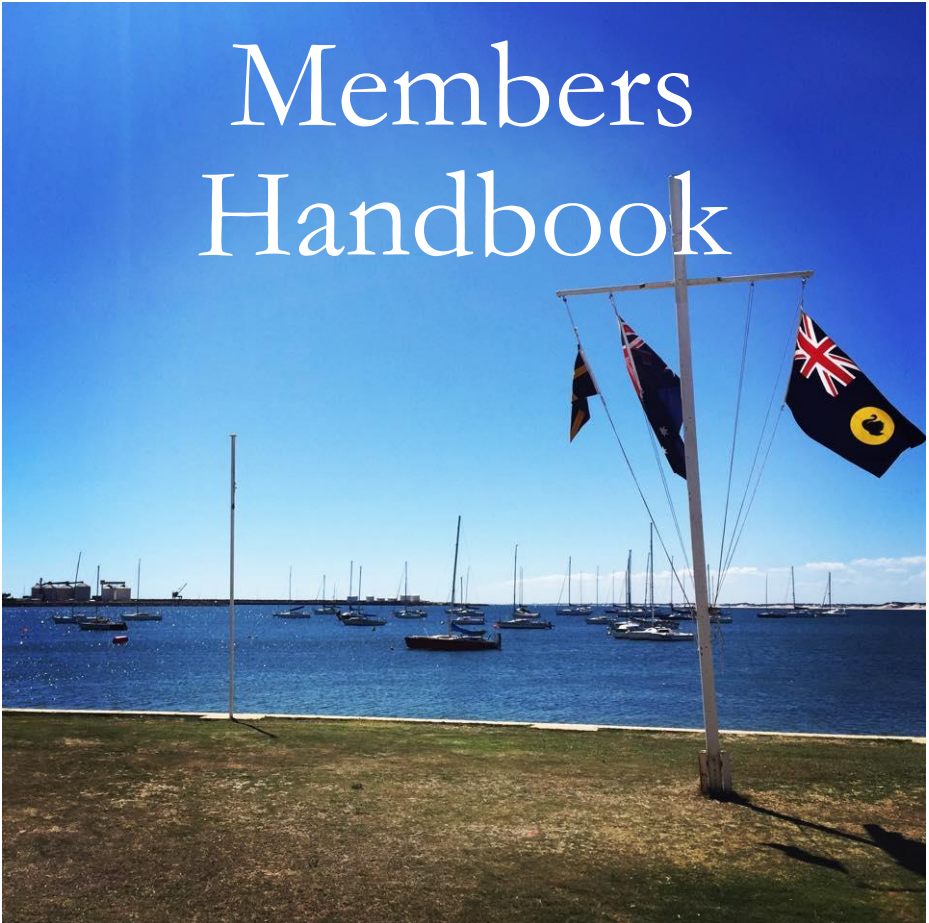




Koombana Bay  
SAILING CLUB

# Members Handbook



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# Constitutional Objectives

1. The objectives of the Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of the sport of yachting generally, and racing between sailing yachts in particular, and the doing of all things incidental to or not inconsistent with the foregoing.
2. The property and income of the Club from whatever source derived shall be applicable only towards the promotion of the objects of the Club and not for the pecuniary profit of the members.

## Our Mission

Koombana Bay Sailing Club fosters the sport of boating in general with special emphasis on sailing, through the promotion of enjoyment of the sport, excellence in administration and the provision of efficient services to our members.

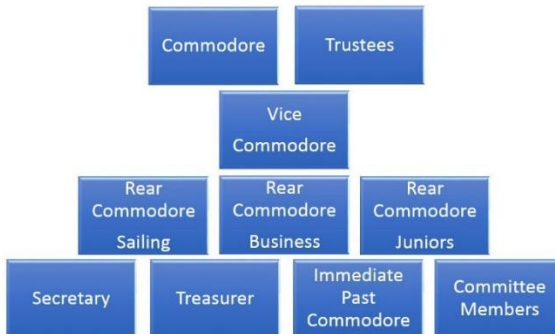
### In order to fulfill our mission the Club will strive to:-

- Provide a range of opportunities to participate in sailing and associated activities.
- Support a culture of true sportsmanship in sailing.
- Enhance the Club's reputation as part of the wider community.
- Aggressively pursue junior training and development.
- Provide a range of entry levels for those wishing to take up sailing.
- Provide training opportunities for all Club members, regardless of experience.
- Provide efficient, timely, equitable and accurate Club Administration.
- Provide up-to-date services, plant, facilities and equipment for all sections of the Club.
- Provide an integrated sailing and social program
- Provide for inclusive decision making by all sections of the Club
- Articulate a clear strategic direction for the Club

## Club Structure

### Committee Members

The Club is managed by a Management Committee structured as follows.



All Committee Members are volunteers who are financial senior members. Following our constitution rules and guidelines, they take on the interesting and often challenging tasks of directing Club operations and strategic direction. See the annual Club Sailing Programme for contact details of individual committee members.

Don't be afraid to have your say, and nominate for a spot on the Committee.

Supporting this Committee, are our paid staff, being Office Manager and Function Coordinator, Cleaners and other Casual staff.

Importantly there are over 50 different volunteering positions taken up by Members each year. Without this contribution Club fees would become prohibitive for many people. Most members contribution to the Club volunteering program goes up and down over time, but remember, the more you put in the more you get out.

All Members are encouraged to consider how they can best contribute.



Apart from the management Committee, there are:

### **Club Trustees**

The Club Trustees are responsible for the proper execution of the KBSC constitution. They ensure that the overall direction of the Club is maintained.

### **Club Patron and Vice Patron**

KBSC patrons provide general support and help promote the Club within the community. They have no direct management responsibility.

### **Volunteer Officers**

Volunteer Managers are appointed to different areas of responsibility. The main officers are;

### **Bosun**

The Club Bosun, is responsible for the repair and maintenance program and to oversee rubbish management. All members are encouraged to find ways that limit the amount of rubbish the Bosun has to deal with. Please put litter in bins, roll up hoses at the end of the day and keep the club looking tidy. If you are at the yacht club, especially during the week and you notice a problem such as leaking taps/pipes or a problem with security, please notify the office.

### **Compound Manager (boat storage)**

A significant portion of Club assets is the carpark and boat storage hard stand. This space is made available to Senior Members by negotiation with the Compound Manager. Keeping the compound area in a presentable and safe manner is a big job and all members are asked to do what they can to help. This system only works if everyone abides by the rules.

### **Moorings Officer**

Our mooring area is capable of accommodating about 60 keel boats of varying sizes. The Club has leasehold over the mooring area.

Boat owners, who need a mooring, are charged annually for the non-transferrable sub lease. Because of the number of boats that have been wrecked in storms, Koombana Bay Sailing Club has recently adopted the policy that all moorings must be engineer certified. Please read the Mooring policy for essential detailed information.

# Membership

Being a member of KBSC is not all about getting access to the facilities or even all about racing. In fact, most members find that the camaraderie is equally important.

## What Type of Membership?

KBSC has different categories to suit individual needs. In summary:

- Senior Full rights.
- Crew Non boat owners, starting out, covers all sailing fees.
- Social Club member who doesn't sail. Sailing fees apply if you would like to sail.
- Junior Under 18.
- Student Over 18 but must be currently enrolled in a full time course.
- Reciprocal Senior member of another Yachting Australia Club
- Associate Spouse/De-facto of a senior member

Membership category	Eligible to race	Use of compound	Use of mooring	Use of tractor	Winch and launching	Dingy storage	Use Club House	Voting	Newsletter	Venue hire discount
Senior	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Crew	X						X		X	
Social							X		X	
Family Social							X		X	
Junior	X								X	
Student	X						X		X	
Reciprocal	X						X		X	
Associate	X						X		X	
Family Associate	X						X		X	
Outrigger		X					X		X	
Sail in to Life						X	X		X	



## What are the fees?

Please read the KBSC Season Program for current fees. Note that ALL members fees (except Junior and Social) must include a \$50 House Support Levy cost, this credit is added to your membership card.

## Participation

The Club's objectives are "...promotion and encouragement of the sport of yachting generally, and racing between sailing yachts in particular...". In order to maintain this focus, a non-participation levy is charged for boats that are not used.

In broad terms, "participating" is classified as any boat starting any five KBSC events including twilights and social sailing events during the official sailing season for that year.

However there are other ways in which members can participate in Club activities apart from sailing, i.e. crewing in a rescue or starting boat, doing volunteer work (busy bees etc) and donations and sponsorships exceeding \$1000.

If any member feels they have been an active participant, despite not having started five events, or other extenuating circumstances, they are welcome to make a written application to the Committee seeking an exemption.

Please read the Compound Policy for essential information located under storage-participation-fees on the KBSC website.

## Juniors

We all appreciate the positive impact of what a team sport such as sailing has on youngsters. One of the most significant membership categories is junior membership. During the season a dedicated team of volunteers meet every Saturday morning to help people from the age of 8 through to 18 build their interest and skills in sailing. The Club has invested in some modern sailing dinghies to give the beginner an opportunity to see if sailing is the thing for them.

Dedicated junior sailing training schools are run by the Club each year.



## New Members - Nomination

Any Senior Member who has been at the Club for 2 years or more can nominate a new member. All members are encouraged to welcome potential sailors to the Club. It is also essential that we all do our best to meet and help fellow Club members. The Club works best when members participate in the camaraderie enjoyed with both onshore and offshore activities.

## Day Membership

For those wishing to sail occasionally, there is a day membership option available. This type of membership covers people wishing to sail on a single twilight or club race.

## House Support Fee

In order to encourage people to use the Club, a \$50 house support fee is charged with your membership, these funds are added to your membership card and can be used to make purchases from the bar, canteen or for club merchandise. When making purchases from the bar points will be added to your membership card, 1000 points = \$50.

## Code of Conduct

KBSC is an incorporated "not for profit" member based club that endeavours to provide services and facilities for a wide range demands from the community. Members are reminded, that being a member of KBSC is a privilege and basic common decency should prevail at all times.

## Signing in

In respect to the sale, supply and consumption of liquor - liquor may only be sold and supplied to a current member of the club and to the guests of that member, in the company of that member. A member cannot be accompanied by more than five guests at any one time.

Our restaurant is in one of the best locations in the South West to enjoy the company of friends. Members are encouraged to bring guests.

## Finishing up

Should the time come that you no longer wish to be a member of Koombana Bay Sailing Club, we ask that you resign by email or note to the office. That way we can better manage your accounts. Please be aware that use of Club facilities only lasts as long as you are a financial member. You will be billed as a member until you remove all your property (Boats, Jinkers).

## Unpaid Accounts

Unpaid accounts constantly frustrate Club management initiatives. A progressive payment option is available to assist in spreading the load. Club facilities are only available to fully paid up members. Nominations will not be accepted from skippers racing while they have outstanding debts.



## Opening Day

Each year the Club has an official Season Opening Day. All members are encouraged to join in the official proceedings. Skippers are also encouraged to use Opening Day as a dead line to have yachts in the water and ready to sail. This day normally takes place in October.



## Presentation Night

At the end of each season, all the sailors get together to celebrate successes, receive well-earned trophies and have a pleasant meal together.



## Our Divisions



### West Coast Outriggers Canoe Club

The great ocean sport of outrigger canoe paddling. It is a sport steeped in tradition and has a long and interesting history throughout the Pacific.

The Bunbury club is the oldest club in WA and was the starting point for outrigger canoe paddling in this state. They share our fantastic beach front location with canoes only a short trolley carry to the water. They have recently had many new and enthusiastic members join their ranks and always welcome new members at all levels of experience. Their training nights are Monday and Wednesday at 5.15pm during the warmer months and they also have OC1 and OC2 paddling racing on Fridays plus approximately five regattas throughout the season.



### Rotary Sail into Life

The aim of the program is to provide everyone with the opportunity to experience the joy and freedom of sailing, regardless of their abilities. The program has been running for more ten years and has a fleet of sailing dinghies which are designed to be sailed to accommodate people with disabilities.

A hoist is available for those requiring assistance to get from the jetty into the dinghy, and trained volunteers are always on hand to help.

Rotary Sail into Life runs on weekends and during the week for any interested people to attend.

For more information about becoming a volunteer or participating in the Sail into Life Program, please contact Enable's Bunbury office on 08 9792 7500 or [reception@enablesw.org.au](mailto:reception@enablesw.org.au).

The program is free to all members of the public, and volunteers are always welcome.



## Our Sailing Fleet



**Division 1** - Ocean going yachts capable of racing up and down the coast. Generally over 10m (30').



**Division 2** – Ocean going yachts, generally under 10m (30') that race closer to shore.



**Division 3** - Yachts capable of being taken on a normal boat trailer generally raced in the protected waters of the bay.



**Cherub** - A small, high performance, two-man planing dinghy first designed in 1951 in New Zealand by John Spencer.



**NACRA/Catamarans** – High speed Olympic class catamarans with one or two crew.



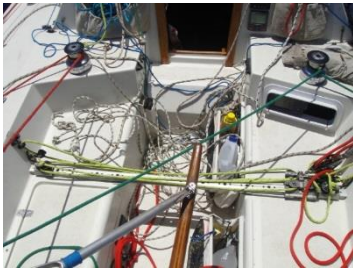
**O'pen Bic** - A single handed sailboat designed for younger sailors. The boat was launched in 2006. It is an International Class, as recognized by the International Sailing Federation.



**Puffin Pacer Dinghy** - Puffins are a popular learning and racing dinghy designed to be sailed by a crew of two, the Pacer has a rig consisting of three sails: a mainsail, jib and a spinnaker.



**Mudlark** - The Mudlark is an ideal boat to introduce children to sailing. The Mudlark is a small one person, 7 foot training dinghy. It is suitable for 6-12 year olds and an ideal boat to learn in.



## Sailing Program

Our sailing program is divided into different categories and styles of sailing.

There are boats ranging from 1.8m to 15m and costing from a few hundred dollars to many thousands.

Smaller boats are used by juniors learning from scratch, to teenagers and adults racing for gold. There are family small keel boats sailed casually around the bay or along the coast. There are different fleets of dedicated racers all keen on winning the trophy. Some boat owners sail to Quindalup or Rottnest Island a few times a year while some just enjoy their time sailing in the very popular Wednesday night twilight's.

There are several special sailing events hosted by the Club including a Christmas and New Year twilights, Australia Day sail/picnic and overnight stay races.



## Twilights

Wednesday evening "Twilight Sailing" is one of the most popular events. Starting at 1730-1800hrs the casual race (JaM - Jib and Main only) is designed so that all yachts sail together around a simple course. The special twilight handicap gives everyone a chance of winning a prize but you have to be there to win.

It is a great opportunity to invite newcomers and family along to experience safe sailing on the calm waters of Koombana Bay. Most sailors then return to the "Sails – Bar & Galley" to yarn about the race, tell other tall stories and enjoy a drink and meal.

Getting your yacht into a twilight is as simple as signing on in the bar before the race and follow everyone around. The Start Tower, shows a red light at 10 minutes to go, flashing orange at 5 minutes to go and green on means go, full start procedure is available in the season programme.

Boats of all makes and models are encouraged to join in. If you are a skipper who would appreciate a hand to get started, twilight sailing is the place for you. There is always an opportunity to move around a few boats on a twilight season, it is a great way to learn.

As a member you are encouraged to invite a guest along to a twilight sail. Just sign them in at the desk and book a meal if so desired. Non-members and social members must register and pay a small fee.



## Cruising in Company

Skippers who don't want to compete in races are welcome to cruise in company with other like-minded skippers. Please note the Club does not coordinate these trips and as such will not have a rescue craft or manned radios available.

Yachts that are not racing do not need an additional YA safety certificate.

The Department of Transport regulations are essential regardless.

There are usually several sailing adventures of this nature each season. It could be a week trip to Rotto, or a picnic day sail to down the coast to "The Huts".

If you are interested in this type of event, please contact the Rear Commodore Sailing.

## Ferry Boat

On a Twilight evening, a volunteer normally launches a rescue boat and ferries sailors to the relevant moorings. This is particularly helpful if you have guests. A gold coin donation is asked for to help cover fuel and maintenance costs.

The last boat to come ashore after a twilight sail is expected to assist the ferry boat skipper in putting the boat away and ensuring the shed is locked up.

## Racing

There are different levels of competition; boat type, bay or ocean racing, twilight, cruising in company (eg Rottneest Island), stop overs (eg Dunsborough), Saturday and Ocean racing.

There is a yearly season programme which provides information about the Club races. There is also a wealth of information on the club's website [www.koombanabay.com](http://www.koombanabay.com)

Racing skippers try to get their yacht and crew prepared as much as possible to get the best possible speed and follow the smartest tactics to get around a course in style. Races can be as short at 1 hour or as long as all weekend. The normal Saturday sailing starts at 14:00 and takes around 2.5 hours depending on conditions.

Racing is scheduled for most Saturdays, starting in October ending around April. This is followed by a 3 week 6 races winter series called the Naturaliste Yachts Stayer Series. Great fun, all in one fleet and Jib and Main (JAM) sail only.

There are two racing series run over each season. These are the Consistency and the Club Championships. JaM Cruisers can sail in 2 divisions. You will be allocated to a division based on the yardstick for your class of boat.

## What is a Consistency Series

The Consistency series has approximately 8 heats pre Christmas and 8 heats post Christmas.

Your handicap is set by the handicapper at the start of the season. For every race you start, your handicap will be adjusted depending on how you go in that race.

Most Saturday races are started on the water from the 'Start Boat', full starting procedures and class flags are available in the season programme. Some races have a handicap start and you are allocated a handicap start time. You start to race when your number drops. The countdown starts at about 30 minutes and the fastest boat starts on 0. For example, if your handicap is 15 mins, you start at the drop of that number (ie when your number disappears) and have a 15 minute lead on the fastest boat. Ideally you get to the finish line just before the faster boats.

These races are great if you are usually at the back of the fleet!

## Club Championship

Each year, a sailing programme is compiled and published in the Season Programme booklet that is available out upon receipt of membership fees or online. The programme has a number of different components including Club Championships. This is a yardstick event (i.e. based on past performance). You must race in all but one of these races to be in contention for the overall placings. There must be a minimum of 3 of the same boats for a Championship race to be counted as such.

## What happens on a Saturday?

Most people get to the Club around 12:00, rig their boats, have lunch (generally from the restaurant at the Club) and meet at 13:00 for a briefing. This provides sailors with an opportunity to discuss the day's course, ask questions, and hear what is going on at the Club.

New members are introduced and there are often spare sailors looking for casual crewing positions so skippers might be able to pick up an extra crew for the day.

## Race Nomination

You have to "nominate/sign on" when you want to race. The sign on sheet is in the main clubhouse and is usually available after 1200hrs.

Skippers complete the nomination form detailing crew names etc. If you don't sign on, you don't get a result. The sign on process is a very important part of our safety plan. By signing on to a race you also confirm that, your boat holds \$10,000,000 Public Liability Insurance, you have the appropriate safety certificate and that all those crewing are paid up sailing members.

For safety reasons, if you are unable to finish a race and come in early, the skipper must notify the race committee as soon as practicable after pulling out of race.

## Starting / Finishing

Cruisers in Division A & B are in the start sequence 5 minutes before the dingy or other classes. Refer to the Sailing Instructions for the actual start times.

The Club Finish Line is between the yellow X navigation marker and the Red flag marker at the end of the jetty. For some special events this is also acts as a Start Line.

After finishing a race, take care not to sail through the Club Finish Line again (forwards, backwards or in reverse!) or you will be disqualified.

Yachts are advised to take particular care when sailing through the mooring area and keep clear of boats that are still approaching the finishing line.

## Race results and the social side

So, if you're inviting family or friends down what is a good time for them to arrive?

The canteen is usually open from 1130hrs for tea, coffee, cool drinks and food.

The finish line is in front of the club and provides a good viewing opportunity.

Results are announced in the Sailors Bar in front of the Club House. This normally happens around 1730hrs. Please take the time and stay for this social part of the day.

## Regattas

Our annual regatta is held on the March Long Weekend and is a great time for all Club members and visiting sailors to spend some time together on and off the water. Other State or National Class regattas are hosted when possible.



## Finding a Skipper or Crew

Finding a permanent skipper or crew may take a few goes but most people find someone compatible. There are various ways to find a new skipper or crew if you don't have one.

- KBSC have a Crew whiteboard on site, please add your name to the board if you are interested in joining a crew.
- Register your interest online [www.koombanabay.com](http://www.koombanabay.com)
- Come and enjoy a meal or a drink at the Bar & Restaurant on a Friday evening and get to know some of the members.

- Front up at the Twilight Sailing registration desk on a Wednesday evening at 17:00 and a volunteer will find a skipper for you.

## Training

KBSC run training events throughout the year. All details are published in the club newsletter and webpage. Typically Radio operator's certificate, basic coastal navigation, and sailing rules are popular sessions.



## Safety

### Safety Certificate

All sailing clubs have a responsibility to its members for the overall safety of the fleet. The Rear Commodore Sailing has the responsibility of calling off a race if conditions are deemed to be unsafe.

Every skipper is ultimately responsibility for safety on board and should take that responsibility seriously. People can and do sometimes die at sea.

KBSC is obliged to comply with safety standards for racing yachts. There are different categories for different classes of race ranging from 6 to 0 (0 being the most stringent).

In general terms, category 6 is suitable for yachts racing in the fully protected waters of Koombana Bay through to category 0 for long distance ocean races hundreds of miles off shore.

The requirements for each category is set out in the "Blue Book" that is republished every 4 years (available through the office). The Club Safety Officer is responsible for signing off on a safety audit for every yacht wishing to compete in a Club race. No safety certificate – no racing!

### Radio

Keel boats racing offshore are required to have a VHF radio. The Club monitors channel 73 during racing. It is recommended that all skippers do a radio check with the Club on a regular basis and certainly before every extended bay race. The Club call sign is VJ6XO. See race instructions for detailed radio schedules.

### First Aid

There is a first aid kit located inside the office next to the registration desk. If you need to use any of these items, please notify the office so supplies can be replenished.

## Busy Bees and Volunteering

Throughout winter we have a series of busy bees where we make sure that the club is maintained and repairs and upgrades undertaken. Email reminders, listing the tasks to be carried out and the equipment needed, are sent prior to each busy bee. Lunch is usually provided by volunteers.

Even if you can't attend on a particular date, there is always a list of jobs that need seeing to. Please see the Vice Commodore or Bosun if you would like to make a difference.

Each busy bees attended is considered a "participation event" and will go towards exceeding your non participation limit.

The Club is largely manned by volunteers to keep membership costs down. We hope that members will volunteer at least 12 hours a year to help with running the club particularly on race days with activities ranging from helping in the galley to crewing support boats.



## Using Club Facilities

If you don't have much experience with launching your boat, or use of the Club facilities, don't be afraid to ask a fellow member if they can help. Even if they cannot assist directly they should be able to direct you to someone who can.

There is ever increasing competition for space. All users need to co-operate in order to get the best possible benefit for all.

**Please ensure you lock sheds, compound, hard stand gate and toilets after use.**

## Compound, Hard-stand

The hardstand area is divided in to a number of areas

- Jinker overflow area: Places are allocated by the Compound Manager. There is no price differential between these two hard stand areas.
- Launching and wash down area - Very short term access, no parking.
- Rescue boat access – The area in front of the Tractor Shed doors must be kept clear at all times.
- Sailor car parking – parking either side of dividing barrier and along club house wall. Only winter compound users permitted to park along club house wall.
- Vehicle, boat, and pedestrian access – Access around centre parking island, across the front of the club and into both compound gates to remain free at all times.
- A paid up senior member can apply for a boat specific parking bay by contacting the Compound Manager. Before a bay can be allocated a contract document must be completed and accepted.

## Shed and Dingy storage

KBSC owns a range of boats including the John Parker Rescue Boat a range other support boats, sailing dinghies, and Special Sail into Life yachts.

Each Senior Member who has a boat on a mooring is entitled to ONE tender storage spot on the beach. Please keep tenders located in an orderly manner.

Over the years many tenders have gone missing and it is strongly recommend that dinghies are padlocked to the chain provided.

For skippers with inflatable tenders, a storage rack has been provided in the Dinghy shed. Please contact the Rear Commodore Dinghies or the Compound Officer to apply for a spot. An undercover Storage fee applies

Please make sure you wash sand off before storing to avoid upsetting owners of dinghies in the rack below.

Make sure you lock the shed if you are the last to leave. If you are unsure, it is better to lock it.

## Liquor License

KBSC holds a Club License which means that only Club members and their guests are permitted to use the Bar facilities. It also means that no one is permitted to bring liquor on to the premises. Besides that, our bar prices are extremely generous (swipe your membership card and receive a 20% discount off drinks) and it makes good sense for members to purchase their requirements from the Club.

## Toilets and Showers

Toilets, change rooms and showers for members are located both outside and inside the Club House. The external amenities can be accessed via a keypad combination lock. The code is made available to members only.

## Tractor

The Club owns a tractor that is available to Senior Members who are competent to use it. Remember that it is a potentially a dangerous machine so please make sure bystanders are well clear. The tractor is working in a high maintenance environment and must be treated with care. Authorised users can help whenever required.

## Special areas

The wash down area in front of the dinghy shed is a place for rigging dinghies, and a friendly place to discuss performance, mistakes, capsizes etc. Also a great place for families and parents of participants.

The gated compound on the Western side of the shed is allocated to the West Coast Outriggers. They always greet newcomers with open arms.

To improve flexibility, the old timber pergola was demolished and replaced with the "Sailors Bar". This area is set aside specifically for the use of sailors regardless of their attire (within reason). It is a great place to enjoy dinner on a Friday evening or a BBQ at a regatta.

## Parking and Gate Access

The front gate is normally left open during the day. Keeping the gate closed at night however, is a big deterrent to opportunistic vandals and thieves. If you are the last person to leave the Club, please take a second to shut the gate.

There is a second sliding gate that closes off the compound area that has a combination key pad. Please see the office to get the access code. As per the front gate, if you are the last to leave this area please shut the gate.

Parking on the paved area is available to all members and their guests. Parking inside the compound area is designed to provide parking for sailors. Please stay within the bays marked as marked.





## Club Info

### Opening Hours

Normal Club opening times are  
Wednesday night 17:00 to 21:00  
Friday night 17:00 to 21:00  
Saturday 11:30 to 19:00



### Office

Office is open Tuesday to Thursday  
10:00 to 14:00  
admin@koombanabay.com  
(08) 97913914



### Merchandise

Club merchandise can be purchased at the Club.  
Just ask at the bar or admin office.

### Attire

The Club promotes a casual approach and it is fine for members to use the outside bar (Sailors Bar) facilities when dressed in sailing gear. Shoes and reasonable attire is expected in the Dining Room and at the inside bar. Wearing a hat in the bar is however, is taboo and you are likely to hear a call to “ring the bell” if you offend.

### Ringing the Bell

A long standing tradition is that members can “Ring the Bell” when something special happens such as winning a significant race or having a birthday.

There is a ships bell hanging over the bar and ringing it results in a cheer from those present and you having to buy a jug or two of beer to pass around.

### Smoking

The Club adopts a non-smoking policy in the Club house and outside facilities. Smokers, please ensure that you use the ash trays provided.

## KBSC Newsletter

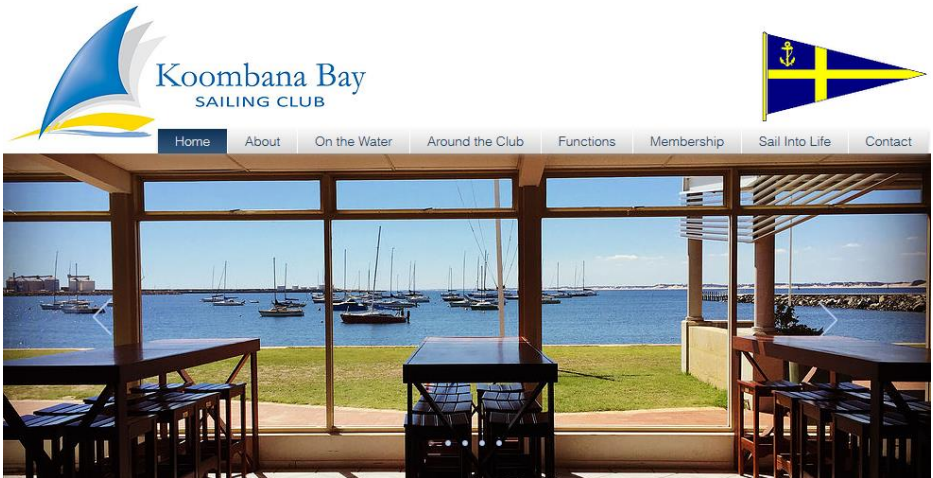
Stay up to date with your Club by reading the e-Newsletter. The Committee uses this medium as the main way to communicate with Members. This published each week during the sailing season and fortnightly during the winter. The distribution list is based on Members registered email address so if you change email address or would like to add someone to the list, please contact our editor.

Our editor can be contacted directly at [kbscnews@gmail.com](mailto:kbscnews@gmail.com) if you have something you would like published.

## Koombana Bay Sailing Club Web Site

Members are encouraged to have a look through the [www.koombanabay.com](http://www.koombanabay.com) site and become familiar with the services offered by the Club.

This includes sections for; History, Constitution, Upcoming Events, For Sale, Crew Wanted, Wanting to Crew, Fees, Race Results, Menus, Boat Storage – Participation – Moorings - Winch Policies, Photo Gallery, Function Details, Contact info etc.



## Social Media

Koombana Bay Sailing Club has Facebook and Instagram pages that are updated regularly with important information and photos, please like/follow us and feel free to share your photos. There is also a Koombana Bay Sailing Club Juniors Facebook page to follow.

Don't forget to #KBSCBUNBURY for all your photos.



## Bar & Restaurant

Apart from sailing, members have the opportunity to enjoy on shore activities in our Club House. As a member, you enjoy special discounted bar prices when you scan your membership card - 20% off drinks plus you will earn points for every purchase, 1000 points = \$50 credit on your card.

The dining room is open to members on Twilight evenings and Friday nights. The bar and canteen are also open Saturday afternoons. We have a professionally catered kitchen that provide delicious meals.

Why not take advantage of being a KBSC Member and bring friends and family along to enjoy a quality well priced meal at the best venue in Bunbury.



## Functions

Koombana Bay Sailing Club's function room is ideal for any occasion, from conferences, meetings and business lunches, to weddings, engagements and sundowners.

The view from the function room is one of the most stunning in the South West, taking in Bunbury's waterfront, harbour and beaches.

Floor to ceiling glass doors open out to a grassed area which meets a pristine beach, where guests can mingle while taking in panoramic views.

The spacious function room can be configured into any seating or floor plan to meet your requirements, with sound and conferencing facilities.

A licenced bar services both areas, opening out onto an undercover paved area and the function room, and a fully equipped kitchen can cater for any event.

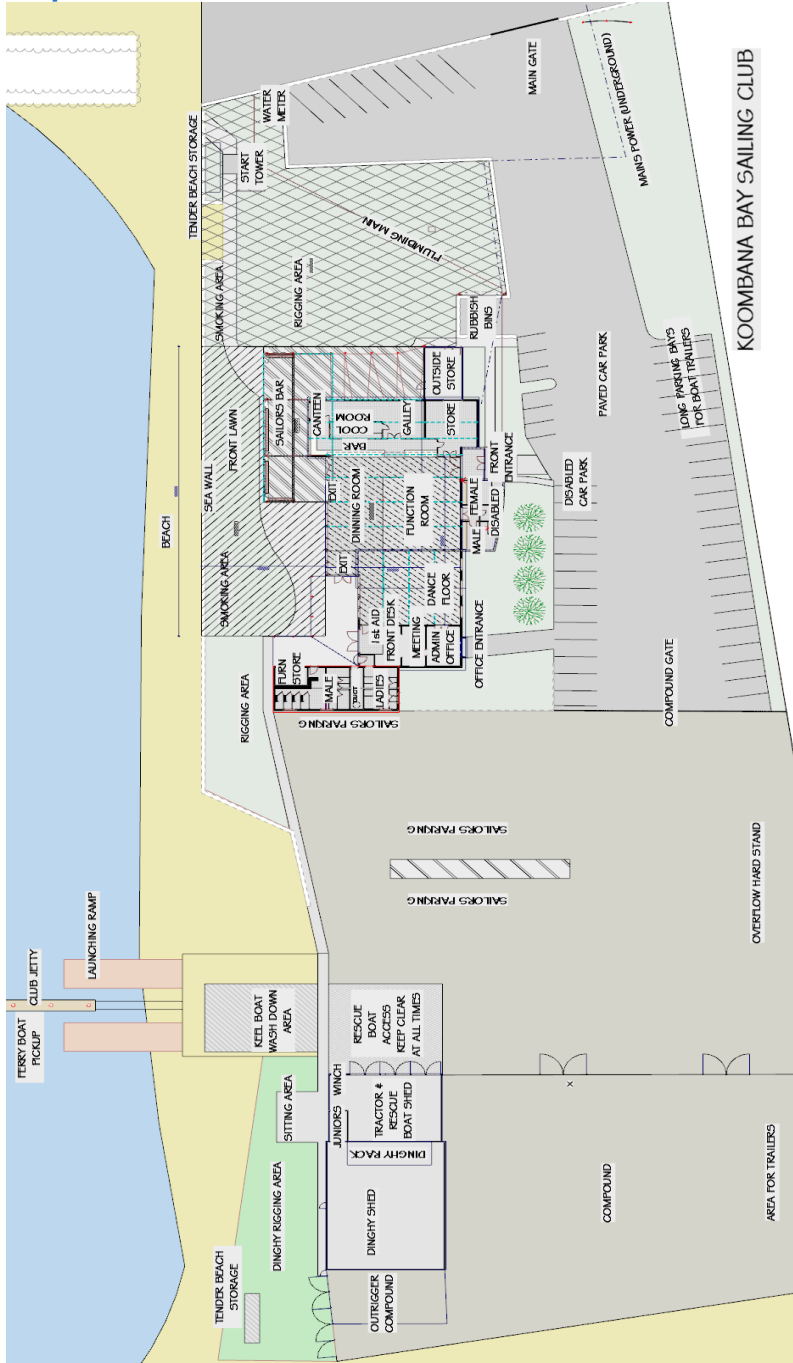
Whether it's a corporate occasion or your dream wedding, our dedicated Function Coordinator can help you plan your event in a unique venue that's in a class of its own.

In order to keep membership fees as low as possible the Club hires out the premises. Although members take priority, sometimes an external function will clash with a Club event. Every endeavour is made to minimize this impact. Please remember that people hiring our venue are making us money. Senior members are entitled to a venue hire discount. Contact the Functions Coordinator for details at [functions@koombanabay.com](mailto:functions@koombanabay.com)



Taj Kempe Photography

# Site map



KOOMBANA BAY SAILING CLUB

## Sailing Rules

Just like we have rules for driving cars to keep roads safe we have sailing rules to hopefully prevent accidents and make racing fair.

These are documented in the ISAF blue book and we encourage you to familiarise yourself with this at [www.yachting.org.au](http://www.yachting.org.au)

You should also refer to the KBSC Sailing Instructions which can be found on the KBSC website [www.koombanabay.com](http://www.koombanabay.com). The Club Season Programme also contains vital instructions for racing skippers.

## Start Sequences and Flags

### Consistency and Club Championship Races

The general starting sequence for races other than twilight races has a five minute sequence (see below).

If your fleet has a general recall usually because a number of boats have crossed the line early (see Flag Guide) your fleet will go to the back of the start sequence. Listen for a double hooter. If an individual boat crosses early, the start boat will sound a single hooter (see Flag Guide)

Most Club racing at KBSC involves a boat start. The start boat is usually positioned within Koombana Bay.

The race Committee can decide on the day to use a Club Tower start instead of a boat start. This is usually in response to deterioration in weather conditions.

The Twilight start line, delineated by the yellow cross marker and a buoy dropped north of the yellow cross by the rescue boat prior to racing.

The finish line is always between the yellow cross and a red flag marker at the end of the jetty.

### Handicap Races

Some yachts are inherently faster and some crews are more experienced than others, a handicapping system gives everyone a chance to win. It is entirely possible to finish last over the line and still be awarded first place on handicap. The handicap system is designed so that every time you get a place, your handicap gets worse. So if you keep on improving in relation to the rest of the fleet, you can continue get a place. Your current handicap is published on the notice board outside the office each week.

See the General Information section of the KBSC Season Program for handicap details and other sailing instructions.

Occasionally races have a handicap start rather than the more conventional start together with your division. When you "sign on" for a handicap start race, you will be given a starting number based on your current handicap. Your number is usually between 30 and 1 and you will start when this number falls on the start boat. This is a fun race that should result in everyone crossing the finish line very close together.

### Flag Guide

A sound signal is issued at;

1. 10 minutes - Orange flag denotes that the race sequence will start in 5 minutes
2. 5 minutes (your class flag is raised)
3. 4 minutes - Blue Peter (Code P flag) is raised
4. 1 minute - Blue Peter (Code P flag) is dropped
5. Start - 0 minutes. Your class flag is lowered.

A new fleet starts every 5 minutes.

Class flag details are available on the course sheets available online or on race days and in the season programme.

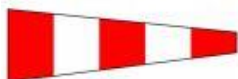
The courses sailed are available at the nomination desk and online. A map of the various rounding marks is published in the Season Programme and is also available at the nomination desk.

The course to be sailed is determined by the course flag displayed on the start boat.

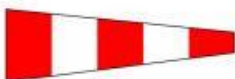
# RACE SIGNALS

The meanings of visual and sound signals are stated below. An arrow pointing up or down (↑ ↓) means that a visual signal is displayed or removed. A dot (•) means a sound; five short dashes (-----) mean repetitive sounds; a long dash (—) means a long sound. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.

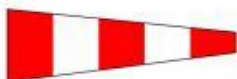
## Postponement Signals



↑ •• ↓ •  
**AP** Races not started are *postponed*. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *postponed* again or *abandoned*.



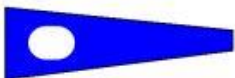
↑ ••  
**AP over H** Races not started are *postponed*. Further signals ashore.



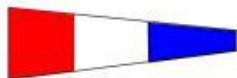
↑ ••  
**AP over A** Races not started are *postponed*. No more racing today.



↑ •• ↓ •



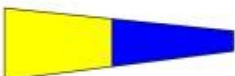
**Pennant 2** ↑ •• ↓ •



**Pennant 3** ↑ •• ↓ •



**Pennant 4** ↑ •• ↓ •



**Pennant 5** ↑ •• ↓ •



**Pennant 6** ↑ •• ↓ •

**AP over a numeral pennant 1–6** *Postponement* of 1–6 hours from the scheduled starting time.

## Abandonment Signals



↑ •••• ↓ •

**N** All races that have started are *abandoned*. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *abandoned* again or *postponed*.



↑ ••••

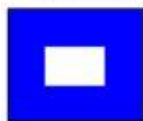
**N over H** All races are *abandoned*. Further signals ashore.



↑ ••••

**N over A** All races are *abandoned*. No more racing today.

## Preparatory Signals



↑ ● ↓ —

**P** Preparatory signal.



↑ ● ↓ —

**I** Rule 30.1 is in effect.



↑ ● ↓ —

**Z** Rule 30.2 is in effect.



↑ ● ↓ —

**Black flag.** Rule 30.3 is in effect.

## Recall Signals



↑ ●

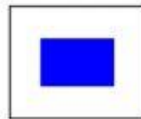
**X** Individual recall.



↑ ● ● ↓ ●

**First Substitute** General recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

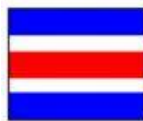
## Shortened Course



↑ ● ●

**S** The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.

## Changing the Next Leg



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**C** The position of the next *mark* has been changed:



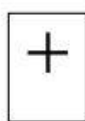
to starboard;



to port;



to decrease the length of the leg;



to increase the length of the leg.

## Other Signals



↑ ●

**L** Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted.  
Afloat: Come within hail or follow this boat.



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**M** The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.



↑ ●

**Y** Wear a personal flotation device.



(no sound)

**Blue flag** or shape. This race committee boat is in position at the finishing line.

Thank you for your interest in Koombana Bay Sailing Club.  
The management committee welcomes you and hopes you have  
an enjoyable time as a member of our club.