



OGA
Western Australia
The Association for Gaff-Rig and Traditional Sailing

OGA WA Practice & Picnic Day

Sunday 01 December 2024

Mosman Bay & Point Walter - 10:00 onwards



The sun is shining, the water is beginning to warm up, so what better time to be out there on the water?

As you know many of our small-boat members sail far and wide throughout WA and beyond, often without the close escort of dedicated support boats, and so we have developed our C-Fleet checklist of recommendations, including that **“Open Boats shall be capable of self-rescue in event of a capsize”**, **“Trailer Sailors shall be capable of being knocked down to 90 degrees without water entering the cabin”** and **“Retrieval method of crew from water / reboarding aid”**. A number of our members have recently indicated that they wish to check out these aspects of their boats, so **now it is time to put it in to practice!**

We need deep but safe water to practice the capsizes - Mosman Bay fits the bill, so the plan is:

- Launch at the Johnston St ramp by about 10am and gather on the shore.
- Keel boats welcome to join us and moor off the beach there.
- Those that wish to carry out a capsize or MOB practice will be scheduled to do so, with others of us standing by to assist if needed (and with cameras of course!).
- Following the fun, we can sail over to Point Walter for lunch, followed by short afternoon sail.

To ensure that these drills are carried out safely, we will plan, discuss, and provide guidance on shore beforehand and then will accompany you with a safety boat afloat.

All welcome, whether or not you want to practice your survival skills, just have a sail, or even just watch the fun – I’m sure we’ll all learn something and have an enjoyable, sociable boating day.

Please let me know if you intend to join us, particularly if you want to practice a capsize!

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