



2017 Gemmill Homes 55th Flying Fifteen National Championship

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Summer and the sea breeze have arrived in Esperance although being Esperance (four seasons in one day) don't forget to pack a warm jacket when you're loading up the car. If you're driving from Perth and leaving later in the day consider an overnight stop at the Lake King Tavern for a good feed, a good sleep and cruise the last 3 hours into town refreshed and ready to set up the boat! Remember, that last sleep before you hit the road is the most important – **don't drive tired!**

Regatta officials are the very experienced John Taylor as PRO and John Standley as Protest Chairman with Trish Ford and others on the Protest Committee and the Start Boat dream team – Ann Sharpe, Rose Midolo, Janet Rhodes and Pauline Foster. Peter Chalmer is JT's right hand man on mark laying with Dave Rhodes on the top mark. EBYC have a dedicated team of vollies who'll be doing launch and retrieve, cooking breakfasts, setting up functions and giving up their time to make sure you have a good time. Please be patient and be kind to them all.

We have 41 entries to date. There are a couple of people still looking for crews so if you know anyone that wants to come down and crew please let Swanny or me know asap. Swanny has bought a new boat so Changing Lanes is for sale or available for charter for the Nationals.

Casper has a list of gardening jobs as long as his arm to complete (although Sally will probably end up doing most of them) and they're looking forward to hosting you at Seafood Under The Stars on Monday 2nd.

We want you to experience Esperance and all it has to offer so some ideas on how to fill your non sailing time or keep the partners and kids happy are below.

Another reminder that lunches on sailing days are pre-ordered. If you didn't put your order in with your entry and you want to be fed please complete the lunch order form and email to me at robntoni@wn.com.au

Late entries are still being accepted but won't be able to order regatta shirts. Entry forms are on the EBYC, FFIWA and FFIA websites.





LIVE LIKE A LOCAL - SOME THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND TOWN

- Start your day with a coffee at the famous [Coffee Cat](#) at the jetty or [BeanBreak](#) on Goldfields Road outside the Caravan Park
- Morning swims are always beautiful at West Beach or pretend you're a triathlete and pace yourself around the buoys at Port Beach
- Catch [Kool Cones Icecream Van](#) cruising the beaches for a choc-top soft-serve
- Take a stroll along the stunning Esperance foreshore, be sure to admire not only the beautiful bay but the many locally grown, indigenous plant species too
- Grab a juice or smoothie at the jetty and have a yarn with Mario at [S'Juice](#) he's always up for a custom blend of goodness.
- Hit the road for a tour of the breathtaking tourist loop beaches with a refreshing pit stop at the [Lucky Bay Brewery](#) - pale ale a fav, owner/brewer is Nigel passionate about his crafted brews. Nigel and Robyn will be serving their brew at our Sundowner at Stonehenge.
- [Fat Albert Cycle Tours](#), a unique way to cruise the squeaky white sand - cycling 'on' the beach and his van is located on the beachfront just up from the yacht club. Day and half day hire available for those who are happy to go it alone or tours for those who like company.
- If you're in need of personal maintenance or your non sailing partner deserves a "me" day- facial, mani, pedi head to [B Naturally You](#) (great stash of cossies too including Seafolly, Jets, Baku and more)
- For the menfolk [Dempster Street Barber](#) - old school hot towel and cut throat razor shave a real treat
- Retail therapy favourites [Flame](#), [Woven](#), [Innertube Surf Shop](#) all in Dempster St. Amanda at [ESP](#) stocks a treasure trove of goodies (she might introduce you to her Scottie while you're there) and Annie at [Naturally Esperance](#) for a hand crafted gem from an array of local artisans - pottery ([Mint Blue Sea](#)) soaps, candles and more (both located in the museum village)
- [Section Glass Gallery](#) for bespoke kiln dried glasswork and jewellery. Coffee, cake and lunch available too.
- Be captivated at [Baxter & Maree Gallery](#), snap up [Tammy Andrews](#) evocative and unique Esperance work or invest in a one-off piece. Tammy's hubby Warren from the [Courthouse Framers](#)/ camera shop for local beach photographic prints
- The newly built skate park next to the Yottie is a hit with the young and wannabe think they're young too. The newly upgraded Esperance Hospital Emergency Department is on standby for the wannabe's.
- Cafés - [Onshore](#) (next to cinema), [Ocean Blues](#), do great cakes and coffee, [Ollies](#) for some healthy wholefood (paleo, vegan, vego) or a generous salad box takeaway



- [The Pier Hotel](#) a good, solid pub feed (with excellent wood fired pizzas)
- [Esperance Growers Market](#), a small but thriving gathering of passionate locals, held every second Saturday morning at Nulsen Primary School. Yvette Manstead's home grown coleslaw salad the best and [Bread Local](#) sourdough is next level
- [Yirri Grove Olives](#) on Fisheries Rd (18km from town) is the place to go for a long lunch, morning or arvo tea or just to stock up on Anne's award winning olive oil - the marinated chilli olives a favourite
- [BJ's Fruit and Veg](#) for healthy goodness and speciality foods
- [Esperance Eggs](#) on Quarry Road have the freshest googs and you can buy direct from Sally and Billy - kids love seeing all the chooks!