



Wooden Boat Festival

## 2020 WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL of GEELONG

### THE 2020 'SPIRIT of ST AYLES CUP'

- INVITATION and REGISTRATION -

On behalf of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club you are cordially invited to participate in the program of St Ayles Skiff events at the 2020 Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong over the weekend of 7, 8 and 9 March. We have an exciting skiff program over the Saturday and Sunday of the festival, surrounded by the excitement, the many boating, building and entertainment events of a great community festival.

#### 1. ST AYLES SKIFF PROGRAM

##### **SATURDAY 7 March – Meet the Fleet**

The skiff program begins with the Skiffs launching at the Limeburners Point boat ramps where we will leave our trailers in RGYC-secured parking.

The first on-water participation will see us rowing out from Limeburners Point to meet the incoming Portarlington passage race fleet of yachts as they pass Limeburners between 2:00 and 3:00pm (wind and weather-dependent). The arrival of the passage fleet at the RGYC marina is the ceremonial opening of the Wooden Boat Festival – so we'd better get out there and be part of the fleet arrival! It is a paddle of about 1.5kms.

##### **SUNDAY 8 March - Racing**

The principal St Ayles Skiff event will of course be the third-running of the 'Spirit of St Ayles Cup' which will be a multi-heat event raced around a set course on Corio Bay.

#### 2. BOATS and/or CREWS WELCOME

We are hoping to see between six and eight St Ayles Skiffs enter the festival. With Geelong's third skiff named and launched on the Saturday at least three others entered by the SASCRA family, we believe we'll have the fleet we need to accommodate Skiff clubs and rowers who would like to participate without entering their own boats.

#### 3. BOAT REGISTRATION

Please register your boat via the 'Festival Entry' tab on the Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong site which is at <https://woodenboatfestivalgeelong.com.au>. If you scroll down, you will find the 'Skiff Entry' link. There is a \$30 entry fee.



#### 4. BOAT ARRIVAL and LAUNCH

We suggest that all boats arrive on Saturday morning.

- If you are entering a boat and intend to participate in the row-out to join the in-bound Passage Race fleet: go to the Limeburners Point car park and boat ramp which is at the eastern extreme end Eastern Beach
- If you are entering a boat and do not intend to row with the fleet, you are welcome to launch from the RGYC ramp preferably on Friday or early on Saturday morning.

#### 5. TRAILER PARKING

Secure trailer parking for Festival participants is provided at Limeburners Point. Access is via Eastern Beach Road to the Garden Street/Hearne Parade intersection where you turn left and proceed to the Point.

#### 6. CREW REGISTRATION

Crews-with-out-boats are welcome to participate in the 'Spirit of St Ayles Cup' but all must register using the attached 'Crew Declaration' form. Apart from its obvious use for race entry and management, this registration is the instrument which ensures participants are covered by the club's insurance.

Completed Crew Declaration form by email to [peter.doyle10@gmail.com](mailto:peter.doyle10@gmail.com) , please.

#### 7. TICKETED EVENTS

There are three ticketed events offered under the festival program; you are very welcome to any or all of them. Tickets via the Festival Entry/Social Events path on the web site.

- **RGYC Cruising dinner on Thursday 5 March - \$50.50pp.**  
The guest speaker will be Lin Pardey. Lin and her husband Larry are ocean cruisers and writers of world-wide renown. Known for their small boat sailing adventures, the Pardeys have sailed over 200,000 miles together, circumnavigating the world both east-about and west-about, and have published numerous books on sailing.
- **RGYC Festival Presentation Dinner on Sunday 8 March - \$65.00pp**  
Our guest speaker will be Captain John Dikkenberg, John is currently serving as Master of the replica of James Cook's ship, Her Majesty's Bark Endeavour. He has spent a life time at sea in a variety of ships, including as commander of RAN submarines, destroyers and the barque James Craig. sailing.
- **Whisky Tastings on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March - \$44.50pp**  
A regular (and very popular) feature of our Wooden Boat Festival are the Whiskey tastings delivered by Ian Baxter, CEO of 'Single Malt Whisky'. Available on both nights, the event will be held on the mezzanine floor of the RGYC club house.

We're looking forward to the Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong being a major showing of our St Ayles Skiffs to the 30,000 visitors we expect through the gates and plan to invite them all to "Come have a Paddle" in our beautiful boats!

Please join us for the event and call me should you have any questions at all.

Sincerely

  
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