

Rope City Tops the Class at CHS 2010



Right: Murray Jones and Ashley Knighton who took out the Cherub Division of the 2010 Australian Secondary Schools Regatta get their boat *Rope City* going during Race 2. (Photo: Kingsley Forbes-Smith)

Murray Jones and Ashley Knighton took the honours in the Cherub class at the 2010 Australian Secondary Schools Regatta held at Belmont in early April. Sailing Ashley's boat *Rope City* the pair narrowly edged out Sydney crew Jen Pagett and Andrew Stephenson in *Everything Zen* in the final race.

The regatta began in a promising way for the Cherub fleet with *Everything Zen* taking out the Invitation Race while also scoring an overall win on yardstick in the fleet of 131 boats of all classes. By contrast Race One of the main series on Wednesday was sailed in drift like

conditions which did not suite the Cherubs at all. Few crews managed to finish the course within the time limit. One of those to finish was Oliver Hartas and James Bloomfield in *Getcha Cans Out* who slid home clear winners among the Cherubs and at the same time secured third place on yardstick. In Thursday's Race Two the breeze returned and *Everything Zen* again powered to the front of the fleet not only winning the Cherubs but also scoring an overall win on yardstick. The breeze held in again on Friday with *Rope City* this time the top of the Cherubs. With three races completed the stage was set for a dramatic finish.

With one drop taken into account and only one race remaining *Everything Zen* led both the overall series and the Cherub Division. *Rope City* were only a couple of points behind overall and locked together on equal points

To everyone's disappointment the condition for the final race were less than perfect for the Cherubs with very light winds. The light conditions put pay to any prospect of a Cherub winning the overall but *Rope City* made the most of the conditions to be the first Cherub home and take the Cherub Association Trophy for the top Cherub on scratch in the series.

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NSW Winter Training

In a major turnaround of their previous policies Yachting New South Wales have not only invited the Cherub class to join their 2010 youth level winter training programs but they have taken on a group of top level Cherub sailors as their principal coaches. YNSW 2010 Winter Training Programs will be held at Drummoyne, Belmont, Woolahra and Cronulla Sailing Clubs. At each venue the program will consist of five full days training spread over the winter.

The NSW Cherub Association is encouraging young Cherub sailor to participate in the programs at Belmont and at Drummoyne.

The YNSW Coaching Panel will include a number of coaches with extensive Cherub sailing experience including current Cherub National Champion **Alison Chapman**, former National Champion **Andrew Chapman**, international 49er crew **Pete Kendal** and former Cherub National Junior Champion **Will Chapman**.

In developing the programs YNSW has adopted a successful model developed by Avalon Sailing Club and by the Flying 11 Association of NSW over the past two years.

The cost to the training programs is a modest \$220 per boat and entry can be completed on line from the Yachting NSW web site.

The programs are an excellent opportunity for crews who wish to improve their skills by spending time with some top level

DATES

Drummoyne SC

30 May
27 June
25 July
8 August
22 August

Belmont 16ft Sailing Club

16 May
6 June
20 June
18 July
15 August

2010-11 Cherub Nationals

The 48th Cherub National Championships will be held at Largs Bay Sailing Club, Adelaide, South Australia, from 28 December 2010 to 4 January 2011. The club is experienced in running big regattas having hosted the National Youth Championships last year.

The club has undergone a \$1.5 million redevelopment since the national Cherub fleet last visited. The redevelopment has provided the club with modern bar, kitchen/canteen facilities and updated shower/change rooms. In addition the ballroom and balcony areas have been extended, which now provide a very pleasant environment for viewing the racing.

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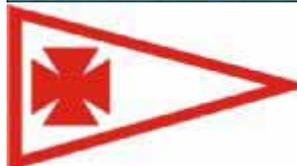
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The beach at Largs Bay is broad and features shallow waters in-shore which allows for easy rigging, launching and retrieving of dinghies, sailboards and catamarans. While there is negligible shore break, fixed rudders are not recommended. Boats may be rigged on the beach or on the lawn areas adjacent to the club house.

28 December 2010 to 4 January 2011



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CHS 2010 Round-up



Action from the Cherub Division of CHS 2010 held at Belmont 16ft Skiff Club. Top left: Stuart Kirkby and Jimmy Read get ready for the kits drop. Top right: Oliver Hartas showing pride in his school uniform while sailing with James Bloomfield. Bottom left Chloe Jensen and Grace Armstrong get Can't Rush going in Race Two. Bottom right: Dylan Passmore does a high wire act while crewing for Kirk Mitchell on Trill...Me...Tiger.

Australian Secondary Schools Regatta 2010 Cherub Division Final Scratch Placings

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Points	R4	R3	R2	R1
1 3155	Rope City	Murray Jones	Ashley Knighton	5.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	DNF
2 3100	Everything Zen	Jen Pagett	Andrew Stevenson	7.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	DNF
3 3111	Dr Shackle Mr Gybe	Lawrence Wakefield	Tom Sheridan	10.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	DNF
4 3093	Thrill...Me...Tiger	Kirk Mitchell	Dylan Passmore	11.0	1.0	4.0	6.0	DNF
5 3160	Getcha Cans Out	Oliver Hartas	James Bloomfield	12.0	DNF	6.0	5.0	1.0
6 3095	Fast Forward	Stuart Kirkby	James Read	20.0	DNC	5.0	3.0	DNF
7 3131	Can't Rush	Chloe Jensen	Grace Armstrong	20.0	5.0	7.0	8.0	DNF
8 3096	Perpetual Motion	Ryan Fokes	Chris Bradford	28.0	DNC	9.0	7.0	DNF
9 2980	Pink Bits	Toma McQuillan	Edward Whitelock	30.0	DNF	8.0	10.0	DNF
10 3090	South Park	Alex Sanderson	James Ellis	33.0	DNC	DNC	9.0	DNF
11 3062	Lairy Canary	Arron Moretti	Demi Butler	36.0	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC

Batemans Bay Anzac Weekend Regatta

Once again, Batemans Bay put on a fine challenge for its annual ANZAC Day Regatta, with winds varying anywhere between 2 to 30 knots, glass to a three foot swell, all in just two days. It was the first time for several of the eight cherubs to attend an away from home event, and proved to be a definite eye opener to them all, both sailing wise and socially.

Race One saw every cherub miss the start by up to five minutes, after a combination of car problems and sandbars threw their plans into disarray. A 5-10 knot shifty Westerly met us on the course, with Rope City getting away to a good lead, followed by Everything Zen, Causing Haavik and White Noise. Rope City and Everything Zen took off, overtaking most boats of the other classes, and beating the next boat Getcha Cans Out (a notably late entrant) across the line by a full leg.

Race Two was started in a 2 knot Westerly, which led to multiple collisions on the start line due to lack of steering. As we made our way up the work, the wind slowly built to about 5 knots, gusting occasionally to 8. Rope City, White Noise Getcha Cans Out and Everything Zen took full advantage of the light fluky conditions, getting off to an early lead down the first kite run. With the light breeze, the Division one and Division two boats all converged on the wing mark at once, causing a massive pile-up, disadvantaging all involved. Getcha Cans Out seized this opportunity by staying 50m clear of the mark, rounding in fresh air, and opening a clear half a leg gap on the rest of the fleet, which they maintained comfortably for the remainder of the race, followed by Rope City then Everything Zen.

Race Three showed a bit more promise. Despite a big night of typical cherub socialising, we were all excited to see a 20 knot

southerly whipping up a 3ft swell around the point in our sailing area. Regardless of the postponement flag, the cherubs all hit the water for some fun, taking absolutely no time to hit the starting area, and taking full advantage of large waves, and heavy winds. The race started in about 15 knots from the South, and saw very close competition up front between Rope City, Getcha Cans Out and Causing Haavik, which was narrowed down to two, being Rope City and Getcha Cans Out after an excessively tight, heavy run to the wing mark. They battled it out, with Rope City eventually taking full advantage of the heavy weather, and opening up a small lead on Getcha Cans Out and a bit further back, Causing Haavik.

Race Four was similar conditions to race three, and saw a very similar start to the race, with Getcha Cans Out seeming confident enough to leave their skipper behind on the wing mark on the first lap,

but still holding onto second position. The lead chopped and changed between Rope City and Getcha Cans Out several times, and Causing Haavik even made a comeback toward the end of the race, but fell back on the last run to leave the finishing order at Rope City, Getcha Cans Out and Causing Haavik.

Race Five saw most of the Cherub sailors take on the worst weather imaginable, bright sunny skies and no wind at all, on what was to be most challenging course of all... 18 holes of Bateman's Bay's finest Mini Golf Course. All competitors took to the course with the dreams and aspirations of being the cherub fleets number one golfer. Simon got off to a bit of a rusty start, with a ten on the first hole, but soon had the rust marks polished off, proving he was just playing fair by getting a hole in one on the following hole. Kris Fay had far too much power behind his stroke, with the little fella driving his ball across the course and hitting an innocent bystander in the leg, and later driving one through the fence and out onto the road, so the sailors took the law into their own hands, stuffing him inside the skull and proceeding to take their shots at it. Liam Doyle emerged as the winner of Race Five, with an honourable mention on the daily records board.

- **Simon Blatchford**

Batemans Bay Sailing Club - 2010 Anzac Weekend Regatta - Cherub Division

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew
1 3155	Rope City	Ashley Knighton	Nigel Blatchford
2 3160	Getcha Cans Out	Simon Blatchford	Liam Doyle
3 3158	Causing Haavik	Brett Lancaster	Ryan Lancaster
4 3110	Everything Zen	Jen Pagett	Andrew Stevenson
5 3110	White Noise	Alex Sanderson	John Sanderson
6 2945	Smashing Pumpkins	Bryce Tamsett	Alex Moorecroft
7 3147	Camel Toe	Natalia Jastrzab	Ewan Duckworth
8 3119	Built for Thrashing	Alyson Schutz	Jimmy Read



Scenes from Batemans Bay: Clockwise from top left: Simon Blatchford and Liam Doyle show the mixed fleet what Cherubs can do in a bit of breeze. Natalia Jastrzab and Ewan Duckworth have on of those moments on *Camel Toe*. Transport problems? See Simon who is now travelling three up on the beast. Most of the Cherub tribe on the way to the Batemans Bay Open at the mini-golf course. Brett and Ryan Lancaster showing form on *Causing Haavik*. Alex and John Sanderson had a great first regatta on *White Noise*.

Life after Cherubs

Eleven years after they won the [1998/99 Cherub National Championships](#) Joel McDonald and Brendan Matthews are still sailing together as a successful team. The pair recently finished in a close fourth place in the 12ft Skiff Nationals sailed on their home waters of Waterloo Bay, Brisbane over Easter.

Both Matthews and McDonald have been influential in the development of the Cherub class in the decade since they won their Cherub title at the same venue sailing *Back in Black*. Brendan is the designer of the Matthews

hulls that have dominated top end racing over the past ten years and McDonald has had a significant influence on sail design, initially as a sailmaker and now as the proprietor of [Allwood Sails](#).

At this years 12ft Skiff Nationals the pair were sailing *Allwood Sails*, one of Brendan's new Mk2 12ft Skiff hulls. The series was won by another pair of former Cherub sailors, Sydney crew of Brett Hobson and Alex Johnson, who were one of the crews beaten by Matthews and McDonald back in 1998/99.



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