

Relaunching Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic in 2024



After an enforced COVID-19 pandemic hibernation, Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic will burst back in spectacular fashion in Stansbury and Port Vincent on the weekend of 13 and 14 April 2024.

The Saltwater Classic has experienced a number of pandemic deferrals since the last regatta in 2018. Now boat owners and crews are "frothing at the bow" to return to an event that celebrates the designs and skills of boat builders from long ago and the rich maritime heritage of Yorke Peninsula.

A fleet of fascinating wooden and classic boats will be sailing, steaming and motoring on the bays of Stansbury and Port Vincent and participating in the traditional coastal cruise between the two towns on Saturday 13 April.



"Despite the challenges of COVID restrictions over the past couple of years, we have been busy behind the scenes preparing for the return of the event with some exciting new dimensions," organising committee spokesman Doug Le Feuvre said.

"Since its inception in 2003, Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic has grown to become a major attraction in our region with the support of the South Australian Tourism Commission, Yorke Peninsula Tourism, local businesses and communities.

"Naturally, we are very keen to welcome large numbers of participants and visitors back to the Saltwater Classic in 2024 and we are working hard to ensure it will be a memorable event.

"Our website is being refreshed and updated regularly and we will be mounting a multi-media promotion to maximise participation in the event and enjoyment in our towns and region."

People can meet boat owners and crews and get a close-up look at vessels presented on trailers along the foreshore in Stansbury on the Saturday morning before the craft are launched for the run to Port Vincent in the early afternoon.

In Port Vincent, the fleet will be on display in the marina on Sunday morning before more parades in front of the town wharf and beach during the day.

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Supporting the on-water spectacles, including the MFS fire ship Gallantry, will be vibrant seaside markets in both towns, along with displays of vintage cars and motorbikes, hot rods, stationary engines from the past, local art, crafts and regional produce including locally produced wines, spirits and beverages and delicious seafood.

Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic is a fantastic event for people of all ages with lots to see and do, including discovering so many of the outstanding tourism features of beautiful Yorke Peninsula.

Regional Tourism Manager, Jess Greatwich, said: "Yorke Peninsula Tourism is thrilled to see the return of the iconic Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic.

"Celebrating its twenty first birthday in 2024, the Saltwater Classic is a much-loved highlight of the Yorke Peninsula

Get up close to beautifully restored wooden and classic boats and meet their passionate skippers and crews

event calendar, and locals and guests to our region alike eagerly await the chance to celebrate.

"Offering a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with beautiful examples of the craftsmanship of wooden boats - and their passionate skippers - the spectacle on the water is complemented by a range of seaside markets and family friendly activities.

"Yorke Peninsula Tourism is pleased to support this important event as we look forward to the refreshed 2024 format."



Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic

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