



Cherub Fact Sheets On-line

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A new set of Cherub Fact Sheets are now available free of charge, on-line at the Cherub web site [Cherub Central](#). The Fact Sheets have been prepared to provide basic information of the design, layout and construction of Cherubs.

The first four Fact Sheets cover an introduction to the class, modern hull designs, deck layouts and construction methods. Future editions of the sheets are planned covering topics such as sails, rigging and tuning a Cherub rig. Other topics may also be added to the series if readers express interest.

In launching the Fact Sheets President of the Cherub National Council of Australia, Simon Blatchford said, "The Fact Sheets try to answer the most common questions asked by people who are new to the class. We hope that they will be a useful resource, particularly for sailors based at regional Clubs or Clubs that are just building up their Cherub fleets who may not have experienced Cherub sailors on hand to answer their questions."

Three of the first four Fact Sheets deal with issues that will be of interest to people contemplating building their own Cherub. "With the ready availability

of Cherub hull shells, homebuilding is a very viable option for many people who enjoy working on their own boats", Blatchford said. "The deck layouts of many modern Cherubs are made up of flat panels. This means that can homebuilders can build a competitive boat economically and without the need for expensive or elaborate moulds."

The Fact Sheets contain hyperlinks to high resolution photos of current top line boats. They contain

technical guidance that has been contributed by experienced Cherub sailors who have built many boats and raced in the class over a number of years.

Future issues will try to set out the basic steps needed to tune a rig and ensure that sail and rig combinations work effectively. If Cherub sailors would like a particular topic included in the series they can simply make a request through the Forum on the web site.

Right: Four Cherub Fact Sheets are now available on-line. Each sheet contains basic information of key issues such as design, deck layouts, and construction methods.



Cherubs at CHS 2008

Nine Cherubs were among the 149 boat that contested the 2008 Australian Secondary Schools Sailing Championship held at Belmont, Lake Macquarie in April.

The NSW Cherub Association Trophy for the first Cherub in the regatta went to Lisa Sanderson and Oliver Jones in *South Park* from Drummoyne Sailing Club who represented Newtown Performing Arts High School in Sydney.

For the first time in living memory the series features strong breezes, which upset the plan of several crews who had stepped up into Cherubs for the first time. The conditions also led to a large number of DNFs across all the classes in the regatta.

Sanderson and Jones dominated the racing with three wins from the four heats. The only other heat winners were Flying Eleven sailor Claire Lunsmann who teamed up with Naomi Fay in *Wally*. They won heat three which was sailed in the most moderate condition

of the regatta. Second overall were Madoc Collins and Tim Baker from Taree.

Sanderson and Jones, who have sailed together in Cherubs for the past two seasons will part company next season with Oliver Jones having bought his own Cherub, *Bit of Movement 3103*. Both plan to contest the upcoming Cherub Nationals at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club.

Right Top. Claire Lunsmann and Naomi Fay try a wild gybe while Alex Paton and Declan Rohr practice their reverse mining in the strong breeze of CHS 2008. Centre: Lisa Sanderson and Oliver Jones blitzed the CHS Cherub fleet with three wins in four heats. Bottom: Madoc Collins and Tim Baker on their way to second overall in El Scorcho (Photos: Kinglsey Forbes-Smith, miboat.com)



Final Results for Cherub class at the 2008 Australian Secondary Schools Regatta

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Skipper's School	1	2	3	4	Pts
1 3090	South Park	Lisa Sanderson	Oliver Jones	Newtown Performing Arts High	1	1	2	1	3
2 3069	El Scorcho	Madoc Collins	Tim Baker	Wingham High	2	2	6	2	6
3 3094	Lick This	Natalia Jastrzab	James Wallace	Brigidine College	4	3	5	3	10
4 2958	Palpitations	Charlotte Henly-Smith	Tom Sheridan	Riverside Girls High	4	5	5	DNC	13
5 3111	Vegas Baby	Samantha McLaren	Tom Dillon	Maris Sisters College	3	6	7	DNF	16
6 2985	Screamin' Seamen	Alex Paton	Declan Rohr	Presbyterian Ladies College	DNF	DNF	3	4	17
7 3144	Wally	Claire Lunsmann	Naomi Fay	Roseville College	DNF	DNF	1	DNF	21
8 2952	Shut Up and Tack	James Whitelock	Nick Addison	St Patricks College	DNF	5	DNF	DNF	25
9 2945	Smashing Pumpkins	Sandy McWilliam	Ben Dixon	Arden Anglican School	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	30

Western Australia Celebrates with the Winners

Cherubs Wanted Now

Do you have a Cherub that you rarely use? Do you know of someone with an unused Cherub in their garage? There is a significant demand for Cherubs at the moment and the shortage of boats on the [Second Hand Boat List](#) continues.

If you would like to put your boat on the market contact [Wayne](#) at [Cherub Central](#). You could be helping a new pair of young Cherub sailors get started.

Much of the current interest in the class has been fuelled by interest in the next Nationals to be held at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club. If you can not make it to Lake Macquarie have a think about leasing your Cherub out someone.

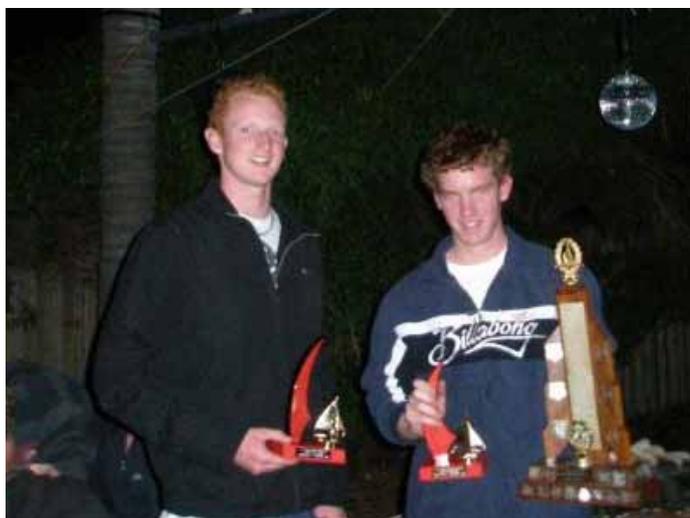
The West Australian State presentation and AGM were held in June at Todd Montgomery's "party" pad, with a custom built bar and a couple of kegs to help proceedings move along. The AGM was wrapped up expeditiously, with long-serving State President Phil Vance leaving and Cam Rule taking on the challenge. The presentations were slotted into the party somewhere along the line, and the majority of attendees felt the pain the next day.

No winter series took place in WA, following a long tradition. Sailing is considered more of a summer sport, plus some nice winter swells hit the south west during this time (for the surfers amongst us).

At the present, at least 9 cherubs from WA will be going over east for the Lake Macquarie Nationals, notably a younger squad. The veteran's have either moved onto International 14s or are trying to save money to deal with the housing crisis over here.

The State Championships for 2008-09 being planned. It will be held at the traditional clubs like Mounts Bay and Perth Dinghy but will also at a couple of clubs where other intermediate skiff classes have emerged. There are a lot of potential future Cherub sailors about, so we'll make sure that they are aware of the great qualities of the class. We want to make sure our presence is known.

To avoid the potential of having the majority of the States in light winds, four state heats will be run before the Nationals.



Top: WA State Champions for 2007-08 Andrew and Phil Vance receive their trophies. Centre: Third place in the States went to Blake and Steve Vance. Bottom: New WA State President Cam Rule on the left, enjoying the party with, from left to right, Brennan Stead, Josh Leslie and Telisha Crannage. (Photos: Telisha Crannage)

Lake Macquarie Nationals News

Notice of Race

The Notice of Race for the 2008-09 Nationals to be held at Lake Macquarie Yacht Club is now available on the Cherub website [here](#). Planning is well underway for what promises to be one of the biggest Cherub regattas in recent years.

The Nationals series which will run from Saturday 27 December through to Monday 5 January, is scheduled to include 10 heats, consisting of four long format and six short format races. The usual lay day is scheduled for New Year's Day. Measurement will be held on 27 December, an invitation race on 28 December and the first heat on 29 December.

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club has a very experienced race management crew and are guaranteed to provide efficient and fair racing on the fabulous flat waters of Lake Macquarie. The Club will be putting in place a number of special arrangements to make life easy for entrants including dedication of part of their extensive waterside car park to provide a sealed rigging area adjacent to their sheltered launching ramps.

As in the past, the series will include categories for Cadets (skippers under 18 years of age), Juniors (skippers 18 to under 21 years of age) and Veterans (average crew age over 28). The series will also include the "W.M Blaskett Trophy for the first woman skipper, a trophy for the first woman crew and individual heat and overall handicap prizes.

New Crews

There has already been strong interest in the series with a number of new boats under construction, new crews entering the class and some well known former Cherub returning to the class after adventures elsewhere.

In Sydney Andrew Chapman has teamed up with Kurt Warner to build and campaign a new boat to be known as *The Black Pearl*. Last season Chapman, who is a former National Champion in Flying Elevens, campaigned a 29er winning the 2007 Sydney International Regatta and finishing fifth in the 2008 29er World Championships. Andrew's crew from the 29ers, his brother Will, who is himself a former 13ft Skiff National Champion, will be teaming up with their sister Alison, who has won the women's trophy at the last two Flying Eleven Nationals, in *Sparky* 3158. The two Chapman Cherubs should be very competitive.

Elsewhere, Lane Cove's Evan Williams has returned to Cherubs, after a year of crewing on a 12ft Skiff, teaming up with Avalon based former 29er sailor Peter Kendall on the yet to be renamed Cherub 3131.

Further north at Belmont another former 29er sailor is due to join the Cherub sailing ranks as Stuart McDonald takes over as crew for Simon Blatchford in *Getya Cans* 3160. Nigel Blatchford is also planning on a return to Cherubs after having messed much of last season. He will be crewing for Ryan Clifton-Smith on *Enough Rope* 3152.



Above: "Black Pearl" or "Black Skeleton"? The new Cherub for Andrew Chapman and Kurt Warner is taking shape in Sydney in preparation for the Lake Macquarie Nationals.

Cherub Nationals Sponsorship Opportunities

Interested in having your business associated with the future of sailing in Australia?

Interested in having your business name in front of some of Australia's brightest and most enthusiastic young sailors?

Interested in supporting one of Australia's most prominent development classes?

The 2008-09 Cherub Nationals will create a number of important sponsorship opportunities for businesses associated with sailing and businesses interested in reaching independent young Australian sailors.

If you would like to find out more on how you can be part of the 2008-09 Nationals Regatta call: **Simon Blatchford** on **0408 272 971** or email Simon at:

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What a Classic: Heart Attack Makes a Comeback

Another beautiful classic Cherub has found its way out of a forgotten garage and back into the lime-light.

Rob Jackson, organiser of the last Brisbane Nationals, has unearthed *Heart Attack* 2460, a vintage ply Cherub built by local Queensland boatbuilder Vince Sturdy from cedar ply with ash (blue fig) trim in 1975.

The boat is in extraordinary condition for her age, having been in careful storage for the past 25 years. Her last race was the last heat of the 1983 Cherub World Championships at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

The mast is a Miller & Whitworth Speedspar and she has two sets of Tru-Flo sails. One of which has only ever been used

in the 1983 Worlds regatta.

Rob acquired the boat from Brett Hayward who crewed on her during the 1983 Worlds. Their plan for *Heart Attack* is to restore her to her full glory and then offer her to the Queensland Maritime Museum where she would be a fitting reminder of the important place that Cherubs have in the story of Australian sailing.

Heart Attack is a *Vitamin C* design and was built in the same shed as that famous Cherub sailed by Ken Baddiley and Rhys Jeffreys.

You can find Robert Keeley's colourful account of the racing at the 1983 Cherub World Championship races at Cherub Central [here](#).



Above: Brett Hayward's *Heart Attack* 2460 looks as good as it did on its last sailing outing during the 1983 World Championships.

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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.