

NSW State Championships Belmont Round



Right: *Tradesman's Entrance* on their way to victory in Heat 1 of the NSW State Championship at Belmont. (Photo: Dallas Blatchford)

Queensland Cherub crew Andrew Triggell and Chris Anderson in *Tradesman's Entrance* laid down a challenge to all the crews preparing for the 2008-09 Nationals by winning the first two heats of the NSW State Championships sailed on Lake Macquarie on the weekend of 8-9 November.

The first two heats were sailed in fresh conditions. Heat One heat started in a moderate westerly breeze before a fresh south westerly change hit the fleet as they approached the first windward mark. The next

few minutes of racing saw some spectacular action with the gybe mark becoming a graveyard of capsized boats. With kites set for the second reach those remaining upright enjoyed a ripping ride to the bottom mark. When the chaos cleared *Tradesman's Entrance* had a handy lead from Trevor Fay and Simon Young in *Wally*. Behind the leading two Tim and Chris Harrington in *Batteries Not Included* sailed a great race to finish third.

As the breeze behind the change abated, Heat Two

got off to a false start when a major wind shift caused the Race Committee abandon the race as the leading boats approached the gybe mark.

Following the restart *Tradesman's Entrance* sailed to a narrow lead at the top mark and were never headed. Wally finished second with Andrew Chapman and Kurt Warner in *The Black Pearl* just pipping Andrew Stewart and Amy Smith in *Everything Zen* for third.

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Sunday's long race was delayed by an unusual calm on the lake. When racing got underway Principal Race Officer Tony Outtridge was faced with a difficult challenge. In conditions that must of reminded him of his recent trip to the Olympics at Qing Dao, the race started in 3 to 6 and occasionally zero knots of breeze that swung though 150 deg.

The fleet drifted through the first five legs of the course before a course shortening put everyone out of their misery. In an outstanding display of light weather sailing *The Black Pearl* set up a big lead eventually winning the heat by 6 minutes. Behind them the places were all as close as they had been the previous day. Well know light wind flyers Andrew Stewart and Amy Smith finished second with *Wally* third. Kris Fay standing in as skipper on *Rope City* for an injured Wayne Torpy managed a remarkable fourth place.

Buried at the back of the fleet near the wing mark *Rope City* gybed away from the main fleet and picked up the new breeze at a better angle allowing them to rocket into fourth place.

Overall the three heats were very competitive with close racing especially for places from third to fifteenth. The various adventures, capsizes, gear failures, injuries and major wind shifts, over the weekend mean that many of the fancied crews aiming for a place on the NSW State Team for the Nationals will be carrying at least one high pointscore race into the next round of State racing to be held at Georges River and Yarra Bay on 13 and 14 December.

Right Top: Series leaders Trevor Fay and Simon Young get some air in Heat 1. Bottom Hippy Hippy Shake (3099) sailed by David Stewart and Scott Schutz is one of a number of boat that has had a major re-build over winter. (Photos, Dallas Blatchford)



NSW State Championship 2008-09 Progressive Pointscore

Place	Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Points
1	3144	Wally	Trevor Fay	Simon Young	B16SC	2	2	3	7
2	3163	The Black Pearl	Andrew Chapman	Kurt Warner	LC12ftSSC	4	3	1	8
3	3100	Everything Zen	Andrew Stewart	Amy Smith	DJSC	9	4	2	15
4	3083	Batteries Not Included	Tim Harrington	Chris Harrington	LC12ftSSC	3	10	5	18
5	3138	Vendetta	Ray Beeton	Michael Duggan	B12SC	8	13	7	28
6	3147	Camel Toe	Felicity Wellman	Ewan Duckworth	B16SC	6	5	18	29
7	3099	Hippy Hippy Shake	David Stewart	Scott Schutz	B16SC	13	7	9	29
8	3064	Heart Shaped Box	Adam Bolton	Duncan Murray	BYRA	5	18	14	37
9	3145	Alchemy	Fiona Lunsmann	Rolf Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC	12	11	15	38
10	3070	Ricochet	Andrew Berryman		B16SC	7	9	dnf	40



Left Top: Andrew Chapman and Kurt Warner in *The Black Pearl* won Heat 3 by over 6 minutes. **Middle:** Josh Doyle and Tom Drury get *The Lairy Canary* flying in Heat 1. **Bottom:** The fleet gets underway in Heat 2. (Photos, Greg Bolton and Dallas Blatchford)

Right Top: Alyson Schutz and Rosie Kraus in *Built for Thrashing*. **Bottom:** Natalia Jastrzab and Robbie Polec in *Ajax*. (Photos, Dallas Blatchford)

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 as 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 in the class.

Much of the current interest in the class has been fuelled by interest in the 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.

WA News

The first Western Australian State Selection Heat and the Kade Matthews Memorial Race was held at East Fremantle Yacht Club on Saturday 25 October. The waters are narrow and windy, so it came as no surprise there was a lot of confusion over the course.

After the lead swapped many times, *Fine Mess* sailed by Brennan Stead and Josh Lesley took the honours.

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WA State Championship Heat One was held at Mounts Bay Sailing Club on 2 November with a turnout of 14 boats. Conditions were probably the strangest seen in Perth for some time. The Red Bull Air Race was being held on the river at the same time, so constant streams of powerboats cut through the course going to and from the air race event, causing the downwind sections to be extremely bumpy. At some stages the chop was so intense boats were bouncing off the waves and getting airborne every couple of seconds. At times when the wind died boats started going backwards. Overhead the Red Bull planes were a good distraction, doing loops and other

tricks, and at one stage a low flying F18 jet passed just behind the front two boats testing their concentration.

The shifty conditions of 10 to 15 knots didn't favour any boats too well. *Fine Mess* got off to a good start and maintained the lead for a while. *Cunning Linguist* passed them on an upwind leg, but *Fine Mess* soon overtook them again. Unfortunately *Fine Mess* underlay the last downwind mark and *Cunning Linguist* overtook them again. Seemingly out of nowhere *Serenity Now* flew past *Cunning Linguist* by wisely gybing off away from the powerboat chop. On the last upwind beat *Cunning Linguist* sacrificed boat speed by going through the powerboat wall to get to a decent pocket of air. The move paid off for Cam Rule and Todd Montgomery sending them past *Serenity Now* and taking the honours. *Serenity Now* sailed by Steve and Blake Vance came 2nd and *Fine Mess* sailed by Brennan Stead and Josh Leslie came 3rd.

The first heat proved that the State Championship series is going to be a very tight contest tight for the top position.

Cam Rule



Above: Action in the WA State Championship Heat 1. From Top: Todd McVee and Steve Fryer on *Back in Black*, Steve and Blake Vance in *Serenity Now* and Brennan Stead and Josh Leslie in *Fine Mess*.

Nationals Entries Close Soon

The closing date for early entries for the Lake Macquarie Nationals is **1 Dec 2008**. That date is fast approaching.

If you intend to sail the nationals and you want to avoid the \$50 late entry fee you will need to fill in the [ENRTY FORM](#) which can be found [HERE](#) and send it in.

This year's Nationals is going to be one of the biggest Cherub regattas in many years and it is being held at one of the best skiff sailing venues in the world. Don't miss this opportunity. The early entry fee is just \$250.

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Postcard From Bunbury



*Well known Perth Cherub sailor **Noelene Snelling** has moved to Bunbury on Western Australia's south coast. She is now part of the active sailing scene at the Koombana Bay Sailing Club. Australian Cherub News recently received this Postcard from Noelene with news of the new season.*

Cheers from Bunbury.

I am enjoying my sailing down here in Bunbury. I spent last season training up a young novice, but very keen crewman-Callum, who is really sailing well this season. We competed in our first State Heat together in Perth last Sunday and came mid-fleet. It wasn't such a great day out on the river as it was the Red Bull Air Race so every power boat in Perth was out on the water which made for very choppy interesting sailing conditions. The race was won by the very experienced crew of Cam and Todd sailing *The Cunning Linguist*.

We are hosting the second State Heat here in Bunbury on Saturday Nov 15th so I am praying that Huey can turn on 15 knots and flat water for the visiting boats. We hope to get 12-15 boats out on the water.

We have six cherubs in Bunbury – four of which regularly race although the fourth boat has been a little tardy in getting in the water this season. I hope to see him out racing this weekend.

This is the Cherub with sail number 3127. It is a Howell hull and is the plug that Richard Howell use to build the mould of for his design. He sold it to Chris Wesley who finished it off. Chris was for many years the State Measurer in WA. Rob Oostryck now owns the boat. It is named *Take It Easy*. It was originally sailed from the Cruising Yacht Club in Rockingham.

Moe's Tavern (3124), *Green Apple Splatter* (3132), and my boat, *Queen of Hearts* (3108), have been enjoying some good racing this season with the OLD F-----s in *Moe's Tavern*, Steve O'Dea and Rob Hill, winning the 1st series of the season.

Benton O'Dea and Kate Hill in *Green Apple Splatter* are a pair of lightweights who do well in the lighter breezes although their heavy weather sailing is improving rapidly and are proving hard to beat on handicap.

The other two Cherubs down here are older boats owned by people who are new to the fleet. Unfortunately one owner works away so we only see him one week in four.

An old unconverted Cherub has just been bought by one of the Nacra sailors for his nephew who has been sailing this season in a JD. It is in the process of being converted so that it will be ready for him to sail next season when he has a little more experience. We have another young couple hanging around the club and I am trying to encourage them into Cherubs.

Cheers
Noelene



NSW Cherub Calendar 2008-9

13 Dec	NSW State Championship Heat 4-5	NSW	Georges River SC
14 Dec	NSW State Championship Heat 6	NSW	Yarra Bay 16ft SC
27 Dec-5 Jan	National Championships	National	Lake Macquarie YC, Belmont, NSW
26 Jan	Australian Day Regatta	NSW	Yarra Bay 16ft SC
14-15 Feb	NSW State Championship Heats 7-9	NSW	Illawarra YC, Wollongong
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

29 Nov	WA State Heat 3 / Selection 4	WA	Perth Dinghy SC
6-7 Dec	Cherub Sprint Series	WA	
13 Dec	WA State Heat 4 / Selection 5	WA	TCYC, Rockingham
27 Dec-5 Jan	National Championships	National	Lake Macquarie YC, Belmont, NSW
31 Jan	WA State Heat 5	WA	Perth Dinghy SC
14 Feb	WA State Heat 6	WA	TCYC, Rockingham
22 Mar	WA State Heat 7	WA	Mounts Bay SC



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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.