

# **Waterside Residents Association Boat Raft-up Event - Invitation Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 4.30pm – 7pm**

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Paid up 2019 WRA Members are invited to the first social event of the new membership year, a raft-up of boats on the main Waterside canal at the west end, on the open stretch of water close to the canals exit to the estuary, if the winds are light to medium. Or, on the stretch of water at the east end, close to the boat ramp and car park, if the winds are medium to strong. The decision as to which of these locations will be used will be made on the day, based on wind strength.

The raft-up will entail the largest boats being rafted-up (tied up) together at anchor, with party barge pontoon boats being rafted-up on either side of the central large vessels, and smaller boats being rafted-up on both sides of the core of large boats and pontoon boats. We will end up with a line of boats, with the largest boats in the middle, for Members to move from boat to boat to converse.

All boats should be self-catering ie BYO drinks, nibbles, food etc.

All boats should bring sufficient fenders to be placed along both sides of the boat so as not to cause damage to the boats they are rafted-up next to.

Large boats and pontoon boats with toilets are preferred, but smaller boats without toilets are not excluded on the basis that passengers are willing to make the trip home and back again when nature calls! A dingy will be provided for this.

Members on canoes and kayaks are welcome. Members without a boat, or a seat on a friend's boat, are also welcome and should advise the organisers accordingly in advance so we can try and find a boat owner who will take you as a passenger.

The idea of rafting-up is to provide an on-water environment for social interaction (partying!) where Members and guests can move freely from boat to boat and have fun! In doing so, all care will need to be taken moving between boats. Soft, preferably white soled, shoes (boating shoes) should be worn. Black

soled shoes should NOT be worn. Please respect the wishes of boat owners and skippers at all times.

### **REGISTERING TO JOIN IN THE RAFT-UP**

RSVP by 12 noon on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

- **BOAT OWNERS ONLY** - please email Bill Backshell at [backshell7@hotmail.com](mailto:backshell7@hotmail.com) with the following details:
  - Your name, address and phone number.
  - Boat type, length, and name.
  - Names and addresses of all passengers that will be onboard.
  - Toilet on-board – YES/NO
  - Willing to take other passengers YES/NO. If YES, how many other passengers will you take?
  
- **MEMBERS WITHOUT A BOAT, WHO REQUIRE A SEAT ON A BOAT** – please email Stephen Mawhinney at [mawhinneysj@gmail.com](mailto:mawhinneysj@gmail.com) with your Name, Address and Phone Number.

Non-members, who reside in Waterside, can attend this event by paying \$25 to the Waterside Residents Association prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, which will also entitle the resident to WRA Membership rights for the 2019 Membership year, including invitations to further quality social events.

For enquiries please contact Stephen on 0413 397 209 or Bill on 0406 998 258.



Mandurah Yacht Sales has kindly donated wines to be shared amongst participants of this event.

