

MEDIA ADVICE

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Goolwa's January Regatta Week has activities for every taste

Expect colour, action and community involvement at Goolwa during Regatta Week 2019.

Regatta Week offers multiple reasons for boat lovers, holiday-makers, yacht racers, casual sailors, families and friends to spend time in this beautiful part of the Fleurieu Peninsula, where the Murray River meets the Southern Ocean around Hindmarsh Island.

Regatta Week from Saturday 19 January to Sunday 27 ~ includes community events on and off the water including Australia Day celebrations in the historic river towns of Goolwa and Milang.

Goolwa's town-centre is just metres from the River Murray, with a rare steam-powered 'daily double' side-by-side at the wharf... a steam powered paddle wheeler next to the SteamRanger Cockle Train, joined by a fleet of century old sailing yachts, plus restaurants, wine bars, a distillery on the wharf overlooking the action.

The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club (GRYC) has conducted the iconic Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic since 1974 and more recently expanded the program of associated community entertainment events with Goolwa Regatta Week.

The sporting highlight is always the 50 km **Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic** yacht race, to be held on Sunday 27 January. Being on a long weekend, racing crews and visitors will have more time to relax & stay after the race.

The Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic is a must-do race every year for hundreds of sailing families from around the State and further afield. The 2018 race attracted almost 200 boats.

There will be seven Divisions in 2019, catering for many off-the-beach monohull and catamaran classes as well as family trailer-sailor and larger multihull yachts, along with wooden Vintage River Boats and the historic Restricted 21 wooden racing yachts competing in their own division. Goolwa has Australia's biggest and most competitive R21 fleet.

The race starts near historic Milang jetty, proceeds across SA's largest inland waterway, Lake Alexandrina, to a turn at Point Sturt, and downstream past Clayton cliffs to the finish at Goolwa. Along the 50km race course there are excellent public viewing points at Milang, Point Sturt, Clayton and at Goolwa North the shorelines on Liverpool Road or across on Hindmarsh Island.

See Regatta Week Activities... <http://www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au/program/>

Louise Edwards, Commodore of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, urged competitors to enter and to encourage family and friends to come and enjoy Goolwa Regatta Week. "There are many fascinating events throughout the week that everyone can get involved with, and great spectator viewing is available during sailing events."

"The Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic is an iconic event, held in SA's best recreational water playgrounds. Goolwa Regatta Week helps to showcase the Lower Murray lakes, the River Murray, Hindmarsh Island and the Coorong waterways as a significant tourist attraction".

The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are now available on the Goolwa Regatta Week website at www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au

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