

Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic 2026

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Yorke Peninsula's Saltwater Classic, the biennial festival celebrating great traditions of boating and our maritime heritage, has been built on dedicated volunteer input since its inception in 2003.

Over the years it has grown in stature to become a major tourism showpiece of the region beckoning people from across South Australia and beyond to enjoy the natural features, history and coastal culture of Yorke Peninsula.

The Saltwater Classic in Stansbury and Port Vincent in April 2024 attracted thousands of participants to enjoy on-water and foreshore festivities, with independent market research showing the two-day event injected almost \$1.3 million into the local tourism and hospitality economy.

Principal sponsorship support from the South Australian Tourism Commission has been secured to plan, present and promote the 2026 edition of the Saltwater Classic. The Organising Committee for the 2026 event comprises local volunteers including members of the Stansbury and Port Vincent Progress Associations.

The former organising committee earned notable regional and State tourism awards, increased event participation, and helped boost public appreciation of our area's scenic coastline and unique natural features.

Set for April 18th and 19th, 2026, the event will feature vintage car displays, street markets, art exhibitions, and live entertainment. On Saturday afternoon, a parade of wooden and classic boats will journey from Stansbury to Port Vincent.

Since 2003, the event has served as a tourism icon and a platform to promote the region and its local businesses.