



Boating

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AN on-water boating extravaganza will be held at Goolwa next Sunday, February 27.

Set in the idyllic surrounds of the Marina Hindmarsh Island, a flotilla of top-brand fibreglass and aluminium craft will be moored on safe walkways a few leisurely cruising minutes from Goolwa Lake.

Regional events such as this have been a big hit in the eastern states and offer prospective buyers and their families the rare opportunity to step aboard for live on-water tests.

Aside from assessing the merits of various craft, buyers can also make performance comparisons between the latest four-stroke, conventional two-stroke and direct fuel injected outboards.

This should be assessed in terms of intended maximum loads and majority activity use – whether primarily fishing, cruising or skiing

orientated, or a combination of all. New buyers should also focus on comfort, seating, storage, interior space and stability at rest.

A contingent of southern dealers will be on hand to provide specialist advice on individual craft suitability for the South Coast, Goolwa lakes system and lower River Murray waters.

Fibreglass craft on display include first entry-level packages, runabouts, bow-riders and cabin, fishing and sports models. Deluxe Bayliner and Glastron imported sports boats and the stunning 8m Chaparral express cruiser add a touch of class to the event.

The local boat building industry is strongly represented with the first-entry 4.9 Coorong model and the popular 5.3m Sahara, while

Northbank has carved out an enviable gulf waters reputation with its stylish 5.4m, 6m and 6.5m offshore fishing boats.

Aluminium runabouts, offshore plate-alloy fishing and dive boats, personal watercraft, inflatables, specialist river craft and canoes complete a diverse line-up.

The event will feature a jazz band, refreshments, food, regional wines and children's activities. Visitors will also have the opportunity to discover the live-in boating lifestyle of the award-winning and internationally accredited Marina Hindmarsh Island development.

Adelaide Outboard Service, Christies Beach Marine, Marina Hindmarsh Island Marine, Pacific Marine, Pelican Marine, South Coast Marine and Honda outboard motors are supporting the on-water show which takes place from 10am to 5pm. Entry is free.



CHOICE: Check out the range of craft at Goolwa