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The Association for Gaff-Rig
and Traditional Sailing

Cockburn Sound Sail-a-Day

Sunday December 3rd 2023

WHERE: Cockburn Sound
WHEN: 9.30am for a 10.30am start

You are invited to sail the wonderful waters of Cockburn Sound.

The plan is to launch from the Palm Beach Launching Ramp and sail to a destination for a picnic lunch.



There are two ramps with sand either side for beaching the boats after launching. At this time it appears the eastern ramp may be closed but the western ramp is wide and a good facility. If the parking area is crowded there is a large grassed area across the road for leaving the cars and trailers. (See above)

Please contact Andrew Bochenek if you intend to take part providing the following details:

Boat name	Sail number	DoT registration	Skipper's & crew names	RST	Radio type and call sign	Insurance confirmation	Emergency contact for all on board
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A review of the weather conditions will take place in the week prior to the event and at 5pm on Saturday 2nd December. If any last minute communications are necessary, these will take place via SMS/phone.

The options for the day could be a sail to Buchanan Bay picnic area **or** a sail out through the causeway to the north facing beach at Point Peron **or** simply just sailing in and out from the beach exploring. All will **depend** on the weather conditions on the day.

SAFETY

All participants are responsible for their own boat and the safety of their crew. Skippers are to ensure that their boat is well prepared for this event. A safety briefing will be held prior to departure. Study the attached Boating Guide

- The organisers have the right to cancel the sail if the weather conditions are adverse, however it is the Skipper's responsibility to decide whether to start or withdraw

- **Note;** Any participating boats with outboard motors are asked to fit them so that they may act as assistance craft for other boats in the fleet if required.

- All participants must be confident that they can recover their boats from a capsize without outside assistance, and the ability/equipment to retrieve crew or others from the water after a man-overboard incident.

- In preparing your boats for the day we require as a minimum that you comply with the new **DOT Safety Regulations for Unprotected Waters(See below)** as well as the equipment listed in the OGA self-assessment form.

- A VHF marine radio (waterproof or in a sealed bag) we will use **channel 72 VHF**

- Good anchoring gear to either anchor off the picnic beach or securely moor if pulled ashore

- A robust torch

- Water proof clothing

- First aid kit & suncream

- Spare rope (towing, additional mooring lines, and to cover breakages)



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- Dry bags for any additional clothing required on the day.

NOTE: THE NEW DOT MARINE SAFETY REGULATIONS:

The new requirements apply to registered recreational vessels, personal water craft (PWC), non-registrable yachts/sailing vessels and tenders.

Unprotected waters Beyond 400 metres from the shore.

Vessels smaller than 4.8 metres

The following safety equipment requirements will apply to all vessels smaller than 4.8 metres.

- A lifejacket (Level 100 or higher) must be worn by everyone on board vessels less than 4.8 metres.
- You must carry a GPS-enabled EPIRB or wear a GPS-enabled PLB. You will have until 1 September 2028 to upgrade to a GPS enabled EPIRB.
- You must carry at least 2 handheld red flares and 2 handheld orange flares. Parachute flares may be used in lieu of the red handheld but only until 1 September 2026.
- Electronic Visual Distress Signals (EVDS) may be carried instead of flares only if a GPS-enabled EPIRB is carried or GPS-enabled PLB is worn.
- You must carry a marine radio, when operating beyond 4 nautical miles from shore. 27-MHz radios are being phased out by 1 September 2028 and will no longer be compliant
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Vessels larger than 4.8 metres

- A lifejacket (Level 100 or higher) must be carried for everyone on board.
- Children aged one to 12 years on board must wear a lifejacket (Level 100 or higher).
- You must carry a GPS-enabled EPIRB or wear a GPS-enabled PLB. You will have until 1 September 2028 to upgrade to a GPS enabled EPIRB.



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If any questions please ask:

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Fair winds and we hope to see you on the water