

## National title to Wally

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The National Cherub Championship trophy has returned to NSW for the first time in 5 years through the comprehensive win by Trevor Fay and Rohan Kelly at Largs Bay in Adelaide. In a "return from the dead" performance Fay and Kelly recovered from a distant 5th place on the pointscore after the first four light weather heats to win each

of the last five heats and the championship.

Their downwind speed and skills was only matched by James Birdsall and Jensen Penney who also turned around a poor early start to the series to eventually finish fifth in *In God's Hands*.

The surprise packet of the series was *Fortune Faded* sailed by Craig and Mel

Davidson of Jervis Bay Sailing Club. The pair travelled to Adelaide with the goal of scoring one heat win and finishing in the top five. They well exceeded their expectations by winning two heats, finishing third overall and picking up the inaugural "Bonnie and Clyde" Trophy for the boat sailed by a couple.



Trevor Fay and Rohan Kelly demonstrated their mastery of the difficult Adelaide chop in the fresh sea breezes later in the series.

### 2005-06 National Cherub Championships Largs Bay

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1 3144	Wally	Trevor Fay	Rohan Kelly	B16'SC	2	6	6.5	8	1	1	1	1	1	13
2 3145	Dirty Sanchez	Neil How	Justin Gardner	Henley SC	6	7	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	24
3 3142	Fortune Faded	Craig Davidson	Mel Davidson	JBSC	11	1	2	1	5	10	4	5	7	25
4 3154	Pocket Rocket	Caroline Phillips	Nigel Hale	B16'SC	3	4	6.5	7	4	5	11	11	9	38.5
5 3137	In God's Hands	James Birdsall	Jensen Penney	GRSC	14	15	26	13	3	2	5	2	2	41
6 3149	Quick Spoon	Glen Emery	Grant Edwards	Henley SC	9	5	1	12	7	11	9	7	5	43
7 3112	GO	Philip Vance	Andrew Vance	Perth Dinghy SC	8	20	19	9	10	6	2	6	4	45
8 3130	Fine Mess	Stephen Vance	Blake Vance	Perth Dinghy SC	1	dnf	20	4	11	4	10	13	6	49

## 2005/06 NSW Interclub Program

Date	Event	Location
26 Jan 06	Australia Day Regatta	Georges River 16ft Sailing Club
12 February 06	SFS Trophy Race	Sydney Flying Squadron, Kirribilli
<b>25-26 Feb 06</b>	<b>State Championship Heats 7-8</b>	<b>Georges River 16ft Sailing Club</b>
<b>11 March 06</b>	<b>State Championship Heat 9</b>	<b>Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club</b>
11 March 06	NSW State Presentation Night and AGM	Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club

## Next round of State Title Races

With the National Championships out of the way for another year the focus returns to the NSW State Championships. Just as I remind as to where we stand with the States the progressive pointscore in set out below. The next two heats will be held at Georges River on 25-26 February and the final race at Lane Cove on 11 March. These are great opportunities for Cherub sailors of any standard to get together with boats from other clubs, test your skills and learn more about sailing the boats.

The state fleet is enormously varied in skill and experience and there is competitive racing

throughout the fleet, not just for the fleet leaders. So even if you are only able to make it for one

heat it is worth the effort to get there.

**Adam Bolton and Duncan Murray enjoying one of the great rides that were available at the State Championship Heats held at Jervis Bay in December.**



### Progressive Results for NSW State Championship after Six Heats

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	Ht 1	Ht 2	Ht 3	Ht 4	Ht 5	Ht 6	Pts
1 3144	Wally	Trevor Fay	Simon Young Chris Fay Nathan Frankewicz	B16'SC	2	1	2	1	(6)	1	6.4
2 3154	Pocket Rocket	Caroline Phillips	Nigel Hale	B16'SC	5	3	1	2	5	(DNF)	15.8
3 3142	Fortune Faded	Craig Davidson	Mel Davidson	JBSC	1	6	3	6	1	(6)	16.6
4 3147	Camel Toe	Adam Forbes	Kurtis Warner	GRSC	4	2	6	3	(9)	5	20.0
5 3137	In God's Hands	James Birdsall	Jensen Penney	GRSC	7	5	5	(8)	3	2	22.0
6 3100	Everything Zen	Andrew Stewart	Amy Smith	GRSC	3	4	4	9	(10)	3	23.0
7 3110	Freak on a Leash	Trent Davidson	Julie Percival	JBSC	(10)	8	7	4	2	7	28.0
8 3143	Syncin'	Simon Blatchford	Nigel Blatchford	B16'SC	11	9	8	(12)	8	9	45.0
9 3124	Moe's Tavern	Tony Sheldon	Ewan Duckworth	LC12'SSC	(15)	7	12	13	7	8	47.0
10 3095	Fast Forward	Amy Carlson	Nathan Carlson	B16'SC	16	(DNF)	13	14	4	4	51.0

## Gear Used at the Nationals

One of the interesting aspects of any National Championships is the equipment used on the top boats and any new design features.

This year in Adelaide two new boat appeared. *Pocket Rocket* designed and built by Dennis Phillips for Caroline Phillips and Nigel Hale and *RAW*, designed by David Payne and built and sailed by Grant Smith of Victor Harbour.

*RAW* took out the O'Mahoney Trophy for best presented boat but suffered from a number of gear problems, no doubt related to its rushed preparation for the regatta. *RAW* featured an innovative foredeck arrangement that combined a dished deck for the self-tacked with an elevated bridge to provide a high level mast gate control.

The masts used on the top boats were very similar to

last year's list with a predominance of CST spars. The most interesting was the new CST mast on *Fortune Faded* that looks spectacular with its very neat concealed joints and glossy finish. It was also very fast particularly in the lighter races.

Trevor Fay's winning mast is the result of an extensive testing program in which he has tried at least four different tips. The one used in Adelaide looked to be very soft compared to many of the others on show.

The new foredecks that were fitted during winter to the South Australian boats by Dr Duncan were beautifully finished and feature a neat moulding to take the boom vang anchor point making rigging easier.

The trend to the use of a wide variety of sailmakers continued. While there were more Quantum sails cut by last year's cham-

pion Brent Frankcombe, sails from eight separate sailmakers were used on the top eleven boats.

The most interesting rig continues to be the one on *Pocket Rocket* with its use of intermediate stays and a leach acting boom vang which adds considerable fore and aft stiffness to the lower sections of the mast.

The most disappointing aspect of the boat presentations is the continued

lack of creativity in terms of hull stripes and art.

Apart from *Dirty Sanchez's* fantastic flame job no one else is even trying. *Everything Zen* even went backwards this year replacing its creative stripes with boring plain white paint. More effort is definitely needed in this area in the future.



Very neat foredeck arrangement on *Boobs 'R Us* including mast gate and boom vang attachment point. The mast is from Carbon Concepts in Melbourne.

### Gear Used by the Top Boats at Largs Bay

Sail No	Boat	Design	Topside Builder	Mast	Main	Jib	Kite	Self-tacker	Lowers	Crew Wt
3144	Wally	Matthews	Trevor Fay	CST 54mm 1.8 wall, custom tip	Mitchell	Mitchell	Allwood	Yes	Solid, adjustable	140
3145	Dirty Sanchez	Matthews	Neil How	CST 2 piece	Alexander	Alexander	Alexander	Yes	Flexible, adjustable	147
3142	Fortune Faded	Matthews	Castle/Davidson	CST 2005	Quantum	Quantum	Quantum	Yes	Flexible, adjustable	130
3154	Pocket Rocket	Phillips	Denis Phillips	Spunspar (Alloy) tube, glass tip	Phillips	Phillips	Allwood	Yes	Flexible fixed with intermediate	120
3137	In God's Hands	Matthews	Matthews Bros	CST	Quantum	Quantum	Allwood	Yes	Flexible, adjustable	150
3149	Quick Spoon	Matthews	Matthews Bros	CST	Alexander	Alexander	Alexander	Yes	Flexible, fixed	150
3112	GO	Matthews	Trevor Fay	Windrush	UK Halsey	UK Halsey	UK Halsey	Yes	Flexible, adjustable	142
3130	Fine Mess	Matthews	Matthews Bros	CST 2 piece	UK Halsey	UK Halsey	UK Halsey	No	Foredeck ram	127
3147	Camel Toe	Lairy Canary Variation	Adam Forbes	CST 3 piece	Halsey Lidgard	Saiflite	Saiflite	Yes	Solid, fixed	129
3077	TNT	Matthews	Matthews Bros	CST	UK Halsey	UK Halsey	UK Halsey	No	Foredeck ram, adjustable	122
3100	Everything Zen	Matthews	Rob Jackson	Alloy tube, B14 tip	Horizon, Gold Coast	Ullman	Allwood	No	Solid, adjustable	110

Caroline Philips and Nigel Hale caught solving a domestic dispute through a bout of Sumo Wrestling at the Largs Bay Nationals.



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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.

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.