

## Georges River State Heats

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Belmont's Simon and Nigel Blatchford in Syncin' put in two great races in the fresher breezes at the NSW State Championship heats held at Georges River Sailing Club on 25 and 26 February. Full report inside.



### Progressive Results for NSW State Championship after Eight Heats (With one drop)

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1 3144	Wally	Trevor Fay	Simon Young	B16'SC	2	1	2	1	6	1	1	1	8.0
2 3154	Pocket Rocket	Caroline Phillips	Nigel Hale	B16'SC	5	3	1	2	5	dnf	4	3	22.8
3 3147	Camel Toe	Adam Forbes	Curtis Warner	GRSC	4	2	6	3	9	5	2	2	24.0
4 3142	Fortune Faded	Craig Davidson	Mel Davidson	JBSC	1	6	3	6	1	6	6	7	28.6
5 3100	Everything Zen	Andrew Stewart	Amy Smith	GRSC	3	4	4	9	10	3	8	9	40.0
6 3110	Freak on a Leash	Trent Davidson	Julie Percival	JBSC	10	8	7	4	2	7	9	6	43.0
7 3143	Syncin'	Simon Blatchford	Nigel Blatchford	B16'SC	11	9	8	12	8	9	3	5	53.0
8 3137	In God's Hands	James Birdsall	Jensen Penney	GRSC	7	5	5	8	3	2	dns	dns	60.0
9 3124	Moe's Tavern	Tony Sheldon	Ewan Duckworth	LC12'SSC GRSC	15	7	12	13	7	8	7	8	62.0
10 3152	Enough Rope	Wayne Torpy	Philip Trassicker	B16'SC	12	13	9	5	15	dns	5	4	63.0

## Georges River State Heats

Trevor Fay and Simon Young, who first sailed Cherubs together 15 years ago, handed out a sailing lesson to all the other crews at the NSW State Championship heats sailed at Georges River Sailing Club on February 25 and 26.

On Saturday with the fresh north east sea breeze averaging 20 knots and gusting to 25, Fay and Young sailing *Wally* cleared out from the fleet to win by nine and a half minutes, one of the largest winning margins seen in the class for several years. With their boat finely tuned to the condition and with great boat handling, particularly downwind in the difficult wave conditions, they progressively built on their margin at every mark. Behind Fay and Young most of the fleet experi-

enced some sort of difficulty ranging from capsizes to gear failures. Wayne Torpy and Phil Tassicker making a return to competition after an absence put in a great race to finish third having shown good speed in the stronger winds. Simon and Nigel Blatchford in *Syncin'* had one of their best State Championship results finishing fourth. Hard luck story of the day went to Toby Dupree and Rosie Krause in *Lick This* who, having survived the race finishing in a creditable 13<sup>th</sup> place, broke their mast in a 30kt gust on the way home.

Sunday's racing took place in a fresh south easterly averaging 18 knots at the start. The top crews all headed right from the start working their way up the Brighton-Le-

Sands beach shore. Nationals Women's Champion Caroline Phillips and Nigel Hale in *Pocket Rocket* were close to the lead until a swim on the second reach put them back in the fleet. As it was on Saturday Fay and Young worked their way to the lead and comfortably lead the race home in dying wind conditions. Trent Davidson and Julie Percival in *Freak on a Leash* who had lost out by heading left on the first beat worked their way back through the fleet to finish sixth and most importantly beat their fellow Jervis Bay crew of Craig and Mel Davidson.

The final heat of the NSW State Championship will be held at Lane Cove on Saturday 11 March.

**Below: Action from Heat 8 of the State Championships: Clockwise from top left: Winners of Heat 8 Trevor Fay and Simon Young in *Wally*, Several crews suffered capsizes in the difficult waves including Caroline Phillips and Nigel Hale in *Pocket Rocket*, Two sail reaching was the order of the day here Andrew Stewart and Amy Smith in *Everything Zen* approach the bottom mark at speed, Miles Dupree and John Krause in *Play with Me* recover from being entangled in fishing line. (Photos by Greg Bolton)**



## Meet Your New National Committee

The Annual General Meeting of the Cherub National Council of Australia held at Largs Bay in January elected a new National Committee that will guide the class through to the next nationals in Perth. In this edition introduce to you some of the new members of the National Committee. Contact details for committee members can be found at



### President **Phil Vance**

Phil skippers cherub *3112 GO* with older cousin Andrew Vance, sailing out of the Perth Dinghy Sailing Club in WA. Growing up Phil started sailing in mudlarks at the age of 8 in which he won a WA State Championship, he then progressed into a larger dinghy known as a JD, then made the much awaited step into cherubs at the age of 15. The first cherub was 'Going Feral' which Phil and Andrew re-decked to fit out a new cockpit set up with the inclusion of a false floor. Phil is in his 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive season in the cherub class. When Phil isn't on the water he is currently completing a plumbing apprenticeship.

### Secretary **Andrew Vance**

Andrew has been sailing since the age of 9 when his dad and uncle successfully got him addicted. Andrew crews with cousin Phil Vance on cherub *3112 GO* and has been sailing with Phil for the last 8 years in JD's and then cherubs. Andrew has recently won his first WA State Championship with Phil and they have previously won a Junior National Championship. Andrew is a mechanical engineer working for a consultancy company named Sinclair Knight Merz.



### Treasurer **Michael Von Felten**

Michael crews on cherub *3135 Serenity Now* with his younger brother David. Michael also sails out of Perth Dinghy Sailing Club and has made the same progression through the different junior fleets to end up sailing cherubs. Michael's first cherub was *Out of Date* and is also in his 6<sup>th</sup> season in cherubs. Michael has won 2 Cadet National Championships and one WA State Championship in the Cherub Class in recent years. Michael is currently studying a double degree of engineering and commerce at the University of Western Australia.

### Vice President **Jenni Birdsall**

Jenni is well known to most Cherub sailors being the immediate past National President of the Cherub National Council. Jenni Birdsall has been actively involved in the Cherub Association at both a national and state level for several years. She is the current President of the NSW Cherub Association and serves as Vice Commodore of Georges River Sailing Club. Jenni is also a Council Member of Yachting NSW.



**Technical Officer** **Duncan Groome (SA)**  
**Publicity Officer** **Rolf Lunsmann (NSW)**

## Cherubs gathering at Lane Cove

Saturday 11 March will be a big day for Cherubs at Lane Cove with the final heat of the State Championships and the 2005/06 State Presentation celebration. Events will commence at 1:30 pm with a "Dash for Cash" from the Lane Cove Clubhouse out to the main race course area on the Parramatta River. The main race, State Championship Heat 9 will start close to 2:30.

Following the race the State Championship presentation will be held and then Lane Cove 12ftSSC will host a dinner to which all Cherub sailors are invited. The cost of dinner will be about \$10.

If you sail a Cherub this will be a great opportunity to participate in the events. The fleet will be such that there will be good racing for crews of all standards and experience.

Rigging space will be available at the club which is adjacent to Longueville Wharf at the end of Stuart St Longueville and at Griffith Park, Dunois Street, Woodford Bay [at the foot of Wilson Lane, off Lucetia Ave.]

On Sunday 12 March all Cherubs are invited to a Demonstration Sailing Day at Drummoyne Sailing Club.

### Lane Cove

## 11 March

### Timetable

- 1:30** Dash for Cash
- 2:30** State Heat 9
- 6:00** State Presentation
- 6:30** Dinner

The AGM will also be held on the day

### Location

Stuart St Longueville

## NSW Cherub News

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#### Drummoyne Sailing Club

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#### Abbotsford Flying Squadron

Web: [www.abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au](http://www.abbotsfordsailingclub.org.au)

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.

The Cherub is a 'restricted' class as distinct from a 'one design' class. This feature gives amateur builders flexibility in complying with maximum and minimum measurement restrictions, and also permits boats to be rigged and tuned to allow for a wide range of crew sizes.

Competitive combined crew weights range from the very light 110 kg to the heavies of around 150-160kgs.

The NSW Cherub Association conducts an active program of interclub racing events to which all registered Cherubs are welcome. The Association also hosts a number of social events to which all Cherub sailors including sailors of "Classic" older boats are welcome.