

Fremantle Sailing Club Cruising Section

# Quindalup Cruise 2022

15th- 26th January 2021

In partnership with

🚤 Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club

🚤 Koombanna Bay Sailing Club

🚤 Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club





### **About The Event**

The Quindalup cruise has been held yearly by the Fremantle Sailing Club for many decades, forming an important part of the cruising section and the club's history. Many members have voyaged to Quindalup for over 20 years with some making the yearly pilgrimage for even longer.

The Quindalup Cruise is all about having fun, easy sailing and great camaraderie with your fellow club members and friends. The cruise historically formed the Quindalup Yacht Club which was marked by a stake in the sand for one day only. In recent years, Fremantle Sailing Club has collaborated with Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club in the organising of the cruise with DBYC hosting a social function when the yachts arrive at Quindalup.

We hope that you will join us for the 'cruising event of the year'.

The 2022 Quindalup cruise is not to be missed!



## Event Program

Date	Departing	Arriving At	Anchoring/ Mooring	Event
<b>Saturday 15th January</b>	Fremantle Sailing Club	Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club	Free pens available at MOFSC	Sundowners at the MOFSC club bar
<b>Sunday 16th January</b>	Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club	Koombanna Bay Sailing Club	Anchor in Koombanna Bay or rent a pen from the Department of Transport	BBQ at KBSC, drinks available from club bar
<b>Monday 17th January</b>	Koombanna Bay Sailing Club	<b>Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club (Quindalup)</b>	Pick up a mooring or anchor to the north west of the Yacht Club	<b>Welcome Party @ DBYC</b> Club Bar open from 1700hrs Dinner at 1830hrs
<b>Tuesday 18th January - Thursday 20th January</b>				Relax and enjoy all that Quindalup has to offer. DBYC open from 5pm.
<b>Friday 21st January</b>	Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club (Quindalup)	Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club (Quindalup)		DBYC Twilight Sailing 1630hrs. Join in a short twilight cruise to Meelup Beach and return. Bar open afterwards, food available.
<b>Saturday 22nd January</b>	Quindalup	Meelup (Then return to Quindalup)	Anchor at Meelup	Beach BBQ / Picnic. DBYC bar open from 1700hrs.
<b>Wednesday 26th January</b>	Quindalup	Bunbury	Anchor in Koombanna Bay or rent a pen from the Department of Transport	Enjoy the Australia Day Fireworks
<b>Thursday 27th January</b>	Bunbury	Fremantle		Depart Bunbury in the early hours of the morning, escort Jon sanders back to Fremantle Sailing Club (weather permitting)

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### **Points Of Interest**

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#### **Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club**

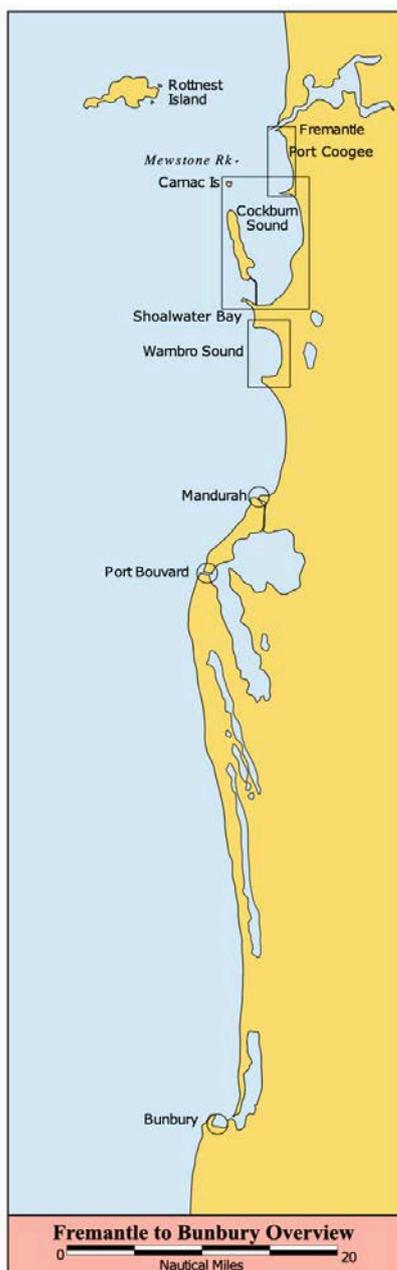
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*“14.3 Fremantle to Bunbury*

*Charts: AUS 754, 755, 111, 114, 115, 116, 117, 4725, WA 001, 755, 776, 848, 859, 913”*

*Excerpt From: Kim Klaka. “Western Australian Cruising Edition 5.”*

*Chartlet 160 Fremantle To Bunbury Overview*

*In summer, the weather on this part of the coast is characterised by fresh afternoon SW sea breezes and overnight easterlies. The sea breeze tends to be stronger offshore, whereas the easterly may be stronger inshore, and it tends to be more gusty than the sea breeze. There tends to be a set toward the shore during strong westerly weather. See also section 3.5.5.*

*If day sailing, the art of completing a comfortable passage south is to leave around dawn on the easterlies in order to arrive at your destination before the sea breeze reaches its full strength in mid-afternoon. For longer passages southward, the overnight easterlies provide more comfortable sailing than the afternoon sea breeze, but sailing in the dark (especially motoring) can be hazardous, owing to the numerous craypots with long floating lines.*

*Passage notes:*

*When heading south from Fremantle there is a choice of going either inside or outside the reefs, “the reefs” comprising mainly Five Fathom Bank, Coventry Reef and Bouvard Reefs. The passage outside makes for easy navigation, offering plenty of sea room and being free of hazards. However, there is no protection from the swell, and the sea breeze is usually stronger on this offshore route. The alternative passage inside the reefs has a few hazards so it requires more careful navigation, though there is plenty of depth. It provides some protection from the swell, and the sea breeze is usually 2 or 3 kn lighter than offshore. It is generally the more popular route in summer. An inside hazard of note is a bommie (1.6 m) inshore of Bouvard Reefs at 32° 49.2’S, 115° 36.2’E.*

*For the passage from Fremantle to Mandurah there is also the option of passing inside the inner reefs (Murray Reefs) via Warnbro Sound. This offers even flatter water, though with more hazards and a least depth of about 2 m off Becher Point.*

*An underwater wave energy research facility sometimes operates about 1.5 nm off the southwest of Garden Island in the region 32° 15’S, 115° 39’E. When in place it lies just below the surface with an exclusion zone marked by buoys. Ensure your charts are fully up to date with the latest Notices to Mariners.”*

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**Day 1 - Fremantle Sailing Club - Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club**  
**15th January 2021**

Sea Miles: 30 (approx)

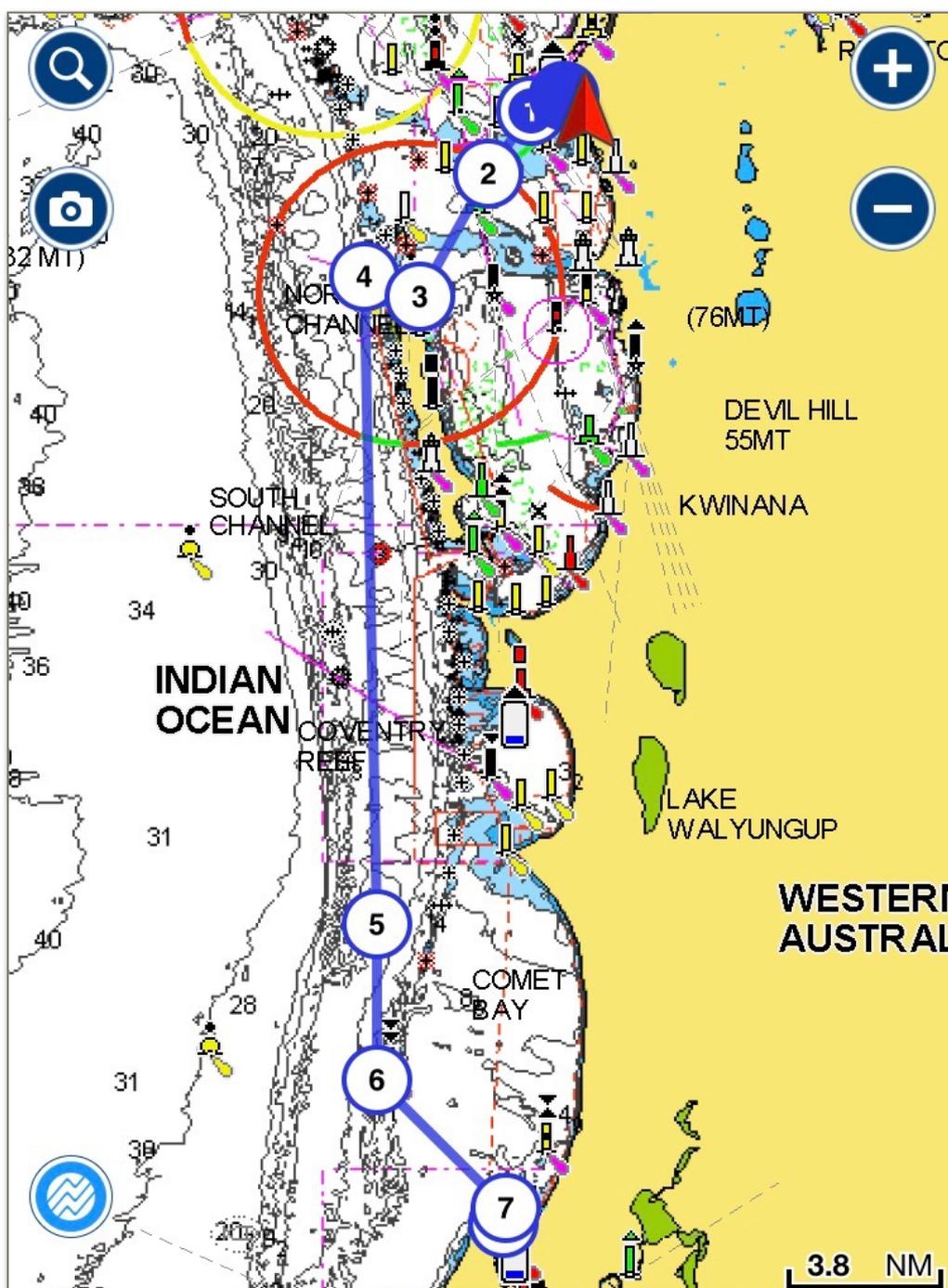
Time @ 5 knots: 6hrs (approx)

Departure Time: 0900hrs

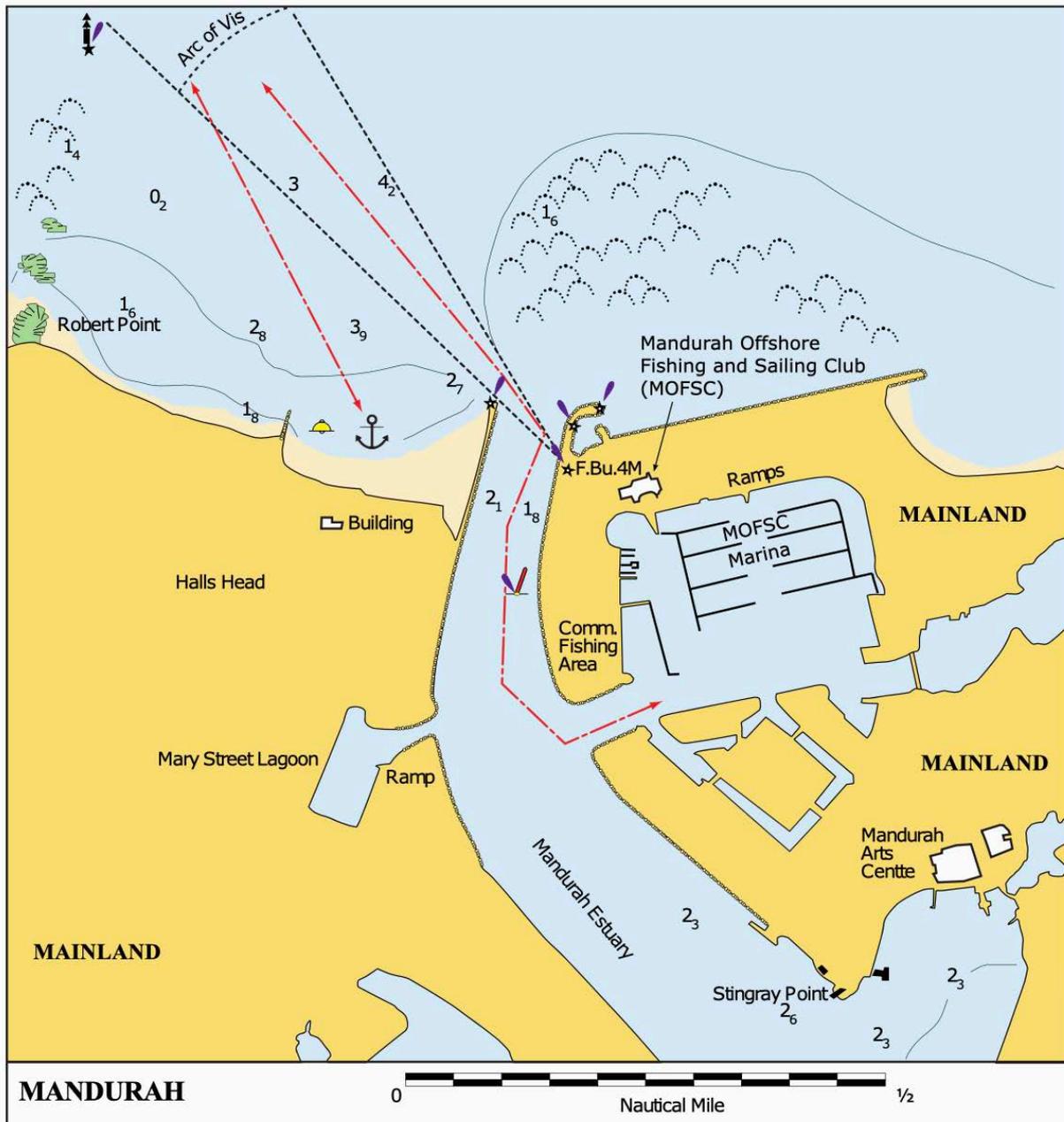
Estimated Time of Arrival 1500hrs

Depart Fremantle Sailing Club and head south west towards Challenger Passage. After navigating the passage, head south towards Robert Point. Avoid James Service reef as you sail into Comet Bay, making your way past the sand bar at the entrance to the Mandurah Estuary.

Tie up in a complimentary pen at Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club and enjoy a drink or two at the club bar.



Chartlet 163 Mandurah



Mandurah is a rapidly growing city with a population more than 80,000. It has all facilities and a fast train service to Perth. The approach to Mandurah from the south is straightforward, passing Point Robert to starboard. From the north the choice is 'inside or outside' the Murray Reefs. In a strong SW wind the inside route offers flatter water but vessels drawing more than 2 m need to consider the state of the tide (see earlier comments in passage notes for section 14.3 Fremantle to Bunbury overview).

Estuary mouth

For those not wishing to enter Mandurah Estuary or the marina, there are moorings belonging to Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club (MOFSC) in the bay immediately west of the estuary mouth. This is also a good summer anchorage with a seabed of sand, though it can be rolly due

to heavy traffic in and out of the estuary. There are also 4 DoT courtesy moorings with a maximum stay of 72 hours. The anchorage is exposed to the W and N.

Caution 1: Rocky shallows extend north from Point Robert, marked by a north cardinal beacon.

Caution 2: Depths off the entrance can vary considerably so information sources must be up to date. Notices to Mariners should be scrutinised, and contact with Mandurah Sea Rescue or MOFSC may prove helpful.

Facilities: There are a few shops local to the outside anchorage, but many more facilities inside the estuary entrance (see below).

Estuary entrance and marina

The seaward end of the west breakwater is marked by a fixed blue sector light (FBu). Buoys mark the channel into Dolphin Pool. When approaching from the north care should be taken to avoid the sandbars north and east of the mouth of the estuary. In previous years these sandbars have moved around. However, current (November 2017) DoT and AUS charts show an approach directly from the northwest towards the western breakwater once again has deepest water. Best to obtain local advice before approaching the estuary, from either Mandurah VMR, DoT or MOFSC. The depth at the entrance can vary because of dredging and winter storms. In 2014 minimum depths of 2.4 m were reported both in the approaches and once through the breakwaters. The datum used in those reports is unclear, but anecdotally these may be the depths at a typical low tide.

Once inside the breakwaters, keep close to the western side unless otherwise indicated - there may be markers indicating sandbars.

Mandurah Ocean Marina is located inside the entrance on the east side. It is a joint venture between Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club (MOFSC) and the DoT. It is a tourist destination with commercial, retail, restaurant, resort and residential developments. MOFSC is very welcoming. Berths are in demand and it is advisable to pre-book. Charges apply. Contact the bosun Ph: 0407 697 169. <http://mofsc.com.au>

Berths are also available in the DoT section of the marina. Pre-booking is advisable and charges apply. <https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imate/mandurah-ocean-marina-facility.asp>

Facilities: A full range of marine services is available including a boatlifter wide enough for catamarans. The city has seen enormous development over past years, including canal systems and a large shopping centre. It has excellent facilities including a hospital (see section 7.5). A rail service operates to Perth. A bus service to and from the train station is part of the train fare.

Tides: Mandurah. Range 0.7 m.

Fishing: Blue manna crabs can be caught in the inlet waterways during summer and autumn.

Herring, cobbler, pilchards, flounder, tailor and prawns are there in season.

Of interest: The name Mandurah is derived from the Aboriginal word "Mandar" which means "trading place".

The inlet is the largest breeding ground for pelicans in WA.

Passage notes

On passage south to Bunbury there is the choice of going inside or outside the Bouvard Reefs. The summer sea breeze usually falls away sometime after midnight. When heading south in summer a departure just before sunrise from either Mandurah or Dawesville is recommended, in order to benefit from the typical morning easterly breeze and provide a pleasant sail inside the reef. This usually ensures arrival at Bunbury before the SW sea breeze becomes fully established in mid-afternoon.

There is a desalination plant outfall about 0.5 nm offshore from Binningup at 33° 08'S, identified by cardinal markers.

Caution 1: There is often a region of accelerated wind around Point Bouvard.

Caution 2: Cray pot floats are usually numerous between Mandurah and Cape Bouvard, and are especially difficult to see at night."

Excerpt From: Kim Klaka. "Western Australian Cruising Edition 5."

## **On Shore Activities**

Sundowner at MOFSC

**Day 2 - Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club to Koombana Bay Yacht Club**  
**16th January 2021**

Sea Miles: 50 (approx)

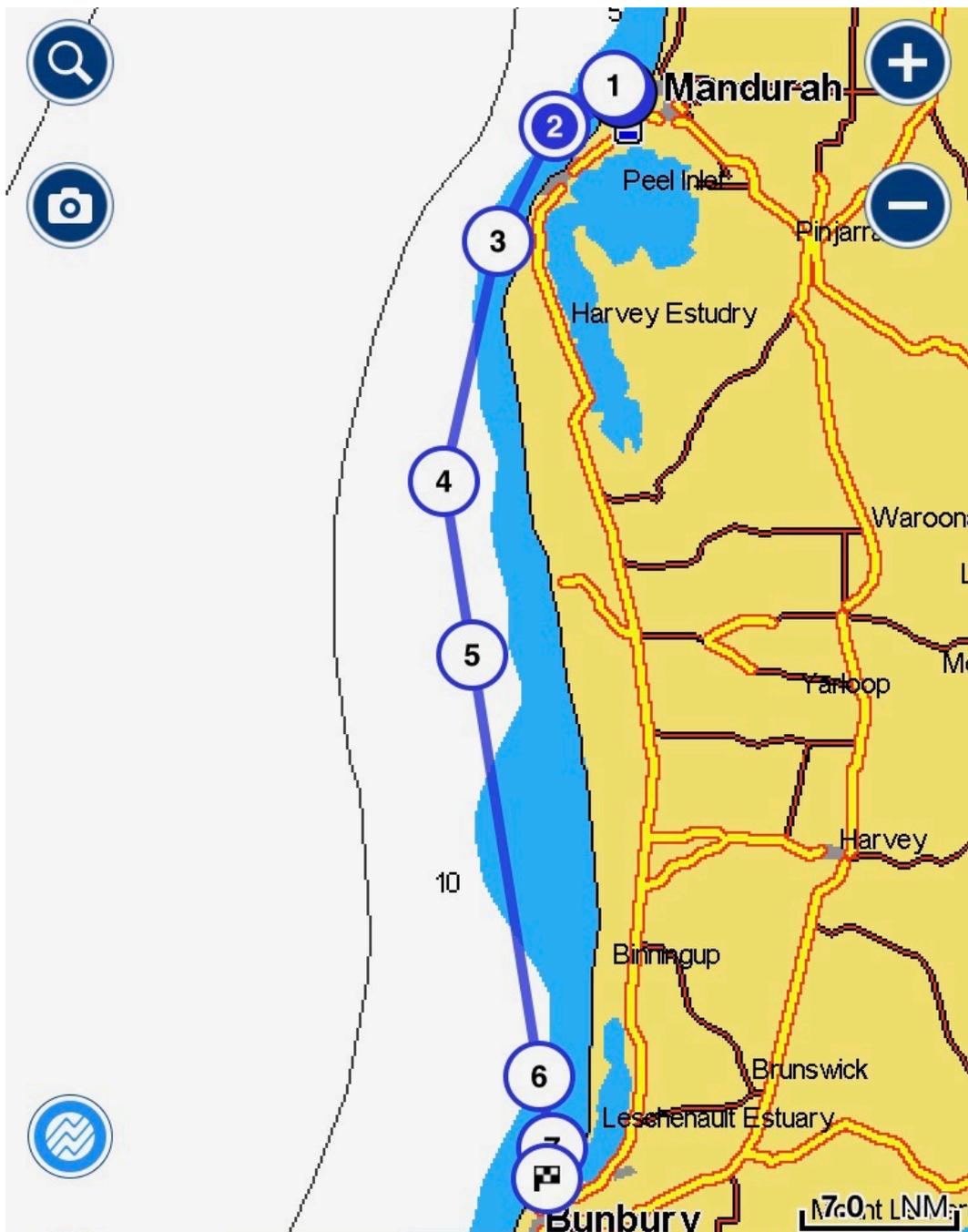
Time @ 5 knots: 10hrs (approx)

Departure Time: 0700hrs

Estimated Time of Arrival 1700hrs

Depart from Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club early on Sunday morning. Once clear of the north cardinal mark off of Robert Point, head south towards Bunbury.

Anchor up in Koombana Bay, out the front of the new foreshore redevelopment. Ensure plenty of scope when anchoring due to the muddy ground.



### **Extract from WA Cruising Guide**

Bunbury lies at the head of Koombana Bay. It is a city of 70,000 inhabitants and is a popular sailing centre with all facilities except a boat lifter. The entrance is deep and clear, though be aware that the main conspicuous lighthouse is about 1.3 nm south of the harbour. There are two ships' berths on the western breakwater and a large, well-protected commercial inner basin on the east shore, with no facilities for yachts. The main exports are alumina, wood chips and mineral sands. 496  Koombana Bay Sailing Club (KBSC) is situated on the southern shore of the bay, near Point MacLeod. KBSC makes visitors very welcome.

Anchorage in 3-4 m may be taken east of the club moorings, just east of a small stone breakwater. The holding is mostly good in sticky mud, though a seabed obstacle (60 kg sand anchor and chain) has been reported at 33° 19.06'S, 115° 38.84'E. (Note this is the first time in the guide that a location has been given to 2 decimal places; the rounded up position is misleading). The anchorage is well suited to the typical summer winds from the SW during the day and the E at night. It is open from N to NE winds, nor is it a comfortable anchorage in a strong NW wind. Much of the beach east of the breakwater is closed to motorised vessels, so it is best to go ashore on the west side in front of the clubhouse.  In strong E winds anchorage can be taken just south of The Cut on the east side of Koombana Bay.

Note: The Cut is the opening into Leschenault Inlet. KBSC facilities: <http://www.koombanabay.com>

KBSC is open on Friday evenings and weekends. It also opens on Wednesday evenings for twilight races during summer. Water, showers, toilets, telephone and barbecues are available. Meals are available Wednesday and Friday evenings. Fuel is not available at KBSC, though there is a distant service station. Casuarina Marina (see below) is possibly a better option for fuel. There is a chandlery at the club, the owner of which is also a metal fabricator. Public facilities: Water, toilets, showers, BBQ, play area and a new café are immediately onshore of the anchorage.  Casuarina Marina in the fishing boat harbour houses a mixture of private and commercial craft. Space is very limited. It provides 50 berths for long lease use and there are also 65 swing moorings, one of which is available for casual use. Contact the DoT harbour master Ph: (08) 9792 6666. Marina facilities: Power, water, toilets and showers. Fuel and water are available at the service jetty. There is also a 40 tonne slipway. Caution 1: There is limited space in the marina basin. The bottom is fouled in places with old moorings and weed. Caution 2: The old timber breakwater and jetty that were NE of the marina have been demolished. The remains are marked by a series of buoys, with a north cardinal marker at the end. Tides.

Bunbury. Range 0.9 m. Town facilities: Bunbury provides a full range of services and the town is a ten to fifteen minute walk from the KBSC anchorage. There is a hospital (see section 7.5), and rail and bus links with Perth. There is a laundry towards the top of Leschenault Inlet, accessible by dinghy - a novel way of doing the washing. Of interest: Koombana Bay is home to around 100 bottlenose dolphins. The Dolphin Discovery Centre is at the east end of Koombana Beach, where dolphins regularly interact with humans. These dolphins are a smaller sub-species endemic to Bunbury. The Centre has a restaurant, open from 0700 to 2200 every day (closes 1500 on public holidays). There are also toilets

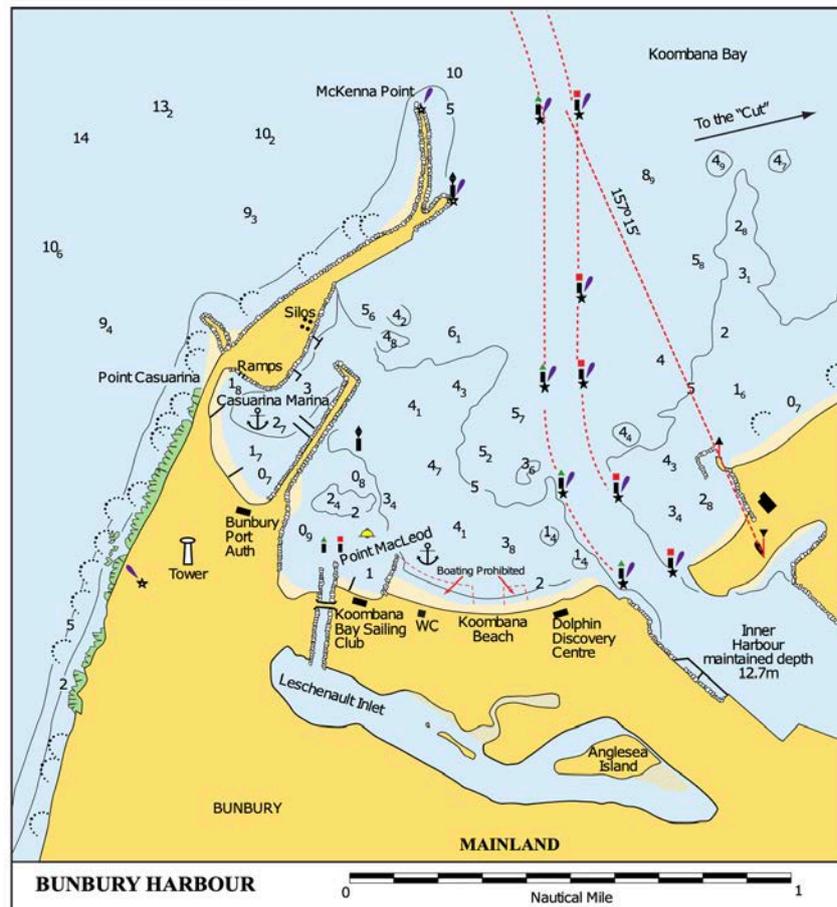
and change facilities accessible from the beach when the Centre is open. <https://dolphindiscovery.com.au> 497

Twenty-thousand-year-old white mangroves grow in the inlet. These are the most southern in WA. A visitors' boardwalk through the mangroves can be found opposite the Dolphin Discovery Centre. Rare basaltic rock formed by volcanic lava flow can be seen on the Back Beach. Koombana comes from the Aboriginal "bay of spouting whales". History: Bunbury was originally named Port Leschenault in 1803 by Captain De Freycinet of the Casuarina. In 1836, Lt Henry William St. Pierre Bunbury blazed an overland trail from Perth to meet Governor Stirling in Port Leschenault. The port was renamed in his honour. The breakwater was first constructed in the 1890s due to the large number of wrecks that had occurred. The original lighthouse on Marlston Hill served the port until 1903. It was moved to its present site in 1971.

#### 14.3.7 Bunbury { 5.2}

33° 19'S 115° 39'E

AUS 115, 755, WA 776, 859



### On Shore Activities

BBQ at KBSC

**Day 3 - Koombana Bay Yacht Club to Quindalup**

**17th January 2021**

Sea Miles: 45 (approx)

Time @ 5 knots: 11hrs (approx)

Departure Time: 0700hrs

Estimated Time of Arrival 1700hrs

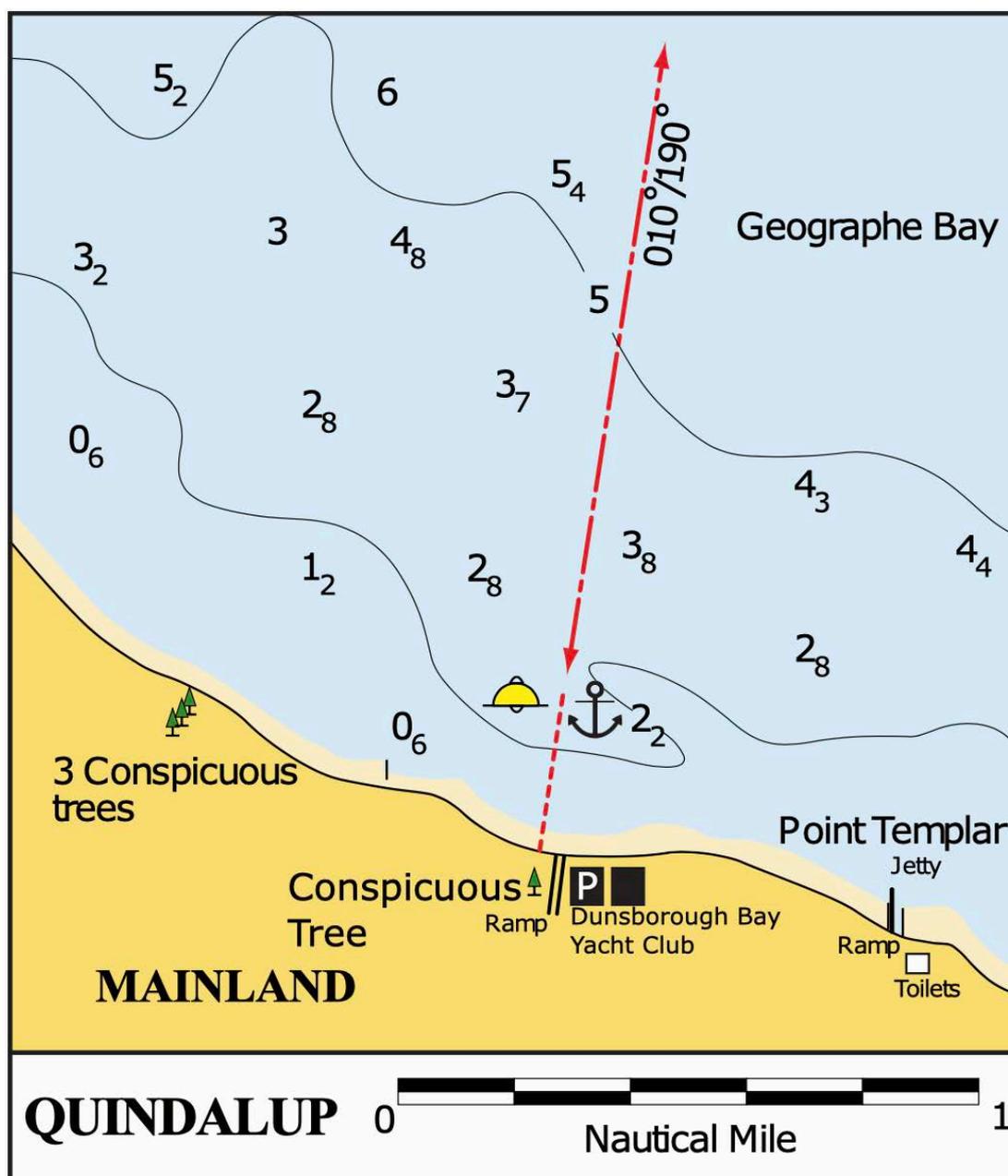
Depart from Koombana Bay Sailing Club, head South towards Quindalup.

Approach Quindalup from the north lining up the prominent palm tree with due north.

14.4.5 Quindalup

33° 37.5'S 115° 08.2'E

AUS 755, 756, WA 966



## Chartlet 168 Quindalup

⚓ Quindalup is a remarkable summer anchorage; it offers more protection than might be expected from its apparently open aspect. The anchorage is 2 nm southeast of Dunsborough and about three quarters of a mile southeast of three large Norfolk Island pines. Final approach should be made on a bearing of not greater than 190° to a lone pine tree (mostly hidden by eucalypts), east of the trio.

The anchorage contains over 100 moorings and a few fishing or charter boats. There are depths of up to 3 m over sand, but with shallow patches. It offers protection from the E, S and W and even a summer onshore wind of 20 kn does not make the anchorage untenable, though it will be rough. The height of waves is restricted by the shallowness offshore, but the anchorage is unsafe in N and NW gales. In the event that a gale from the N or NW is forecast, the nearest shelter is Port Geographe, provided the swell has not already risen (in which case Bunbury is the harbour of refuge).

Facilities: The nearest public toilet adjoins the Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club (DBYC). Yachts anchoring off during the summer season are made very welcome. Visitors are also allowed access to the club toilets and showers. <https://www.dbyc.org.au>

There are also toilets close to the Point Templar launching ramp further east.

Facilities: Provisions are available in Dunsborough, a 30-40 minute walk west along the waterfront. There is no public transport but taxis are available from Dunsborough.

Of interest: The name Quindalup means “the place of the Quinda”, a short-nosed bandicoot.



Quindalup looking south (C Bellamy)



### **On Shore Activities**

- Bar open from 5pm every night (EFTPOS available)

### **Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club Facilities**

- Access to showers & toilets
- Car Parking Facilities
- Free Internet Access
- BBQs and Lawn Area
- *Our trademark small club welcoming atmosphere!*





