



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

Casual Sailing (& Safety) Day

Sunday 21 September 2025

Matilda Bay - 10:00 onwards

[and noting that Friends of Matilda Bay are expected to be out in force from about 11:00, showing how we all use this unique, safe, sheltered bay and campaigning against the proposed ferry terminal in our midst (check their Facebook page) – should be an interesting day with all forms of small craft out on the water]



It's the start of a new sailing season and time to get together, have a casual sail, and check that your boat is properly set up for the season. (you don't want to go down to Denmark the following weekend and find you are missing that vital piece of equipment!) So, as well as all the painting, varnishing and polishing that I am sure you are doing right now, you may also want to grab a copy of our Annual Self-Assessment Form, check over your boat, and then come along so that we can compare notes:

Launch your boat at the very good **Matilda Bay ramp** (or sail in as close as you can), and gather on the sandy beach beside the ramp, grab a coffee, set up your boat and look around:

- Who does what, which way, and why?
- Can you learn from someone else?
- Can we help you set up your boat better?
- Are there any good safety ideas that you can follow?
- Is there anything you would like us to help you with?
- Do you have a great idea or technique to share?

We can all benefit from this exchange of ideas!

We won't do any actual capsizing drills this day (Mosman Bay, being deeper, is better for that, and we'll look at a day later in the season when the water is warmer!).

Let's make this a great day and aim to lunch together on the shore (the café may be rather busy – may be best to BYO lunch) **and have a short sail or two together.**



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Please let me know if you plan to attend so that we can get an idea of numbers - and if you can't bring your boat just bring yourself – all welcome!

Looking forward to seeing you ALL there!

You can find copies of all our documents on our website, under Resources / Safety.

Also: for those of you planning to take part in the Retro series, we can go over your Cat 7 forms if you have any questions about meeting those requirements too.

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