

Billabong Brewing to Sponsor WA 2008 Sprint Series



Right: Last year's winners of the WA Sprint Series Cam Rule and Todd Montgomery in *Cunning Linguist* will be lining up again for the 2008 event on 6 and 7 December. (Photo: marinephotography.com)

The Western Australian Cherub Association has announced that [Billabong Brewing](#) will be the major sponsors of this year's annual Sprint Series to be held on 6 and 7 December.

Billabong Brewing, who have been operating since 1993, have recently acquired a "Producer's License" allowing them to produce and sell their range of handcrafted beers, including their Gluten Free Beers, nationally. With Billabong's support the series is looking to be even bigger and better than last year.

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firm [Synovate](#), "*the world's most curious people*", will be minor sponsors of the event that has attracted a lot of attention among the WA Cherub fleet.

The racing will consist of three heats over the weekend. Each heat comprising three super short races, each usually taking about 20 minutes to complete – hence the term sprint series. The overall standings in each heat go toward the final score.

The Saturday night between racing will feature a social function to celebrate the Sprint Series. Last year the WA Cherubs had

their name engraved on the 141 beer club at the Paddington Alehouse, completing the said amount of beers in three hours. This year they have a special surprise planned which will be announced soon.

"Prize money has increase to \$2000, so a few Cherub sailors are frothing already at the prospect of winning some easy cash. The cash prizes are not just geared for the top places; the competition includes prizes for "best capsized", "most gutsy performance" and handicap winners" said WA Cherub President Cam Rule.



Nick Scali Furniture State Sprint Series

Five Cherubs contested the **Nick Scali Furniture State Sprint Series** organised by the NSW Flying Eleven Association and Hunters Hill Sailing Club in Sydney in late September.

Alison and Will Chapman sailing *Sparky* confirmed their great early season form by taking out the series with a clean score-sheet. Only a loss of direction prevented a perfect score when they lost count of the number of laps required in Heat 5.

This was the third year in which Hunters Hill Sailing Club has staged the event and the first time that Cherubs have been invited to take part. The Cherubs raced on a windward leeward course along with two 29ers. On adjacent courses 25 Flying Elevens, 7 Manly Juniors and 9 Sabots did battle. Despite the large number of boats and heats the races all ran smoothly thanks to a very well organised race management team from HHSC.

The short courses lead to very close quarter racing and lots of traffic, helping the competing Cherub crews to fine tune their skills for the upcoming season of club and inter-club racing.

The scheduled morning racing was delayed but when the sea breeze filled in at midday six heats were run in as the breeze built to a maximum of 15 knots.

One of the highlights of the day was the inaugural launching of Andrew Chapman and Kurt Warner's *The Black Pearl*. The pair spent the morning screwing the last fittings to their new boat and finally made it to the start line for Heat 4. *The Black Pearl* proved to be immediately competitive despite being hampered by a few minor teething problems.

The series, which was supported by Anthony Scali, a top Cherub sailor from the 1970s, should grow in popularity with Cherubs in future years.

Many of the younger sailors in other classes were impressed with the speed and agility of the Cherubs. More photos [here](#).

Right Top: Alison and Will Chapman in *Sparky* on their way to winning the Nick Scali State Sprint Series. Middle: Jen Pagett and Oli Jones in *Pure Pleasure* from Drummoyne made an impressive debut in their first Cherub event together. Bottom: 48 boats in three divisions over 6 Heats led to close encounters. Here *Batteries Not Included* crosses the Flying Eleven fleet. (Photos: David Price)



Final Results for Nick Scali Hunters Hill State Sprint Series

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1 3158	Sparky	Alison Chapman	Will Chapman	LC12ftSSC	1	1	1	1	(DNF)	1	5
2 3145	Alchemy	Evan Williams	Rolf Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC	(3)	2	2	2	2	3	11
3 3103	Pure Pleasure	Jen Pagett	Oliver Jones	Drummoyne JSC	4	4	(DNC)	4	1	4	17
4 3163	The Black Pearl	Andrew Chapman	Kurt Warner	LC12ftSSC	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	3	DNC	2	23
5 3083	Batteries Not Included	Tim Harrington	James Harrington	LC12ftSSC	2	3	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	23

What a Classic: *Vitamin C*

In the July edition of *Australian Cherub News* we ran a story on Rob Jackson's project aimed at restoring the old Cherub 2460 *Heart Attack*. In the story we mentioned that *Heart Attack* was built to a *Vitamin C* design. Having done that we now feel obliged to bring you a photo of the original *Vitamin C*, which was sailed to victory in the 1971/72 Nationals by Ken Baddiley and Rhys Jeffries.

Baddiley and Jeffries were already the reigning Cherub National Champions in the winter of 1971 when Ken designed *Vitamin C* and, with Jeffries, built the boat. They went on to sail her to victory at the [1971/72 Nationals](#) held

at Humpybong Sailing Club, Redcliffe.

The following season they took *Vitamin C* to Sydney finishing behind Iain Murray and Richard Brown at the Nationals. They then beat a hot fleet including Murray, Ian Lindsay, Jeanine Wilmot and Grant Simmer to win the [1973 Interdominions](#).

Below: Ken Baddiley and Rhys Jeffries putting *Vitamin C* through her paces on Waterloo Bay shortly after her launch in 1971.



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: simon_blatchford@hotmail.com

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.

NSW Cherub Calendar 2008-9

Date	Event	State	Location
8-9 Nov	NSW State Championship Heats 1-3	NSW	Belmont 16ft SC
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

Date	Event	State	Location
2 Nov	WA State Heat 1 / Selection 2	WA	Mounts Bay SC
15 Nov	WA State Heat 2 / Selection 3	WA	Koombana Bay SC
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.