



Right: 2010-11 National Championship winners Trevor Fay and Nathan Chipchase from Belmont 16ft Sailing Club sailing *The French Tickler*. Photo: Greg Bolton.



Veterans Day at the Nationals

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It was "Veterans Day", at the end of the Adelaide Nationals with Trevor Fay and Nathan Chipchase from Belmont 16ft Skiff Club sailing *The French Tickler* winning both the Open Championship and the Veteran's trophy. For Trevor it was his fourth nationals win. The NSW pair's win was far from easy. Prior to the last race they had not recorded a race win and the pointscore gave them only a narrow lead over eventual second placegetters Neil How and Alex Bath sailing *Monster* and Perth crew Ben Lawrie and Geoff Longwood in *Busted Football*.

When the fleet started the Invitation Race there

would have been few participants who would have expected a series in which the conditions would vary so wildly. The Invitation Race itself was sailed in a steady 15 kt breeze and was taken out by Cam Rule and Cain McVee from Mounts Bay Sailing Club in *The Cunning Linguist*.

When the series started the conditions changed significantly. The first two days of racing were completed in very light airs with the PRO struggling to set courses short enough to complete racing. The two heats on Day One and the single race on Day Two each started in light conditions and finished in close to drifts. Race Two

was so slow that only two of the fleet were able to make the line before the wind died completely, causing all the remaining boats to DNF missing the on time limit. This occurred even through some of the boats had only a few hundred metres to sail in the 30 minutes following he winner finishing. As a result of this race several boats protested the Race Committee over the fairness of the result. The outcome of the protest was that all the non-finishers were awarded average points for the race.

In these three light races Belmont brothers Brett and

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Top left: Conditions for the first three Races were light to very light. Here Ray Beeton and one of his various crews on *Vendetta* try to keep the boat moving in Race 1 ahead of Oliver Hartas and Macca Paton in *Pocket Rocket*, Adam Bolton and Duncan Murray in their new boat *Never Ready* and Jason McLaren and Cassie Buckley in *Elegantly Wasted*. Top Right: The stars of the light weather were the Lancaster brothers on *Causing Haavik*. They showed outstanding skill and speed to win each of the first three races. Bottom Left: The fleet gets away at the start of the ill fated second race. Bottom Right: The finish of the second race was in almost no breeze at all. Only two boat managed to cross the line within the time limit. Several were left close to the line but unable to move in the still air.

2010-2011 Australian Cherub Championships

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	State	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1 3143	The French Tickler	Trevor Fay	Nathan Chipchase	NSW	2	2	2	3	(9)	(dnf)	1	10
2 3161	Monster	Neil How	Alex Bath	SA	(5)	4av	4	1	(8)	3	3	15
3 3166	Busted Football	Ben Lawrie	Geoff Longwood	WA	3	(8av)	3	2	(dnf)	4	4	16
4 3158	Causing Haavik	Brett Lancaster	Ryan Lancaster	NSW	1	1	1	(13)	(11)	10	5	16
5 3135	Serenity Now	Steve Vance	Blake Vance	WA	(10)	(7.2av)	16	4	4	1	8	24.2
6 3155	Rope City	Ashley Knighton	Rhys Mara	NSW	(11)	9.7av	(dnf)	5	1	2	7	24.7
7 3130	Fine Mess	Brennan Stead	Elliot Mahar	WA	(15)	9.2av	7	6	2	9	(16)	33.2
8 3148	Cunning Linguist	Cam Rule	Cain McVee	WA	(23)	11.7	(21)	7	3	5	11	37.7
9 3144	Wally	Kris Fay	Liam Doyle	NSW	7	9.2av	(12)	9	7	7	(13)	39.2
10 3149	Quick Spoon	Glen Emery	Grant Edwards	SA	(14)	10.7av	9	8	6	8	(19)	41.7

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Ryan Lancaster sailing *Causing Haavik* showed outstanding speed and great light weather skill to record three straight wins. If the conditions were to stay light for the remainder of the regatta they looked likely winners. But this was not to be the case.

Following the New Years Day lay day conditions completely turned about. The next three races, over two days of racing, were held in very fresh 20+kts south westerly breezes, causing a major turn-around in the results with many of the heavier and more experienced crews coming to the fore. Ashley Knighton, sailing with defending champion Rhys Mara in *Rope City*, relished the fresher breezes recording one win, a second and a fifth place. Similarly Steve and Blake Vance in *Serenity Now* from Perth Dinghy Sailing Club recorded a win and two fourth places. In this shake-up three crews stood out having managed to score well in both the light and the heavy going. No surprise that it was these three crews that took out the top three overall places. Fay and Chipchase, local Largs Bay team of How and Bath and , Lawrie and Longwood each managed to record solid places in both light and heavy.

With the last race to be sailed in more moderate conditions Fay and Chipchase had the challenge of staying in front of How and Bath to take the series. Carefully playing the shifts up the first work Fay and Chipchase built a considerable lead at the top mark with leading woman skipper Claire Lunsman in

Alchemy second and How and Bath third. At that stage the series looked to be in keeping for Fay and Chipchase. However How and Bath did not give up and chipped away at the lead. On the final downwind leg How and Bath had sailed very deep and slow in the lighter breeze. Fay and Chipchase had sailed a higher faster course searching for a freshening breeze on the left. At the bottom mark the final time the lead was down to a few metres, but Fay and Chipchase held their margin up the last work to take the race and the series.

Winner of the Junior Championship were the Lancaster brothers whose performance was outstanding given that it is their first season in Cherubs. Kris Fay and Liam Doyle from Belmont took the Cadet trophy.

The French Tickler is the first non-Matthews design to win the Nationals since 1999. Its hull shell is a modified *Lairy Canary* design originally built by Dallas Blatchford (and sons) in 2002. Over this last winter Dallas, with assistance from Nigel Blatchford and Trevor Fay, completely stripped the hull shell rebuilding all the frames decks and floor. The result was effectively a new boat with flat decks, laid out in a similar way to Trevor Fay's previous boat, dual National Champion, Wally.

Boats at the Nationals



Winner of the Best Presented Boat Trophy was Neil How for *Monster* (above). *Monster* had narrowly missed out on this honour at its first Nationals in Brisbane three years ago. This year, sporting an updated paint job and the coolest looking name and number artwork on the transom, it took the prize narrowly from *Busted Football*.

Busted Football (below) is a brand new demonstrator boat built by Ben Lawrie at Complete Composites. It impressed many viewers with the attention to detail put into its construction and the quality of its finish.





Action from Adelaide in Race Six: Left Top: Series runners-up Neil How and Alex Bath in *Monster* smash through a Largs Bay set on the way to third place in the race. Middle: Todd McVee and Steve Fryer pilot *Back in Black* down a wave. Bottom: Ashely Knighton and Rhys Mara in *Rope City* show their heavy weather form. Right Top: Simon How and Pat Agar get some air in *Boobs Are Us*. Centre: Brennan Stead and Elliot Mahar show off their centreboard to the fans. Bottom: "Abandon Ship" is the call on *Dragon Slayers Inc* as Jason Day takes and early exit with skipper Dale Geddes going down with the ship. (photos: Greg Bolton)

Tribute to Nationals Organisers

The great success of the Adelaide Nationals could not have been achieved without the fantastic job done by all the volunteers at **Largs Bay Sailing Club** who were terrific throughout the regatta. Also, the SA Cherub Association team led by **Glen Emery and Jason Dixon** put in a mountain of work to organise the sailing. The frantic social program also made it a really good fun regatta for everyone.

A big thanks to all of you from all the Cherub Sailors.

Yeppoon Next Year

The 2011-12 Nationals will be held at [Keppel Bay Sailing Club](#) in Yeppoon Queensland. Yeppoon is the coastal resort town adjacent to Rockhampton on the Tropic of Capricorn. KBSC is one of the premier sailing clubs in Queensland backed by a major social club just across the road from the

sailing venue. The club is right behind the Cherub event and can be guaranteed to stage a fantastic event. Nearby Great Keppel Island and other local resorts will provide a great holiday destination for the whole family.

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Nationals Party Time: Above Top: Adelaide rock cover band *Rock the Boss* lit up the room at the Presentation Night dinner. Above: The crowd put their dancing shoes on for New Year's Eve.

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Cherubs Invited to 12ft Skiff

The Cherub class has been given an open invitation to participate in the 12ft Skiff Nationals Championships to be held at RQYS at Easter. Two Cherubs put on a good show at the Interdominions at Lane Cove in January beat a number of the backmarker skiffs. This is a chance to take them on again north of the border. Details at sailing.rqys.com.au

National Championship Honours 2010-11

Open Championship

1	The French Tickler	Trevor Fay and Nathan Chipchase	B16SC
2	Monster	Neil How and Alex Bath	LBSC
3	Busted Football	Ben Lawrie and Geoff Longwood	PDSC
4	Causing Haavik	Brett Lancaster and Ryan Lancaster	B16SC
5	Serenity Now	Steven Vance and Blake Vance	PDSC
6	Rope City	Ashley Knighton and Rhys Mara	B16SC
7	Fine Mess	Brennan Stead and Elliot Mahar	PDSC
8	Cunning Linguist	Cam Rule and Cain McVee	MBSC
9	Wally	Kris Fay and Liam Doyle	B16SC
10	Quick Spoon	Glen Emery and Grant Edwards	LBSC

Junior Championship (Under 21)

1	Causing Haavik	Brett Lancaster and Ryan Lancaster	B16SC
2	Rope City	Ashley Knighton and Rhys Mara	B16SC
3	Alchemy	Claire Lunsmann and Rolf Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC
4	The Black Pearl	Lawrence Wakefield and Oliver Jones	DJSC
5	Liquor in Public	Charlotte Henly-Smith and David Mitchell	DJSC
6	Pocket Rocket	Oliver Hartas and Macca Paton	LC12ftSSC
7	Fast Forward	Stuart Kirkby and Keiran Thompson	B16SC
8	Boogie Nights	Ashleigh Emery and Haydon Trenorden	LBSC

Cadet Championship (Under 18)

1	Wally	Kris Fay and Liam Doyle	B16SC
2	Everything Zen	Jen Paget and Andrew Stephenson	DJSC
3	Attitude	Aaron Kirkby and Rowan Loosemore	B12SC

Woman Skipper

1	Alchemy	Claire Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC
2	Everything Zen	Jen Pagett	DJSC
3	Liquor in Public	Charlotte Henley-Smith	DJSC
4	Boogie Nights	Ashleigh Emery	LBSC

Handicap Trophy

1	The French Tickler	Trevor Fay and Nathan Chipchase	B16SC
2	Serenity Now	Steve and Blake Vance	PDSC
3	Rope City	Ashley Knighton and Rhys Mara	B16SC
4	Busted Football	Ben Lawrie and Geoff Longwood	PDSC

* Trophy to Serenity Now



Right: Images from Presentation Night 2010-11 From Top: Ray and Jeanette Beeton cut up the dance floor: The Handicap Trophy winners Steve and Blake Vance with their prize, a new rudder blade from sponsors Complete Composites: Junior Champions Brett and Ryan Lancaster: Cadet Champions Kris Fay and Liam Doyle.