC
5	Up 'n Coming	Ryan Smith and Nigel Smith	PDSC
6	Attitude	Ashley Knighton and Simon Hunter	B16SC

## Veteran's Trophy

## Women's Skipper Trophy

1	Wally	Trevor Fay and Simon Young	B16SC	1	Sparky	Allison Chapman	LC12ftSSC
2	Liquor in Public	James Warner and Geoff Moore	B16SC	2	Camel Toe	Felicity Wellman	B16SC
3	Batteries Not Included	Tim Harrington and Chris Harrington	LC12ftSSC	3	Alchemy	Fiona Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC
4	Alchemy	Fiona Lunsmann and Rolf Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC	4	White Noise	Samantha White	LC12ftSSC
5	Vendetta	Ray Beeton and Michael Duggan	B16SC	5	Who Made Who	Renae Vance	PDSC
6	Rope City	Wayne Torpy and Liam Doyle	B16SC	6	Syncin'	Claire Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC

## Handicap Trophy

## Women's Crew Trophy

1	Lick This	Andrew Wallace and Lachlan Frazer	YB16SC	1	Everything Zen	Amy Smith	DSC
2	Agro	James Wallace and Juliet Schilling	YB16SC	2	Who Made Who	Rachel Jones	PDSC
3	Fast Forward	Amy Carlson and Stuart Kirkby	B16SC	3	Ralph	Kate Hayward	LC12ftSSC
4	Enough Rope	Ryan Clifton-Smith and Nigel Blatchford	B16SC	4	Built for Thrashing	Rosie Krause	B16SC
5	Tradesman's Entrance	Andrew Triggell and Chris Anderson	RQYS	5	Agro	Juliet Schilling	YB16SC
6	Thrill Me Tiger	David Mitchell and Reece Goldsmith	DSC				