

2017 SA Wooden Boat Festival – Event Instructions



IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Due to the number of entrants, river flow and currents around the wharf and jetties, boat operators should exercise caution when steering and maneuvering and be watchful of others when entering or leaving the Festival mooring areas.
2. Large paddle boats including the Oscar W and Marion will be cruising during the Festival. All boats should keep well clear of the large paddle boats as they have limited ability to manoeuvre in the channel under the Hindmarsh Island Bridge, when turning and require room to manoeuvre when departing and returning to the wharf.
3. A “Closed Waters” area will be in place on both days of the Festival from 8.00 am to 8.30 pm. The Closed Waters area will be marked by yellow marker buoys and is bounded by the southern side of Hindmarsh Island Bridge, then from the starboard pylon of the navigation span to Beacon 23, then to Armfield Slip, then along the riverbank back to the Hindmarsh Island Bridge. Only boats entered in the Festival and displaying their Boat Numbers are allowed in closed waters area. Sea Rescue and Marshall Boats (identifiable by a white flag with a blue letter “M” imprinted on it) will be patrolling the perimeter of the area to remove boats from the closed water area.
4. An additional “Closed Waters” area will be in place on Saturday night the 22nd April between 7.45pm and 8.30pm for the fireworks display. The Closed Waters area will be 200 meters upstream and downstream of the Hindmarsh Island Bridge. To comply with the Closed Waters License all vessels that are within the Closed Waters area must remain tied to the wharf, and must take reasonable measures to mitigate any adverse effects of the fireworks. The only exception will be Festival Marshall Boats controlling water traffic.

PARADE OF BOAT CLASSES (Putt Putt, Cruisers, Canoes, Rowboats)

Prior to the scheduled start time of the parade, assemble south of an orange flag which will be located about 100 metres to the south of the wharf. At the scheduled start time, or on direction of the Marshall Boat if on station, proceed upstream keeping close to the wharf, under the bridge and turn to starboard and return at a distance of 50 metres to the east of the wharf. Return to moorings. Depending on the weather and river conditions, and the number of boats involved there may be 2 laps of the course.

GRAND PARADE OF BOATS

Assemble to the north of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club prior to the scheduled start time.

The Grand Parades will be led by the paddle steamers OSCAR W and Marion, as soon as the OSCAR W and Marion pass, join in the procession.

After passing through the bridge keep well clear of the OSCAR W and Marion as they turn, then proceed to about the starting point, and either complete another circuit or return to moorings. Depending on the weather and river conditions, and the number of boats involved there may be 2 laps of the course. Take directions from the Marshall Boat.



FAIRY LIGHT PARADE

Boats intending to take part in this event are to assemble to the north of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club at approximately 6.15 PM. At 6.30 PM. a Marshall Boat with an orange flashing light will lead the parade upstream keeping close to the wharf going through the bridge then turn to starboard and return at a distance of 100metres to the east of the wharf. Depending on the weather and river conditions, and the number of boats involved there may be 2 laps of the course.



Due to the tight navigation area, river flow and currents in the river channel it is important that a high level of caution and due care is taken when steering and manoeuvring your boat throughout the parade.

Boats not participating in the parade and staying in their mooring are requested to light up to be part of the spectacle.

Should there be adverse weather conditions, the Fairy Light Parade may be cancelled. This will be advised over the Festivals PA system. Should cancellation occur, boats are requested to light up in their mooring.

Notes

1. 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 ability.
2. Closed Waters between 7.45pm and 8.30pm for the fireworks display. The Closed Waters area will be 200 meters upstream and downstream of the Hindmarsh Island Bridge.

Some important points to remember:

- The course is small and tight. Use caution at all times and be prepared to stop.
- The expected speed is a maximum of 3 knots.
- Do not overtake other boats
- Do not attempt to cross other boats course.
- Navigation lights must be switched on and working.
- Avoid using any bright lights to help with night vision.
- Yachts are to be aware of the height of each bridge span for mast clearance
- See course map.

RADIO FREQUENCIES

Sea Rescue & Festival communications VHF Channel 72

Festival communications UHF Channel 27

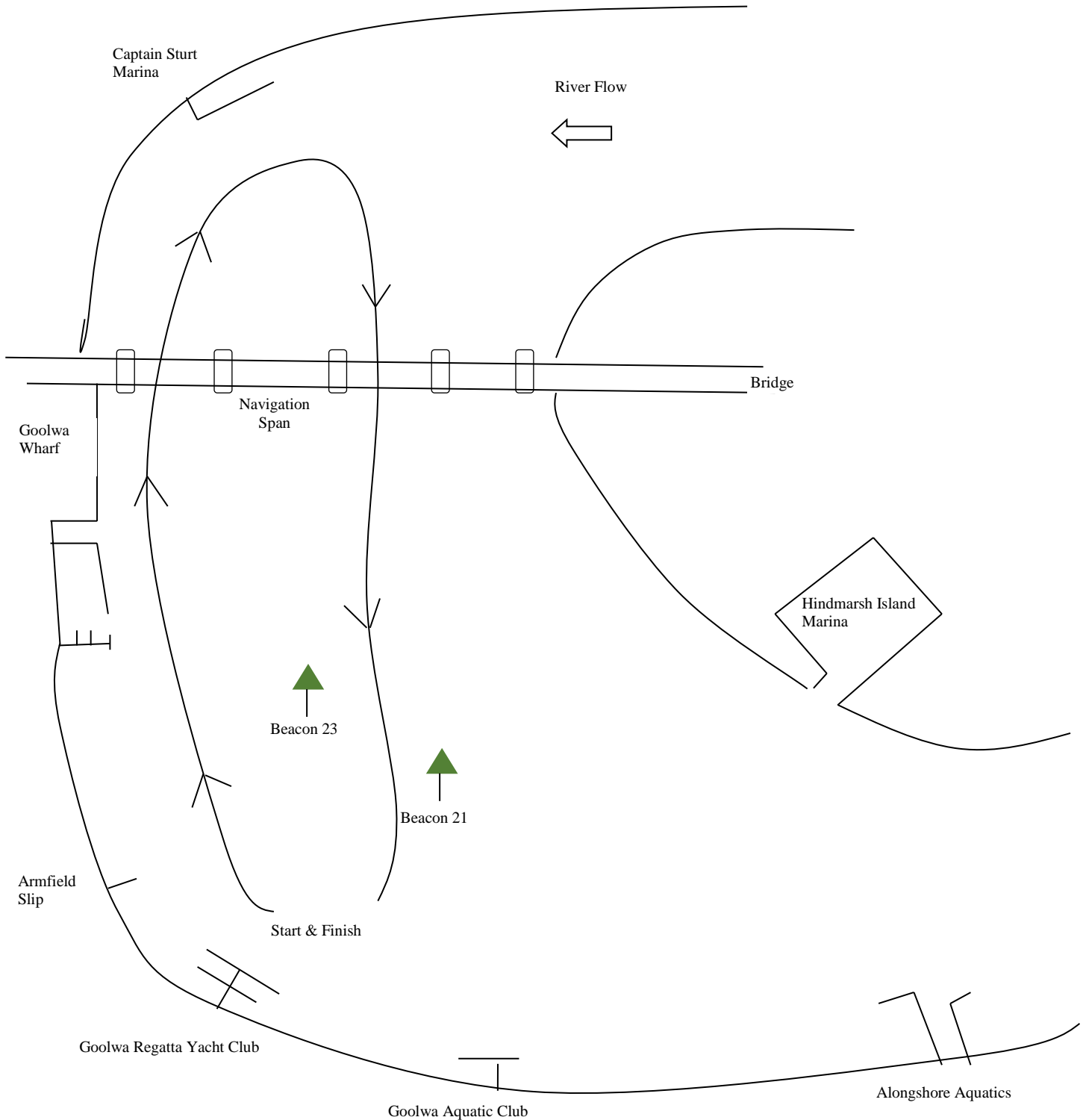




FAIRY LIGHT PARADE – Course Map (Diagram Only – Not to Scale & not all Channel Markers are shown)

Note:

- There may be one or two laps of the course depending on river and weather conditions.
- The Lead Boat is a Marshall Boat
- The boat speed is a maximum of 3 knots.
- Do not overtake other boats or attempt to cross the course, or other boats.
- Avoid using any bright lights to help with night vision.
- Yachts are to be aware of the height of each bridge span for mast clearance



2017 SA Wooden Boat Festival Award Categories



The following categories will be judged for best boat at this year's Festival:

Best Row Boat	Best Speed Boat
Best Canoe / Kayak	Best Steam Boat
Best Sailing Dinghy	Best Cruiser under 10m
Best Putt Putt	Best Cruiser over 10 meters
Best Yacht	Best Halvorsen
Best Traditional Vintage Yacht	Best Boat on Show
Best Restricted 21	Concourse d'Elegance Prize
Best Paddle Boat	Most Interesting Boat
Best Electric / Solar Boat	

**Category winners will be announced
and presented with their award at 12:00noon on Sunday on the
P.S. Oscar W**

Good Luck

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. GENERAL

The Organizing Authority for the sailing races in the 2017 SA Wooden Boat Festival shall be the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club (GRYC). The Principal Race Officer (PRO) appointed by the Organizing Authority shall have full control of all sailing events in the sailing program.

2. RULES

The racing shall be governed by the Australian Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.

3. NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted from boats registered in the 2017 SA Wooden Boat Festival in the following divisions:

Vintage River Boats	Yachts on the register of the Goolwa Vintage River Boat Club.
Restricted 21	Yachts which comply with the requirements of the Restricted 21 Class and any other Yacht considered suitable at the sole discretion of the PRO.
Other Sailing Boats	Trailer Sailors, Dinghies, Yachts, considered suitable at the sole discretion of the PRO.

4. COURSE

The course shall be sailed in accordance with the attached diagrams (see next page). The rounding marks are inflatable buoys. The course may be shortened at any rounding mark or at the finish line prior to completion of the course. The Course will start in or adjacent to, and extend outside of the Festival's Closed Waters area.

5. STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

The starting and finishing lines shall be between the start boat flying an orange flag and a buoy flying an orange flag.

6. DIVISION FLAGS

Division 1	Vintage River Boats	Code Flag R, Red with a yellow vertical cross.
Division 2	Restricted 21's	Code Flag T, Red, white and blue vertical stripes.
Division 3	Other Sailing Boats	Code Flag F, White with a red diamond.

7. STARTING SYSTEM

5 minutes prior to the start	Division flag raised	1 sound signal
4 minutes prior to the start	P flag raised	1 sound signal
1 minutes prior to the start	P flag removed	1 long sound signal
0 minutes prior to the start	Division flag removed	1 sound signal

8. RECALLS



In the event of a general recall, the recalled class shall start last.

9. RACE SCHEDULE

Saturday 22 nd	11.00am	Heat 1	Vintage Riverboats - Governor's Cup
	2.30pm	Heat 1	Restricted 21 - Acrosphire II Trophy
	2.35pm	Heat 1	Other Sailing Boats
Sunday 23 rd	11.00am	Heat 2	Restricted 21 - Acrosphire II Trophy
	1.00pm	Heat 2	Vintage Riverboats - Governor's Cup and the Neil Shaw Trophy
	1.05pm	Heat 2	Other Sailing Boats

10. **SCORING** will be sum of corrected times for both races. Neil Shaw Trophy will be the handicap winner in Heat 2 Vintage River Boats.
11. **Prizes** Race results may be announced over the Festival's public address system to notify competitors and Festival attendees, and Governor's Cup, Neil Shaw Trophy and Acrosphire II Trophy will be presented at the Goolwa Aquatic Club on the 28th May 2017 at the Vintage Boat Club 'Memorial Race Day' presentation.
12. Competitors participate in the races at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organising authority or the SA Wooden Boat Festival will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the races.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – COURSE (Diagram only, not to scale)

