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Mounts Bay Nationals News



Right: The Perth skyline will be the backdrop for the 2009-10 Nationals to be held at Mounts Bay on the famous waters of Swan River. (Photo Andrew Burvill)



Details of the 2009-10 Nationals to be held at Mounts Bay Sailing Club in Perth have now been posted on the Cherub Web Site, [Cherub Central](#).

The event will run from Monday 28 December 2009 through to Thursday 7 January 2010. The Invitation Race is scheduled to be sailed on 29 December and the first heat on 30 December. Two Lay Days are planned to fit with the packed social program.

The [Notice of Race](#) has been released and the entry form is now available for download from the web site.

The series will be sailed over nine heats with a mix of four short races and five long races. In a departure from normal practice the racing will be on windward and leeward courses in order to allow several of the races to be sailed in Matilda Bay allowing spectators to get close to the action.

The [Social Program](#) looks like being a hit for everyone. Starting out with a "Team Theme" welcome night on the 29th the social program will feature events every day of the championship including, Trivia Night, New Year's Eve Party, Cottesloe

Beach Day, Pub Crawl, Night Tour of Fremantle Goal (not related to the pub crawl), Outdoor Cinema, Rottnest Island visit, "State of Origin" Team Challenge Night, Karaoke and lots and lots of parties.

With containers booked to depart from Adelaide and from Sydney/Newcastle there is no excuse for not being part of the action at what is shaping up to be the liveliest series for some time. Perth is always on for fresh breezes and outstanding sailing.

GARDE Series at Sydney Flying Squadron

The NSW Cherub Fleet has been invited to participate in the 2010 GARDE Series that will be hosted by the NSW 12ft Skiff Association and Sydney Flying Squadron in February 2010. The series will be run over two separate Sunday's in February and consists of multiple sprint races held on the main part of Sydney Harbour. Now in its third year, the GARDE Series has developed a good reputation for great short course racing.

Right: Sydney's latest Cherub is close to being ready for launch. Built by Tim Harrington and due to be sailed at Lane Cove, the new, as yet unnamed boat, has been constructed from a Matthews shell in full carbon fibre.



Right: Lawrence Wakefield and Oliver Jones have been the early season pacesetters at Drummoyne Sailing Club in Sydney. Sailing 3103 *Pure Pleasure* they have recorded a series of impressive scratch wins over the Club's fleet of up to eight Cherubs.



Heart Attack at Queensland Maritime Museum



In the July 2008 edition of *Australian Cherub News* we reported on Rob Jackson's efforts to rescue the 1971 vintage Cherub *Heart Attack* 2460 and get her back in tip top condition. Rob's intention throughout the project was to donate the boat to the Queensland Maritime Mu-

seum which is located on the Brisbane River at the southern end of South Bank Parklands. In July *Heart Attack* was delivered to her new home where she will form part of the permanent exhibition.

Chris Nicholson at 505 Worlds

Former hot-shot Cherub sailor and three times World 505 and 49er Champion Chris Nicholson recently finished third in the 2009 505 World Championship sailed on San Francisco Bay in the USA. You can find a great video of some of the sailing at the Championships at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJnsREDdjXM>. It may not be Cherubs but the video is one of the best advertisements for dinghy sailing that *Australian Cherub News* has seen on a long time.



WA 2009-10 Interclub Program released

The Western Australian Cherub Association has released their program of interclub racing for the upcoming season. The program includes opportunities for all WA boat to get train on the waters off

Mounts Bay Sailing Club where the National championships will be held in early January.

In releasing the program WA Association President Cam Rule said "We've

decided to compact the States and make them weekend events. Koombana Bay Sailing Club and Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club are a fair bit out of Perth so we are going to book accom-

modation for the Perth boats, try to bring the group together more and provide more opportunity for interacting with the crews from the growing fleets at Bunbury and Mandurah."

WA Cherub Calendar 2009-10

Date	Event	Location
Sat 24 Oct	Kade Matthews Trophy and State Selection 1	East Fremantle YC
Sat 14 Nov	State Heat 1 & State Selection Heat 2	Koombana Bay SC, Bunbury
Sun 15 Nov	State Heat 2 & State Selection Heat 3 ~	Koombana Bay SC, Bunbury
Sat 28 Nov	State Heat 3 & State Selection Heat 4	Perth Dinghy SC
Sun 29 Nov	State Heat 4 & State Selection Heat 5	Mounts Bay SC
Sat 12 Dec	SPRINT SERIES and State Selection 6	Perth Dinghy SC
Sun 13 Dec	SPRINT SERIES and State Selection 7	Mounts Bay SC
Dec 28 to 7 Jan	47th Australian National Championships	Mounts Bay SC
Sat 23 Jan	State Heat 5	Mandurah OFSC, Mandurah
Sun 24 Jan	State Heat 6	Mandurah OFSC, Mandurah
Sat 13 Feb	State Heat 7	TCYC, Rockingham
Sun 14 Feb	State Heat 8	Mounts Bay SC -

Cherubs Return to Toronto in 2009-10

Cherubs will make a return to Toronto Amateur Sailing Club when the third round of the NSW State Championship is held at the Lake Macquarie club in February 2010.

Toronto ASC is the one new venue on the NSW 2009-10 interclub racing program which includes a new focus on sprint racing along with the more tradi-

tional long and short course State Championship heats.

"This year's program incorporates both the F11 Hunters Hill Sprint Series that was such a success last year and the two rounds of the GARDE Sprint series organised by the 12ft Skiff Association at the Sydney Flying Squadron" said NSW State President

Simon Blatchford. "The program should provide all NSW Cherub sailors with opportunities to test their skills beyond their normal club racing."

The NSW Championship will be contested over 11 heats incorporating 6 short races and 5 long ones. In addition to the three races to be held at Toronto the series will also be return-

ing to Belmont, Abbotsford, Drummoyne, Lane Cove and Yarra Bay.

This year for the first time in many years the NSW State Championships will include Junior Championship and a Cadet Championship to encourage many of the younger sailors in the class to compete in the full series of races.

NSW Cherub Calendar 2009-10

Date	Event	Location
Sat 26 Sep	F11 Hunters Hill Sprint Series	Hunters Hill Sailing Club
3 to 5 Oct	NSW Youth Championships	Georges River Sailing Club
Sat 17 Oct	NSW State Championship Heats 1 and 2	Abbotsford 12ft Flying Squadron
Sun 18 Oct	State Championship Heat 3	Drummoyne JSC
28 to 29 Oct	State Championship Heats 4 to 6	Belmont 16ft SC
Dec 28 to 7 Jan	47th Australian National Championships	Mounts Bay SC, Perth
Tue 26 Jan	Australia Day Regatta	Avalon SC
Sun 7 Feb	GARDE Sprint Series Round 1	Sydney Flying Squadron
13 to 14 Feb	State Championship Heats 7 to 9	Toronto ASC, Lake Macquarie
Sun 28 Feb	GARDE Sprint Series Round 2	Sydney Flying Squadron
Sat 6 Mar	State Championship Heat 10	Lane Cove 12ft SSC
Sun 7 Mar	State Championship Heat 11 and Presentation	Yarra Bay 16ft SC
6 to 10 Apr	Australian Secondary Schools Regatta (CHS)	Belmont 16ft 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.