

Nationals Notice of Race and Entry Form

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The Notice of Race for the Lake Macquarie nationals has been posted on the [web site](#) along with the Entry Form. The regatta is being planned around 4 long races and 6 short races to be sailed on seven race days with New Year's Day scheduled as a Lay Day. The entry fee has been set at a very reasonable \$250 with an additional \$50 payable for any entries lodged after 1 December 2008.

The Cherub National Council of Australia Organising Committee is making good progress with arrangements for the regatta with very strong support from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club.

Interest in the series has been running hot with the Organising Committee expecting the LMYC series to be one of the biggest Cherub gatherings in recent years. As CNCA

President Simon Blatchford explained "Everyone seems to be keen to race on Lake Macquarie. I guess that is reasonable given that it is one of the best venues in the world for skiff sailing".



2008-09 Cherub Nationals

Lake Macquarie Yacht Club

27 Dec 2008 - 5 Jan 2009

Right: In the interests of showing gratuitous Cherub action, here is a shot of Neil How and Telia George in action in Heat 3 of the Brisbane Nationals last year. (Photo: marinephotography.com.au)



New High Modulus Carbon Cherub Mast

CST Composites, who have been one of the major mast suppliers to the Cherub class in recent years, have just released a new set of Cherub masts as part of their new "High Modulus" carbon fibre series.

The first masts they developed in their new "High Modulus" series were in the Moth, 18ft skiff and International 14 classes where they have proved to be successful and durable. CST have now extended the range developing a brand new design for a Cherub mast making use of the higher tensile strengths offered by high modulus carbon reinforcing.

"This new mast is filament wound using epoxy resin and "High Modulus" carbon fibre to give a responsive, lightweight, and tough mast." said Rhiannon Zoeller from CST. "There are two masts on offer for the Cherub class, either stiff or soft, versions. Both masts come as a "one piece spar", offering similar stiffness fore and aft to its predecessor, but giving an increase of 15% stiffness sideways."

The new design has been developed with the new mainsail profile introduced in 2006 with its larger roach in mind. The new *Series 40* design, on the left in the photo below, is also significantly smaller in diameter with an OD of just 46mm compared to the 54mm of the former series, on the right.

Among the first boats to try the new series masts have been Andrew Chapman and Kurt Warner in Sydney and Jason McLaren in Brisbane.

CST spars are well known for their performance worldwide, in both skiff and dinghy classes such as the Moth, Contender and International 14 (Their spars finishing 1st in each of the classes respective World Championships)

More information on the new series masts can be found at: www.cstcomposites.com or contact them at: sales@cstcomposites.com.



Largs Bay SC News

This season looks like we'll have a promising fleet of at least seven Cherubs regularly sailing at Largs Bay Sailing Club. This will be the first season that the Cherubs will have had the numbers for a Club championship at Largs!!

We are pleased to have some new faces joining our fleet with Alex Watson coming in from the 12' Cadet Dinghies to sail *MMM Donuts*. Past Cherub and International 14 sailor Allan Pollitt has purchased *Par Avion* and plans to sail at Largs with his wife. Scott and Matthew Burford, who had a few sails after Easter are looking to continue in the class.

A few of the existing boats were had renovations and makeovers over winter, with Jason Dixon stripping and repainting *The Wrong Trousers* and Duncan Groome modifying the transom of *Kiss* to solve a small drainage problem "... it drains the wrong way when we tack!!"

Opening Day at Largs will be on 11 October with the Opening Ceremony at 1pm followed by a race start at 2pm, afternoon entertainment in the form of a live band from 4pm and catered tea from 6pm. [Full details here.](#) For bookings contact [Kerry Groome](#) or 0439 945 886

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

The Ultimate Cherub Makeover : Wayne Torpy's *Rope City* Rebuild

The four photos on the right are, incredibly, of the same Cherub, 3055 *Rope City*.

Rope City was originally launched by Brendan and Mark Matthews for the 1995/96 season with the boat being sailed in the last Cherub World Championships on Botany Bay in January 1996. The photo at the top shows Brendan and Joel McDonald sailing the boat on Waterloo Bay shortly after its launch.

Over its life *Rope City* has had many modifications and several owners. Andrew Triggell campaigned her for a number of years including at the Brisbane Nationals in 2003-04.

Recently Wayne Torpy has complete stripped *Rope City* back and rebuilt the hull from the chines up in the front and from the shell up elsewhere.

The photo second from the top shows the shell stripped back prior to the re-build.

The final renovated hull, pictured below right, is now painted and ready to race. Its carbon fibre, stealth look is a stark contrast to the original clear coated ply.

Wayne's final word after completing the mountain of work involved in the re-build: "If you want a new boat, which *Rope City* now effectively is; don't start with an old one".

With all the changes it possibly should be re-named "Grandfathers Axe"



NSW Cherub Calendar 2008-9

Date	Event	State	Location
4-6 Oct	Yachting NSW Youth Championships	NSW	Gosford SC
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	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
25 Oct	WA State Select. 1- Kade Matthews Memo-	WA	East Fremantle YC
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.