

Vance's back-to-back WA Cherub States



Right: Steve and Blake Vance secured their second WA State Championship on 2009-10 (Photo Andrew Burvill)

Steve and Blake Vance from Perth Dinghy Sailing Club, sailing *Serenity Now* convincingly secured their second state title winning 6 of 8 heats. That's not to say all of the heats were won easily. Runners up, *Cunning Linguist* sailed by Cam Rule and Todd Montgomery from Mounts Bay Sailing Club fought neck and neck with *Serenity Now* in many races only to be pipped at the post. The boys managed a disqualification in heat 6 for hitting the finishing mark whilst trying to squeeze between two other Cherubs for a 2nd position.

Brennan Stead and Rob Burvill (*Fine Mess*), being one of the lighter crews sailed consistently finishing in the top three in each race. Excelling in moder-

ate wind and providing a serious threat with their "Big Red" kite and their devastating downwind pace they finished 3rd overall.

The Most Improved Trophy went to Ben Loffelmann and David Meili who, sailing almost every weekend, improved considerably and moved into the top end of the fleet to place 6th in the State Championships.

Twenty one boats entered the 2009/2010 WA Cherub State Championship series which were held at Mounts Bay Sailing Club, Perth Dinghy Sailing Club, Koombana Bay Sailing Club and The Cruising Yacht Club. The Cherubs also returned to Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sail-

ing Club after a two year break for heats 5 and 6 where they were greeted with fantastic hospitality and excellent sailing conditions by the growing fleet there.

Saturday and Sunday races in successive weekends were planned to encourage the sailors to stay overnight at the regional clubs – naturally the Cherub sailors relished the opportunity to party.

Like their older brothers, Steve and Blake will now move on to International 14 foot class and will surely give the fleet a run for their money.

The Cherub Class is experiencing a new influx of under-18 year old sailors,

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keen to push their boats to the limits. The fleet continues to attract sailors from 15 to 60 years old, drawn in by the fun social events and of course the awesome downwind ride which only the Cherub can provide. For Cherub info, news and boats for sale visit www.cherub.org.au

The next Cherub State Championship pending approval, are planned to be held at Rottnest Island.

- Cam Rule

Cherub building On-line

This winter Adam Bolton from Sydney will be building a Cherub to his own design. You can follow his progress at:

[Adam's Cherub Hull](#)

New Cherub Builder

Over the past few seasons the Cherub class has been hampered by the lack of a builder offering a full Cherub hull construction. This situation has now been addressed with Ben Lawrie opening a new business in Perth that will build full hi-tech carbon Cherubs.

Lawrie is an experienced Cherub builder with an impressive track record having built two of the top three Cherubs at the most recent 2009/10 Nationals.

His new company **Complete Composites** is in the process of building a new hull mould to the Mat-

thews design and will be building Matthews shells under license from the Matthew brothers.

In addition, Complete Composites will be offering:

- New Cherubs ready for you to add sails and sail away.
- Full hull construction complete with paint and hard-points ready for you to fit-out.
- Kits with all the necessary moulding for home construction of a Cherub
- New foredecks to suit self-tackers and all necessary moulding for home conversion to self-tackers .
- Side deck conversions to the latest moulded shape featuring a rounded inwale.
- Carbon composite rudder outrigger frames and rudder outriggers to a new pod design.
- Carbon spreaders, booms, poles, rear bars in teardrop shape, tiller extensions and any other tube related parts.
- High aspect rudders and centreboards.



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Shipping available to all states

Above left: Perth Cherub 3157 Dumfounded Dipschitz has recently had a side deck makeover featuring the new rounded side decks from Complete Composites

WA State Championship 2009-10 Final Scratch Placings

Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	Club	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Points
1 3135	Serenity Now	Steve Vance	Blake Vance	PDSC	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	DNS	8
2 3148	Cunning Linguist	Cameron Rule	Todd Montgomery	MBSC	3	2	3	1	2	RAF	3	1	15
3 3130	Fine Mess	Brennan Stead	Rob Burvill	PDSC	2	3	2	DNF	5	3	2	3	20
4 3084	Back in Black	Todd McVee	Steve Fryer	PDSC	4	5	6	4	4	2	4	7	29
5 3146	Brave Sir Robin	Matt Harskamp	Jamie Harskamp	MBSC	DNS	DNS	4	3	3	4	5	4	45
6 3088	The Erotic Cucumber	Ben Loffelmann	David Meili	PDSC	DNF	7	8	6	7	5	7	8	48

NSW State Championship Roundup

The fourth and final round of racing for the Cherub NSW State Championship took place at Lane Cove 12ft Sailing Skiff Club and at Yarra Bay 16ft Sailing Club. The winners of the series were never in doubt with Alison Chapman and Rhys Mara, the reigning Cherub National Champions, taking out the season long title comfortably. However, the clear overall results did not take away from the drama of the contest in the final two races.

On Saturday 6 March at Lane Cove in a light easterly breeze three local Lane Cove boats Chapman and Mara, husband and wife crew Tim and Alison Harrington and daughter and father crew Claire and Rolf Lunsmann fought out one of the closest races of the series, one in which the lead changes many times before Chapman and Mara found the winning gust on the last downwind leg to win from Lunsmann with the Harringtons third. This race set up the series for the final showdown at Yarra Bay on Sunday.

race very different. Twenty Five plus knot gusts peppered Yarra Bay but the sheltered waters also meant flat water. This combination of strong wind and no waves had the Cherubs sailing at speeds of well over 20 knots downwind.

In these testing but exhilarating conditions, it was Tim Harrington, and his son Nick, as stand in crew, who showed a clean pair of heels to the whole fleet. Behind them at the finish were Simon Blatchford and Liam Doyle from Belmont 16ft Sailing Club. Chapman and Mara finished their series with an uncharacteristically erratic performance in which spinnaker problems and two swims dropped them back to third place.

Overall the series was contested by 33 boats from 7 Clubs including the newly emerging fleet at Queens Lake, Laurieton. Many of the crews were in the Cherub's Cadet and Junior categories, aged under 18 and 18 to 21 respectively.

Conditions for the final



Top: Kris Fay and Emma Knighton head out to the right at the start of the final race of the NSW State Championships. Above: Tim and Nick Harrington in *Cauchemar* 3164 chase the early race leader Simon Blatchford and Liam Doyle in *Getcha Cans Out* 3160. (Photos: Greg Bolton)

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1	3158	Sparky	Alison Chapman	Rhys Mara Nick Dallen	LC12ftSSC	1	1	1	4	3	7	1	1	1	3	13	
2	3164	Cauchemar	Tim Harrington	Alison Harrington Chris Harrington Nick Harrington	LC12ftSSC	2	6	3	6	2	6	2	2	2	3	1	21
3	3152	Enough Rope	Ryan Clifton-Smith	Nigel Blatchford	B16SC	3	7	5	1	1	5	9	4	6	5	31	
4	3145	Alchemy	Claire Lunsmann	Rolf Lunsmann	LC12ftSSC	5	2	2	3	6	7	3	6	3	2	D	32
5	3160	Getcha Cans Out	Simon Blatchford	Liam Doyle	B16SC	4	4	9	5	7	6	9	10	5	8	2	50
6	3155	Rope City	Ashley Knighton	James Walters	B16SC	7	3	6	9	4	D	8	16	D	4	4	60
7	3144	Wally	Kris Fay	Emma Knighton Naomi Fay	B16SC	9	13	4	D	D	D	4	3	7	5	6	72
8	3070	Ricochet	Andrew Berryman	Matthew Wright	B16SC	8	5	D	2	5	2	13	13	D	D	D	80
9	3100	Everything Zen	Jen Pagett	Andrew Stephenson	DJSC	6	9	7	13	13	12	5	12	10	7	80	
10	3103	Pure Pleasure	Lawrence Wakefield	Oliver Jones	DJSC	11	8	10	10	11	9	16	14	10	7	8	84

Tasmanian News

After a couple of quiet years the Cherub class is on it way back in Tasmania. The prospects are that the next nationals at Largs Bay in Adelaide could feature the first Tasmanian representatives at a National Championship since 2002/03.

The Cherub 3086, the John Ceruty designed and built *Under the Influence of Speed* is being renovated in Launceston, ready for winter training (yes, we Taswegians do dodge the ice floes and sail year round!).

Tasmania, and particularly the northern half of the state has had a large Cherub fleet in the past, so it would be great to get the class active once again.

There are several skipper/crew/parents interested in seeing the boat sailing. Hopefully this boat being used regularly will galvanise some interest in things Cherub and lead to the dusting off of some of the Cherubs in sheds all around Tasmania and the purchase/building of new boats.

It would be great to achieve the numbers to reconstitute the Tasmanian Cherub Class Association (and conduct a National Cherub Championship here). A small group is aiming to achieve just that, as we believe the class represents a great alternative to the single manufacturer international one designs, that seem to obsess YA.

Ed Vincent

Strong CHS Entries

As *Australian Cherub News* goes to press there are at least ten Cherubs entered for the 2010 Australian Secondary Schools Regatta (CHS) to be held at Belmont from 6 to 10

April. Many of the entries are from younger crews trying Cherubs for the first time. Results in the next edition of ACN

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Cherub Trading

With the sailing season drawing to a close the Cherub trading season is starting up as people prepare for next season. Latest movements include:

Telisha Crannage's 3150 XO is now with [James Chilman](#) in Brisbane, Duncan Groome's 316? KISS has also moved to Queensland and is with [Grant Steinback](#) and [Vicky Callow](#) in Brisbane. Last year's National Champion Andrew Chapman's 3163 *The Black Pearl* is now with [Lawrence Wakefield](#) and [Oliver Jones](#) at Drummoyne and the current National Champion 3158 *Sparky* has moved to Belmont with Brett Lancaster.

For all the day by day news on the Cherub scene join up to the Australian Cherub Sailors group on Facebook.

If you have seen the DVD and you now want your own Cherub click [HERE](#).

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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.