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and Traditional Sailing

Swan River Picnic /Lunch Sail

Sunday 25th August 2024

Departure at 10.30am

This is the cruise you have been waiting for! Sailing up Blackwell Reach onto a fabulous sandy beach/jetty, to a cafe/picnic site! How good is that! (*Apologies to John Hughes*).

We also invite those who don't wish to, or can't get there by boat, to drive, cycle, swim, parachute, walk or even catch public transport to meet up there. Might even be a prize for the most creative method of arrival, be it by boat or other, so think of something spectacular!

This is suitable for both our off-the-beach boats and our larger brethren. We plan to launch from the Point Walter boat ramp and set off at 10.30 am to meet the larger yachts in the vicinity of RFBYC around 11am. The fleet then sails/rows/ motors up Blackwell Reach (With a favourable tide! We have checked and planned it this way!) to the area in front of the Zephyr Cafe next to Leeuwin Barracks and Swan YC.



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At the Zephyr cafe there is a sandy beach for the smaller craft and also non working side berths at the launching jetty at the Leeuwin boat ramp on the southern side.

We can picnic or buy a lunch at the Zephyr cafe. There is a children's playground adjacent, so any little ones are welcome. Bring the whole family!

After the lunch we return to Point Walter or to your yacht club berth with another favourable tide! (See, we have done our homework!)

We have a stand-by date a fortnight later in case the weather is not favourable on the first Sunday. The organisers will contact you 48 hours beforehand if there is to be a postponement. (Stand-by date is Sunday 8th September 2024)

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Safety:








This event will be held in compliance with Section 4 of the OGA of WA Operations Manual - available on our website- and will be an event Type 3: OGAWA Events In Coastal and Protected Waters Where No Rescue Craft Are Available.

Please note the DOT Marine requirements below.

Safety Equipment Requirements

REGISTRABLE VESSEL: Vessels including sailing vessels that are or can be propelled by mechanical power.

NON-REGISTRABLE VESSEL: Tenders and sailing dinghies.

		PROTECTED WATERS Includes rivers, lakes, estuaries, harbours and waters within 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters but excludes Cambridge Gulf and Lake Argyle.	
		Registrable Vessels	Non-registrable Vessels
	Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST) The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6 horsepower must hold an RST.	✓	NOT REQUIRED
	Lifejacket Carriage A lifejacket, as indicated in the table opposite, must be carried for every person on board.	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	RECOMMENDED
	Vessels smaller than 4.8 metres Vessels 4.8 metres and larger	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	RECOMMENDED
	Lifejacket Wearing As indicated in the table opposite.	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	RECOMMENDED
	Children older than one and younger than 12 Personal Water Craft	✓ Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN	
	Distress Beacon (in-date) A GPS enabled 406 MHz EPIRB OR if worn by at least one person, a GPS enabled PLB. Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with AMSA.	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	Red and Orange Flares (in-date) At least two hand held red flares and two hand held orange flares must be carried. OR Electronic Visual Distress Signal (EVDS) An electronic signalling device may be carried in lieu of flares <u>IF</u> a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn) is also carried.	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	Marine Radio A HF or VHF marine radio on any Registrable Vessel when operating more than 4 nautical miles from shore in unprotected waters.	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	Recommended Additional Safety Equipment It is recommended an anchor and line, a fire extinguisher and a means of removing water be carried.	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED

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All those who would like to take part are requested to contact the organisers and register via email at molarman08@bigpond.com or by phone if you have further questions at 0409108473.

To register we need the following details:

- 1: Boat name
- 2: Sail number (if any)
- 3: DOT Registration (If any)
- 4: Skipper and crew's names
- 5: If you have a RST
- 6: Do you carry a radio?
- 7: Insurance Confirmation
- 8: Emergency contact for those aboard.
- 9: Your contact details via e-mail and phone for any last minute postponements.

Fair winds and we hope to see you on the water!

Event organisers:

Andrew Bochenek (*FALA*)
Jerome Targett (*BONITA*)