



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

Walpole - Denmark Rally

Cruising & Racing in Company

26th February to 3rd March 2025

Where: Walpole and Denmark, WA

When: Wednesday (26th Feb): Drive to Walpole
Thursday (27th Feb) : OGA - Denmark Day
Friday (28th Feb) : OGA - Walpole / Nornalup
Saturday & Sunday : Walpole YC - In the Trees Regatta
Monday (3rd Mar) : Return from Walpole

OGA(WA) are pleased to announce once again our annual "Most fun you can have in a small boat":

As before, we are wrapping a couple of cruising days for our members and friends around the Walpole Yacht Club's well established "In the Trees Regatta", to make it even more worth your while trailing your boat to our wonderful south coast.

- An outline of our plans is included in the following pages, along with some local boating information and recommendations on camping/accommodation.
- There will be no charge for the OGA days, but you will need to make your own accommodation arrangements.
- Contact the Walpole Yacht Club to enter their Regatta www.walpoleyachtclub.com.au
- If any of you want to come down but not take part in the Regatta, we'll look to arrange some additional adventures for you over the weekend.
- Please feel free to take part in as much or as little of this as you want - just let us know what your intentions are so that we can look out for you.
- And please confirm that you are happy to have your mobile phone number added to our Signal group which we will use to keep you updated on our daily activities as weather and inclination dictate.





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Please contact Jim Black if you are interested in taking part, providing the following details:

Boat Name	Sail Number	DoT Registration (if applicable)	Skipper' & crew names & skipper's contact no.	Emergency contact for all on board	Which days planning to attend
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Safety

- This event will be held in compliance with Section 4 of the OGA Operations Manual – available on our website and will be an event type 3: OGAWA Day Events in Coastal Waters and Protected Waters where no Rescue Support is available.
- All participants are responsible for their own 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 before set off each day.
- All skippers are requested to fill out and submit the “Annual C Fleet Self-Assessment Safety Form”.
- The organisers have the right to cancel or modify any day's event if the weather conditions are adverse, however **it is the Skipper's sole responsibility to decide whether to start or withdraw at any time.**
- All participants in open boats must be confident that they can recover their boats from a capsize.
- In preparing your boats for the rally we require as a minimum that the following equipment is carried
 - PFDs for all crew (please wear them!)
 - DoT requirements for coastal waters (the new requirements are in place this year – check their website)
 - A waterproof marine VHF radio (we intend to use VHF channel 72) and preferably an EPIRB or PLB.
 - Good anchoring gear (we will be anchoring in various locations)
 - A robust torch (we don't intend to night-sail, but could be caught out)
 - Waterproof and warm clothing (it can be cold and you want to be comfortable - this is not an endurance test)
 - First aid kit
 - Spare rope (towing, additional mooring lines, and to cover breakages)
 - Dry bags for spare clothes
 - Adequate food and water each day
- Check out the DoT Walpole to Denmark Boating Guide and Charts WA1046 and DMH337 and the relevant Notices to Mariners.

Any questions - please ask!

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Walpole & Denmark OGA Rally

Logistical Plan

Wednesday 26th February

Drive to Walpole and set up camp/accommodation in area but leave boats on trailers.
18.00 onwards: meet at Walpole Hotel Motel for drinks/dinner and planning for the next two days.

Thursday 27th February

Trail boats through to Denmark (1 hour max)
Launch at Denmark Rivermouth for a day's sail on Wilson Inlet including a picnic lunch stop (byo picnic)
Trail boats back to Walpole
Depending how the day goes, evening meal could be either in Denmark or Walpole

Friday 28th February

There are a number of sailing/rowing/motoring options available in and around the Walpole and Nornalup inlets and weather/inclination depending, we have options such as:

- Sail around Newdegate Island and explore up Deep River on the west side of the Nornalup Inlet (but be aware it is not "Deep"!)
- Sail to Sealers Cove on the south side of the inlet for lunch and walk the track over the dunes to Circus Beach (take a backpack and watch out for snakes).
- Sail to the east side of the inlet and see how far we can get up the Frankland River - lunch at Nornalup? - If the weather is really bad on the Inlet we could even launch at Nornalup)
- Or just have a good sail around the inlet and up to Walpole town ramp to find that coffee shop - a competitive sprint up the narrows should show up our boat handling skills!

Then about 1800 onwards gather at one of the campsites for a BBQ, followed by a good night's sleep before the challenge of the next two days at the Walpole In the Trees Regatta.



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Accommodation

There are a full range of "country" options for accommodation in and around Walpole - check out www.walpole.com.au for details.

The two main caravan/camp sites are Rest Point, and **Coalmine Beach**, the latter being where the Regatta is held and books up early, so be quick! (maybe too late already, but if you have trouble booking a site let me know – we look to have spaces available within our group)

Coalmine Beach is likely your best option, if sites available, and **it will be used by the event organiser as our central meeting/contact point - Camp Site 16 (or thereby) will display the OGA banner.**

Launching and Retrieving

There are three launch ramps in the inlet:

- The Town Ramp in Walpole (best for deeper trailer sailers)
- The Rest Point Ramp (by the campsite of same name) opposite Walpole
- The **Coalmine Beach Ramp** (by the campsite of same name) south of Walpole, on the Nornalup Inlet (most of us have used this ramp but it is into fairly shallow water)

Sailing

Refer to:

- Nornalup Inlet Chart WA 1046 (free from DoT)
- Wilson Inlet Chart DMH337 (free from DoT)
- **DoT Boating Guide Walpole to Denmark** (free from DoT)

Other activities

Check out the Walpole website, but one that has been particularly recommended (and mentioned above) is the Walpole Eco Cruise (WOW cruise), with one of the most entertaining and informative tour guides you are ever likely to meet! (Gary Muir).



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NOTICE OF RACE

Labour Day Long Weekend
1-2nd March 2025

Lots of fun - five races in two days, great range of boats, great organisation and camaraderie, and the best bacon and egg rolls for breakfast!

Check the WYC website, download the Notice of Race, and register online asap - entries close 18th February!

We need to have at least ten of our boats entered so that we can get our own start - please consider entering asap and let me know when you have done so.



Only a couple of our boats entered so far– **we need more!**