

## Wally leads State Championships

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There was very tight racing between the 27 Cherubs that contested the first three heats of the 2005/06 NSW State Championship at Belmont on 12-13 November. Each of the three races was won by a different boat.

In Heat 1, the first of two short races on Saturday, *Fortune Faded* showed the benefit gained from its off-season refit and new rig to build a healthy lead at the first mark and hold on for a great win in front of *Wally* and *Everything Zen*.

Heat Two saw Trevor Fay use his local knowledge to pick a big lift to the left on the first work, establishing what was to be a winning lead at the first mark.

**Sunday's Heat 3 saw Trevor Fay steering *Wally* from the wire with 12 year old Chris Fay up front**

*Wally* eventually won from *Camel Toe* and *Pocket Rocket*.

In the long race on Sunday Caroline Phillips and Nigel Hale in their brand new boat *Pocket Rocket* got to the front early. In only the third race for their new boat built by Dennis Phillips, they held their narrow advantage to the finish beating *Wally* by a handful of boat lengths.

Another notable performance in the longer race came from Josh Doyle and Tom Drury in *Rocky-N-Bullwinkle* who finished 16th beating many newer boats and more experienced crews.

All three races were sailed in 10-12kt shifty easterly breezes that tested all the competitors strategic skills. The next three heats of the Championship will be held at Jervis Bay.



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

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Points
1	3144	Wally	Trevor Fay Chris Fay	B16'SC	2	1	2	4.8
2	3154	Pocket Rocket	Caroline Phillips Nigel Hale	B16'SC	5	3	1	8.8
3	3142	Fortune Faded	Craig Davidson Mel Davidson	JBSC	1	6	3	9.8
4	3100	Everything Zen	Andrew Stewart Amy Smith	GRSC	3	4	4	11.0
5	3147	Camel Toe	Adam Forbes Curtis Warner	GRSC	4	2	6	12.0
6	3137	In God's Hands	James Birdsall Jensen Penney	GRSC	7	5	5	17.0
7	3110	Freak on a Leash	Trent Davidson Julie Percival	JBSC	10	8	7	25.0
8	3143	Syncin'	Simon Blatchford Nigel Blatchford	B16'SC	11	9	8	28.0
9	3138	Vendetta	Ray Beetson Stuart Fraser-Sinclair	B16'SC	9	11	11	31.0
10	3124	Moe's Tavern	Tony Sheldon Ewan Duckworth	LC12'SSC	15	7	12	34.0

## State Championship Heat 3 Action



(Clockwise from top left) Josh Doyle and Tom Drury put in a great race in *Rocky-N-Bullwinkle*: *Lick This* passes *Moe's Tavern* who experienced some minor difficulties: *Vendetta* tries to hold out *Enough Rope*: *Fortune Faded* just beats *Everything Zen* to the line: *Pocket Rocket* scores a win in just its third race ahead of *Wally*: *Built for Thrashing* tries to go over the top of *Fast Forward* at the top mark: *Camel Toe* gets a break on the pack at the start of Heat 3 . (All these photos by Greg Bolton, and others, are available in high resolution from the Editor)

## Jervis Bay Regatta

Eight Cherubs fronted the start line for the 2005 Jervis Bay Regatta on the NSW October long weekend. The top Cherubs put on another great performance in mixed fleet racing by finishing in 3rd, 4th and 5th places in their Division.

Adam Forbes and Chad Booth finished third overall in the Monohull Division with Andrew Stewart and Amy Smith close on their heels in fourth and Simon and Nigel Blatchford fifth.

Among the boats behind the leading Cherubs were former World Flying Dutchman champions Fred McCrossin and James Cook and NSW Sharpie Champion Rick Outhred.

The Regatta dished up a wide variety of conditions with little wind evident on Day One and enough on Day Two to see as many as 5 boats upside down at any one time.

Races four and five featured some good stacks. Including *Moe's Tavern*

which ran into the start boat and also managed to put its long suffering crew, on trapeze, between the 2 hulls of a capsized Hobie cat.

The event confirmed Jervis Bay's status as one of the finest sailing venues on the east Australian coast. It's open spaces, good clear breeze paths and flat waters make for great racing.



Local Jervis Bay crew Craig and Mel Davidson were the fourth Cherub overall in the Jervis Bay Regatta in October

### Jervis Bay Regatta 2005 Monohull Division B

1	Donkey on the Edge	Sharpie	N836	Michael Forster	Andrew Reed, Daryl Roos	BSC
2	The Nude	B14	368	Richard Reynolds	Lisa McMillan	WSC
3	Camel Toe	Cherub	3147	Adam Forbes	Chad Booth	GRSC
4	Everything Zen	Cherub	3100	Andrew Stewart	Amy Smith	GRSC
5	Syncin'	Cherub	3143	Simon Blatchford	Nigel Blatchford	B16'SC
8	Fortune Faded	Cherub	3142	Craig Davidson	Mel Davidson	JBSC
10	Moe's Tavern	Cherub	3124	Tony Sheldon	Ewan Duckworth	GRSC LC12ftSSC
12	Freak On A Leash	Cherub	3110	Trent Davidson	Julie Percival	JBSC
18	Max Power	Cherub	3116	Poppy Moore	Rachel Logie	LC12ftSSC
19	Schwiing	Cherub	2958	Felicity Wellman	James Becker	GRSC

## 2005/06 NSW Interclub Program

Date	Event	Location
<b>3-4 Dec 05</b>	<b>State Championship Heats 4-6</b>	<b>Jervis Bay Sailing Club</b>
<b>27 Dec 05—4 Jan 06</b>	<b>National Championships</b>	<b>Largs Bay Sailing Club, Adelaide</b>
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

## Nationals Program

Date	Day	Event	Social
27 December	Tuesday	Measuring (AM & PM)	
28 December	Wednesday	Measuring (AM) <b>Invitation Races 1 &amp; 2</b> (Back to back)	<b>Welcome BBQ</b>
29 December	Thursday	<b>Heats 1 &amp; 2</b> (Back to back)	
30 December	Friday	<b>Heat 3</b>	<b>National Council AGM</b>
31 December	Saturday	<b>Heats 4 &amp; 5</b> (Back to back)	<b>New Years Eve</b> Band at Largs Bay SC
1 January	Sunday	Lay Day	
2 January	Monday	<b>Heats 6 &amp; 7</b> (Back to back)	<b>Bouncy Castle Boxing</b>
3 January	Tuesday	<b>Heat 8</b>	
4 January	Wednesday	<b>Heat 9</b>	<b>Presentation Night</b> at Largs Bay SC

## What a Classic!

*Wop* sailed by Phil “Bugs” Smith and Vicky Weeks was one of the most influential Cherubs ever built in Australia. *Wop*’s hull design represented a major breakthrough when it was launched in 1980. Subsequent designs such as the *Foreign Affair* and the early O’Mahoney boats were based on *Wop*’s in-

novative lines. *Wop* was designed by Phil’s brother Mal and featured deep section in the middle of the boat allowing it to float higher and lift the chines out of the water.

With Phil at the helm and Vicky as crew *Wop* ran a close third at the 1980 World Championships held

in Feltham, UK and then went on to win the Australian Championship in 1980/81 at South Perth.

Today *Wop* is still in active service. Now fitted with a concave deck and asymmetric kite it is being sailed by Grant Abbott and his 12 year old son as part of the new fleet of Cherubs at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club, south of Perth.

The boat is again under the watchful eye of the local Mandurah sailmaker, non other than “Bugs” Smith.



Phil Smith and Vicky Weeks in *Wop*



*Wop* in full flight in 1981

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## Can you top 21.5 kts?

On 8 October, with the Weather Bureau recording 27kts on Sydney Harbour and gusts of 35kts, three Cherubs braved the conditions for the Lane Cove club race. Two managed to make it to the start line. *South Park* soon built up a big lead simply by staying upright at the start, but at just the second mark she was forced to retire with her jib shredded. Meanwhile Tony Sheldon and Ewan Duckworth in *Moe's Tavern* had returned to

shore, replaced their torn mainsail, and set out on the race again to complete the course and become the only finisher.

On one downwind leg *Moe's Tavern* managed to clock a maximum speed of 21.5 kts on their GPS.

Can anyone top this as a maximum speed in a Cherub?

Nominations can be forwarded to the Editor at [Lunsmann@tpg.com.au](mailto:Lunsmann@tpg.com.au).



The *Moe's Tavern* team of Tony Sheldon and Ewan Duckworth at speed.

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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 teen 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 and 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 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.