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Coral Bay, WA has an excellent launch ramp, berths and jetty facility that should be studied carefully by governments and councils in many other parts of Australia. This IS the benchmark or standard that should be everywhere. (Jody Webster pic)

Cover: *Whilist we are not into the Best of type rankings these days, some facets of 2016 stand out from the crowd - and heading the list is surely the Australian Sailing Teams' results from the Rio Olympics (p.234) closely followed by the wonderful performance of the Aussie Paralympics Team (p.324)*



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