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Lane Cove State Heat

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BYRA crew Adam Bolton and Duncan Murray in action during the State Championship Heat held at Lane Cove showing that you do not need big breezes to get a Cherub going.

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Final Results for NSW State Championship Final Results

| Sail No | Boat | Skipper | Crew | Club | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Pts |
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| 1 3144 | Wally | Trevor Fay | Simon Young | B16'SC | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8.0 |
| 2 3147 | Camel Toe | Adam Forbes | Curtis Warner | GRSC | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 18.8 |
| 3 3154 | Pocket Rocket | Caroline Phillips | Nigel Hale | B16'SC | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | dnf | 4 | 3 | 3 | 20.8 |
| 4 3142 | Fortune Faded | Craig Davidson | Mel Davidson | JBSC | 1 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 26.6 |
| 5 3100 | Everything Zen | Andrew Stewart | Amy Smith | GRSC | 3 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 36 |
| 6 3110 | Freak on a Leash | Trent Davidson | Julie Percival | JBSC | 10 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 6 | dns | 43 |
| 7 3143 | Syncin' | Simon Blatchford | Nigel Blatchford | B16'SC | 11 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 53 |
| 8 3152 | Enough Rope | Wayne Torpy | Philip Trassicker | B16'SC | 12 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 15 | dns | 5 | 4 | 7 | 55 |
| 9 3137 | In God's Hands | James Birdsall | Jensen Penney | GRSC | 7 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 2 | dns | dns | dns | 60 |
| 10 3124 | Moe's Tavern | Tony Sheldon | Ewan Duckworth | LC12'SSC GRSC | 15 | 7 | 12 | 13 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 61 |
| 11 3095 | Fast Forward | Amy Carlson | Nathan Carlson | B16SC | 16 | 24 | 13 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 65 |
| 12 3090 | South Park | Fiona Lunsmann | Rolf Lunsmann | LC12ftSSC | 14 | 10 | 15 | 10 | 13 | 16 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 77 |
| 13 3119 | Built for Thrashing | Ben Schultz | Ryan Clifton-Smith | B16SC | 13 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 15 | dns | 79 |

Camel Toe wins Lane Cove State Heat

Trevor Fay wrapped up the 2005/06 NSW State Championship with a solid second place in the last heat sailed at Lane Cove on 11 March 2006.

Sailing with his 12 year old son Chris as crew Fay established an early lead in the light 7 kt Easterly breeze. As the fleet came to terms with navigating the challenging geography of the western harbour course it broke into a series of groups with the places in each group regularly changing. At the head of the fleet the Fays in *Wally* were closely followed by *Camel Toe*, *Pocket Rocket* and *Everything Zen* each vying for the lead at one point or another. *Fortune Faded* was close on their heels throughout. Eventually Adam Forbes and Kurtis Warner in *Camel Toe* were able to use the local

knowledge that they gained sailing a number of club races at Lane Cove to edge in front of *Wally* and hold their lead to the finish. This was *Camel Toe*'s first heat win of the State Championship series.

The second group comprised *Screamin' Seamen*, *Enough Rope*, *Rush* and *South Park* who also swapped places on each leg. *Screamin' Seamen* eventually fought their way to the head of this group to finish in sixth place, equal to their best result of the series. Behind this group *Rocky-n-Bullwinkle* managed a great 11th place which was good enough to secure them first on handicap. Watch out for these guys next year in an updated boat.

Further back another close race formed between local

boats *Toey*, *Smashing Pumpkins* and *Scooby Doo* with visitors *Heart Shaped Box* and *Lick This*. *Heart Shaped Box* was the winner of this race within a race.

Prior to the State Championship Heat Lane Cove staged a "Dash for Cash" from their clubhouse on the Lane Cove River to the start on the main harbour. This years event was more of a "Drift for Cash" as the light sea breeze deserted the fleet during the race. The "Drift" was won by Craig and Mel Davidson in *Fortune Faded*, proving themselves to be the masters of "Humbug" the notoriously fickle stretch of water at the entrance to the river. This was clearly one of those occasions when light weather skills learnt in Canberra become a race winning advantage.

Photos

More photos of this and other Cherub events can be found on the Gallery Pages of

cherub.org.au

Below: Action from Heat 9 of the State Championships: Clockwise from top left: Start of the "Dash for Cash"; The turning point of the race as *Camel Toe* passes *Wally* to gain the race lead; Craig and Mel Davidson working hard to carry their kite round Clarkes Point; Melanie Killoran and Kate Hayward from Lane Cove used their local knowledge to snare a great sixth place. (Photos by Dallas Blatchford)



Meet Your NSW Committee for 2006-07

Last month we featured the new Cherub National Committee. This month it is the turn of volunteers who will be running the NSW Association for the next year. A large crowd at the Annual General Meeting held at Lane Cove on 11 March 2006 elected the new Committee for the NSW Association. Contact details for committee members can be found at cherub.org.au

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Demonstration Day at Drummoyne by Captain Wrongway

Four boats attended Drummoyne Sailing Club on Sunday 12th March 2006 including the local boat, *Two Middies* (steered by David Mitchell jnr.), *Everything Zen*, *Heart Shaped Box*, and *Schwiing* (steered by both Felicity and Rob Wellman).

A race was held at 1:50pm using the Flying 11 course marks in a fresh 15-18 knot nor'easter and flat water. All boats excepting *Two Middies* sailed an extended work, rounding the OK Dinghy marks and sailed to an imaginary mark off the western end of Spectacle Island before realising that fourth placed *Two Middies* had sailed the correct course around the Hunters Hill mark then down to Birkenhead Point. It is believed that Andrew Stewart's *Everything Zen* was missing star navigator Amy Smith, and that star navigation doesn't gener-

ally work during clear daylight. This was later confirmed by Andrew Stewart who led the fleet towards Parramatta. Unfortunately for the fleet, it was too late to catch *Two Middies* who had a commanding lead by the time the remaining three boats had sailed back onto the course. Although *Everything Zen* and *Heart Shaped Box* made ground back on *Two Middies* on the last lap of the three lap course, *Two Middies* went on to win the race convincingly. *Heart Shaped Box* beat *Everything Zen* across the finishing line off Snapper Island by a couple of boat lengths.

The pressure of the loss was too much for *Everything Zen*, as she floundered on the finishing line taking out the "Blue Swimmer's" award following a bad tack in front of the club's packed rescue/

spectator boat.

Following the race, *Two Middies*, *Heart Shaped Box* and Rob Wellman in *Schwiing* entertained the youngsters with fast rides down the Birchgrove shore. Disgraced skipper Andrew Stewart retired to the bar to drown his sorrows while regular crew Amy Smith and 18 year old Alyssa, an apprentice sailmaker at Lee Sails unrigged *Zen* whilst palming off suggestions from the gathered media crew on the beach (headed by Commodore David Mitchell snr) that Andrew Stewart was best to retire while still managing reasonable results at State level. Unconfirmed rumours from the beach (which later spread to the bar) would have it that Andrew Stewart was not considering dining on blue swimmer crab that evening.



Two Middies steered by David Mitchell was the convincing race winner at the Drummoyne Demonstration Day

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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 a skippers and as crews. Husband/wife, boyfriend/girlfriend, brother/sister and parent/child combinations of crew are common.

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