

Trailable Yacht Festival fun set to continue this March!

Trailable yacht owners should mark their diaries with the dates of 27th, 28th and 29th March so as not to miss the fun of the 2009 Trailable Yacht Festival. The Festival, now in its 5th year, will once again be hosted by the Geelong Trailable Yacht Club from its base at St Helens on the shores of Corio Bay.

Potential registrants should note that the Festival is a three-day event commencing on Friday 27th March, and to get full value from the Festival will need to plan for the 3 days at Geelong/take a day's leave/organise a rostered day off/or take a sickie on the Friday! The program planned for the 2009 Festival will take into account the fact that not all will be able to have the "long" weekend and register on the Saturday; but the hope is that most people will be able to have the Friday off and participate in the fun of the three days.

The program will follow the same general format as in other years but also introduce different activities that we trust will appeal to TY owners and their families. For example, we will be conducting a "Cockpit Swap session" on the Saturday morning where TY owners can buy/sell/barter/give away various surplus or pre-loved items of yachting equipment that might be of use to others.

The proposed program is:

Friday morning: Registrations, rigging and launching time

Friday afternoon: Relaxing or sailing or Geelong tourist spots explored

Friday evening: Happy hour, guest speaker at St Helens. Overnight at St Helens

Saturday morning: Registrations, Cockpit Swap Session, boat judging commences

Saturday afternoon: Official opening, cruise/Poker Run to finish at Royal Geelong Yacht Club

Saturday night: Festival dinner with guest speaker Mr Ted Peers, former lighthouse keeper at many locations around the Victorian coast. Overnight at RGYC

Sunday morning: Sail back to St Helens, marine demonstrations and displays (including a flare demonstration, so bring your out of date flares!)

Sunday afternoon: pre-paid lunch and official close.

The earlier time for the 2009 Festival will hopefully mean warmer weather! Why not think about more than the just the weekend and taking a week or more holiday with the boat; based at St Helens/RGYC to fully enjoy what Corio Bay cruising and the Geelong area has to offer

Full details and registration information is available at tyfestival.com.au or by ringing Rob Ballard on 5243 0239