



**OGA**  
Western Australia  
The Association for Gaff Rig  
and Traditional Sailing Yachts

*in conjunction with*

**Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club**

# **28th OGA SWAN RIVER REGATTA**

**Sunday 3 May 2026**

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## **NOTICE OF RACE**

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**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

# OGA of WA – 28th SWAN RIVER REGATTA 2026

## Notice of Race

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 (Cat.7) apply (NB OGA C-Fleet Compliance for off the beach boats meets this requirement)
- 1.3 Spinnakers and downwind sails are permitted only if declared on the entry form.

### 2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is only open to gaff and similarly rigged yachts of any size. Boats with modern Bermudan rigs may not enter.
- 3.2 Entries will be classified by the Organising Authority into two fleets as follows:
  - A Fleet: Gaff rigged boats with a Handicap greater than about 0.5000
  - C Fleet: Gaff rigged boats with a Handicap equal to or less than about 0.5000NB 1. The Organising Authority retains the right to allocate boats to either Fleet as it sees fit.  
NB 2. No boat will be given a fall number greater than 30  
NB 3. A minimum entry of four boats in each Fleet is required to constitute a race for that Fleet.  
NB 3. For the avoidance of doubt there is not a B Fleet
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the [online entry form](#) or by completing the attached form and sending it together with the required fee to the Sailing Administrator, Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, Keane's Point, 1 Hobbs Place, Peppermint Grove 6011 by 5.00pm Wednesday, 29 April 2026.
- 3.4 Late entry may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

### 4. FEES

- 4.1 - Boats owned or entered by financial members of the Old Gaffers Association: - \$25.00
- Non-Members: - \$50.00
- 4.2 A penalty of \$10.00 may be applied to late entries if accepted by the Organising Authority.

### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration will take place from 1200hrs on the veranda of the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. Registration will include confirming persons on board and emergency contacts.
- 5.2 There will be a briefing for skippers at 1230 hrs on the veranda of the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.
- 5.3 The regatta will consist of one race on Sunday 3 May 2026.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1325 hrs.
- 5.5 Presentation of prizes will take place at 1700 hrs on the lawn area outside the RFBYC clubhouse or as soon as practicable after that time.

### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Old Gaffers Association website at [www.gaffers.org](http://www.gaffers.org) and on the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club website at [www.rfbyc.asn.au](http://www.rfbyc.asn.au) from Wednesday 29 April, 2026.

### 7. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be set in Freshwater Bay, Mosman Bay and Melville Water. The courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. The start and finish lines for all fleets will be adjacent to the RFBYC Start Box.

## **8. SCORING**

8.1 The race will be conducted as a Handicap start with boats being scored in accordance with their finish place across the line. The Race Committee prior to the event will establish handicaps and boats will be assigned their individual fall number at or before registration on the day. There will be no fall number greater than 30.

8.2 A boat starting before the fall of her number will be disqualified. This changes Rule 29.

## **9. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **10. PRIZES**

10.1 A perpetual trophy will be awarded for the first boat across the finish line for each Fleet

10.2 A perpetual trophy will be awarded for the Fastest Gaffer on the Swan

10.3 A perpetual trophy will be awarded for the Fastest in C Fleet

10.4 Pennants for first, second, and third will be awarded for each Fleet

10.5 A "Spirit of the Regatta" trophy will be awarded.

10.6 Other "Ad Hoc" prizes will be awarded at the Organising Committee's whim.

## **11. DISCLAIMER**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Old Gaffers Association and the Organising Authority take no responsibility for the seaworthiness of a boat nor the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The Old Gaffers Association and the Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **12. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$10M per incident or the equivalent.

## **13. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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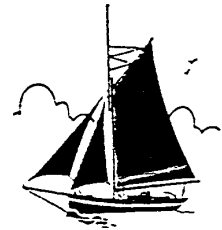


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Sunday, 3 May 2026

**ENTRY FORM**

Please return entry form by Wednesday, 29 April 2026  
Late entries may incur a \$10 penalty if accepted.



Yacht Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No. \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please declare downwind sails intended to be used, e.g. asymmetric headsail, spinnaker, etc.

If not raced in a previous OGA Regatta or Retro Series, please complete the information below:

Rig Type: (i.e. Gaff, Gunter, Lug, Sprit, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Length on waterline: \_\_\_\_\_ Length over deck: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Club or Class Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

Declaration

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event.

I acknowledge that Rule 3, Decision to Race, places the sole responsibility for deciding whether to start or to continue racing is with me as the skipper.

I confirm that the entered vessel has a minimum of \$10M third party/public liability insurance.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Payment

All payments must be made online or mailed to **arrive before 5.00pm on Wednesday, 29 April 2026.**

I have made my payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by bank deposit to the Old Gaffers Association

BSB: 325 185 Account No: 0132 7680 Please use your Surname and "RGTA" as the reference

- Entry and payment may be submitted via the online entry form [HERE](#)
- Entry forms separate to payment may also be submitted by Email to: [sailadmin@rbyc.asn.au](mailto:sailadmin@rbyc.asn.au)

## Additional Information

### Boat facilities

Boats may be moored temporarily at the main dock under the club buildings, keeping clear of the fuelling bowsers.

Small boats may also pull up on the beach outside the dinghy clubhouse at the West side of the club.

Please advise the organising committee if overnight moorings are required.

### Hospitality

Food and drinks will be available from the casual dining menu from 1100 until 1800

Participants and their friends and families are invited to gather and enjoy the club facilities at the clubhouse and outside area after finishing racing and for the presentations

Toilets, hot showers and safety deposit lockers are available in the change rooms.

### Registration on the Day

Information including late registration, class and handicap details and courses will be available on the Club veranda at RFBYC on the day.

### Racing information

Under the handicap start system, boats will start at one-minute intervals according to their handicap. Each boat will receive a start number before the briefing. The higher the number, the earlier the boat will start. The fastest boats will be assigned the lowest start numbers.

The numbers will be displayed sequentially at minute intervals from the RFBYC start box. Each boat can only start after the fall of its assigned number. Before the first boat starts there will be the normal five minute warning sequence, followed by the fall of the numbers.

Five minutes: Short sound signal: Warning Signal: OGA Class Flag is displayed.

Four minutes: Short sound signal: Preparatory Signal: P Flag is displayed.

One Minute: Long sound signal: P Flag is removed, First Start number (30) is displayed.

Start: Short sound signal: OGA flag is removed, first start number (30) falls,.