

Australian Wooden Boat Festival – Julie Burgess 2027 Sailing Schedule

SCHEDULED SAILING	DATE	ITINERARY
Day One	Sat, 30 Jan	Depart the Mersey at 06:00 hours and set course for Cape Portland with the objective of transiting Banks Strait during the period of "slack water". Subject to weather conditions, our ETA at Banks Strait is 18:00 hours. We will pass through the Strait leaving Swan Island to Port and continue course for Eddystone Light where it is planned to anchor for the night.
Day Two	Sun, 31 Jan	Anchor aweigh and set course for the Schouten Passage, this is another long haul, (90 Nm's.) so crew watch roster is essential. If we are experiencing adverse South Westerly conditions, then we may head for Wine Glass Bay and anchor in the corner for the rest period. Alternatively, if conditions are favourable, we will pass through Schouten Passage where there are a number of safe anchorages, including Crocketts Bay immediately to Port after entering the passage which offers a great stop.
Day Three	Mon, 1 Feb	Once everyone has had a chance to rest and catch-up, we weigh anchor and set course for Cape Pillar and Port Arthur tracking inside Maria Island (Darlington) and on past Eagle Hawk Neck, Fortescue Bay then round the Cape and through the gap and into Port Arthur. Port Arthur represents an interesting stop over, there is a public jetty, and the anchorage is off the Penitentiary is good. In the event of experiencing heavy SW weather and unfavourable forecast we may proceed into Prosser Bay for a sheltered anchorage and, if needed, prepare to transit the Denison Canal.
Day Four & Five	Tues, 2 & Wed, 3 Feb	From either Port Arthur or Dunalley it is straight forward. The voyage takes in the a variety of coastline and provides the opportunity, if time permits, to visit some of the bays in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. We will initially sail to the entrance of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel at the Tinderbox and proceed if needed call at the Margate Fish/ Freezer jetty to replenish Ice and water or any other pre-arranged stores. From here it is a matter of choice, continue to Dover for overnight or another suitable anchorage.
Day Six	Thurs, 4 Feb	Today we return up the Channel and proceed to our berth at the wharf in Hobart, where we will ready the ship to receive our additional passengers on Friday morning for the parade of Sail.
Day Seven	Fri, 5 Feb	Today we will pick up additional passengers and supplies ready to enjoy the Parade of Sail departing our berth in Hobart at 10:00. Once clear of the dock, we will be cruising down the River Derwent, to join the rest of the fleet as it assembles towards the mouth of the estuary . We will initially track along the Eastern Shore before forming up near the Garrow Light for the run to the docks. From here we follow the western Shore which leads to the berthing section of the docks. Once we are berthed we will see you all safely ashore and onto the next part of the festival. We estimate that you should be able to disembark by 13:30 hours