



2017 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival Mooring Instructions

The SA Wooden Boat Festival organisers would like to welcome you to this year's Festival celebrating wooden boats of all makes and sizes, and those who design, build, own and generally enjoy being on or in them.

We appreciate the care and love you have for your boats and are extremely pleased that you have decided to bring your boat to this year's event.

So that you can have a memorable and safe event for you, your boat and your crew and guests, as well as the other attendees, we have spent a great deal of time and effort establishing a set of mooring plans and associated instructions.

All boats should have suitable length and size of mooring lines on board to allow return lines from mooring buoys or poles, and sufficient crew appropriate to the size of vessel for safe mooring.

At all times the safety of your vessel and crew is of utmost importance and with this in mind, we request that you cooperate with our officials and volunteers and work with them to ensure safe and effective mooring of your vessel.

There may be times when direction is given which may not entirely fit with your personal requirements, but be assured that what we ask is for the greater good.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation in advance and trust we all enjoy a safe and happy Festival.

Mooring Times

Mooring Marshalls will be available to assist boats to locate and tie up in their allocated positions from 12.00noon until 6pm on the Friday 21st and Saturday the 22nd of April from 9am until 6.00pm, and on Sunday the 23rd of April from 9.00am until 3.00pm. Note - No Mooring Marshalls will be available prior to, during or after the Fairy Light Parade, so boats participating in the Fairy Light Parade will need to leave and return to their mooring of their own accord.

Owners are requested to bring their boats into the Festival on the Friday, however it is appreciated that some have commitments not allowing this.

May we stress that boats must respect the mooring plans and only moor their boats in their given areas. The Festival reserves the right to insist boats move to their allocated location.



Mooring Procedures

We have a limited wharf and Jetty areas to moor the boats against. To maximize mooring places we have installed mooring buoys on the river side of the jetties, on the inside of Hectors Jetty, riverside of the Boardwalk, and on the south side of the Pump Out Jetty. In addition to the mooring buoys, there are 5 existing poles on the riverside on the Boardwalk to which boats will tie up to. Boats will need to moor “Mediterranean Style” i.e. bow to mooring buoy or pole, stern to jetty/wharf. Up to four boats will hang off each buoy or pole and then have stern lines run to the jetty / wharf.

It is expected that some boats will need to negotiate with their neighbours for access to shore should their boats only have side access or be moored out from the jetty as a result of a boomkin/bowsprit scenario. In such situations we anticipate that the accepted generosity and general goodwill of ‘boaties’ would prevail.

Mooring areas have been allocated for boats based on categories, size, or special needs. Vessels of a particular design (eg. Halvorsens, Hartleys) will be moored together, and others moored in groups with vessels of a similar size to minimise the impact of larger boats against smaller boats.

As boats enter the Closed Waters of the Festival they should call the Mooring Coordinator via UHF radio Channel 27 or VHF 72 and advise their arrival by providing their boat name. A volunteer Marshall in a rubber duck, will be dispatched to your boat and instructions will be given as to how the mooring should proceed.

On water Mooring Marshalls in rubber ducks will be available to guide you to your allocated mooring and assist in the mooring of boats. Given the number of boats in the Festival, a boat may need to hold his position until a Mooring Marshall is free. We do ask for your patience in this instance. At all times the skipper of the vessel must remain in charge of the vessel and be responsible for its safe mooring.

The Mooring Marshalls are there to provide advice and assistance only. The Marshall can assist in maneuvers requiring the use of the rubber duck, including assisted rotation and/or controlled reversing of the boat, taking bow lines to the mooring buoys, taking stern lines to the jetty/ wharf, and will be done under instruction of and with the cooperation of the skipper.

For those mooring in areas “C” or “H” a diagram is attached depicting the method of mooring to be followed for the safe and effective mooring of your vessel for the first time. Depending on the direction of the wind, a boat will enter the waters between the jetty and the mooring buoy as shown in the diagram and head to the furthest free Buoy. The bowman will pick up one of the four floating lines attached to the buoy and pass his line through the eye and control the feeding out of his line. When this has occurred the Mooring Marshall will accept a stern line and run it to the jetty Marshalls who will ease the boat into position for securing by the skipper.



For all other areas the Mooring Marshalls will come alongside and discuss with the skipper a preferred procedure.

If you leave the mooring to participate in a parade etc, then you may need to reverse back into the mooring or find another mooring in the same area. Again use the assistance of the Mooring Marshalls, and the adjacent boat crews.

There may be some situations where the assistance of the Mooring Marshall and his rubber duck are not requested or required by a skipper, in which case the Mooring Marshall will hold back and observe but be able to offer assistance should it unexpectedly be needed.

Boat Parades

A lot of boat owners have indicated a desire to participate in boat parades, and there are some who prefer to remain at their moorings.

There could be an issue when boats return to their moorings after the parade and the procedures mentioned above become less effective.

Boats that do not participate in the parades may be requested to move to a different position in their area to facilitate the safe return of the other vessels, and boats should not be left unattended during the parades and until all boats have returned to their moorings. The Festival reserves the right to move any boat which is left unattended.

Please note that there will be a rowing race on Sunday 23rd of April February between from 8am and 8.30am, can we please ask that where possible boats do not go on the water to minimise wake for the rowers.

Bad Weather

Boat owners are responsible for the safety of their own vessels and as such will assume responsibility for assessing whether to leave the moorings and the Festival precinct as a result of bad weather setting in.

For bad weather refer to the Alternative Mooring information in your Boat Registration Pack or on the Festival Website.

This reinforces the concept that skippers remain with their boats as much as is practical which includes sleeping aboard if possible.

Thank you and enjoy the Festival!!





