



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

OGA Annual Walpole Rally

Cruising & Racing in Company

25th February to 2nd March 2026

Where: Walpole, WA

When: Wednesday (25th Feb): Drive to Walpole
Thursday (26th Feb) : OGA - Walpole / Nornalup
Friday (27th Feb) : OGA - Walpole / Nornalup
Saturday & Sunday : Walpole YC - In the Trees Regatta
Monday (2nd Mar) : Return from Walpole

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

As you may be aware, Walpole Yacht Club and Mandurah OFSC are planning a slimmed down version of the annual "In the Trees Regatta" this year, but we intend to be there in strength as always, to enjoy some cruising, racing and socializing along our wonderful south coast.

- The schedule will be generally as above, but as usual we intend to **muster at the Walpole Hotel by about 18:00 on the Wednesday evening to make final plans:**
- We can sail the Nornalup Inlet, sail or row the Frankland River, sail to coffee in Walpole, hike in the tall trees, the possibilities are endless and all good ideas welcome!
- On the Thursday we may look to book some places on the Walpole Eco Cruise (WOW cruise), with one of the most entertaining and informative tour guides you are ever likely to meet!
- We probably won't head over to Denmark this year as our key Denmark contacts are deserting us and heading over east to participate in the St Ayles Skiffs Steamer's Run in Gippsland.
- There will be no charge for the OGA days, but you will need to make your own accommodation/catering arrangements – most of us will be at the Coalmine Beach Campsite.
- The Walpole Yacht Club website is not yet set up for the Regatta but you can enter via: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/mofsc/events/328845>.
- 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.

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 protected waters (the new requirements have been in place since last 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 with spare clothes
 - Adequate food and water each day
- Check out the DoT Walpole to Denmark Boating Guide and Chart WA1046.

Any questions - please ask!

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