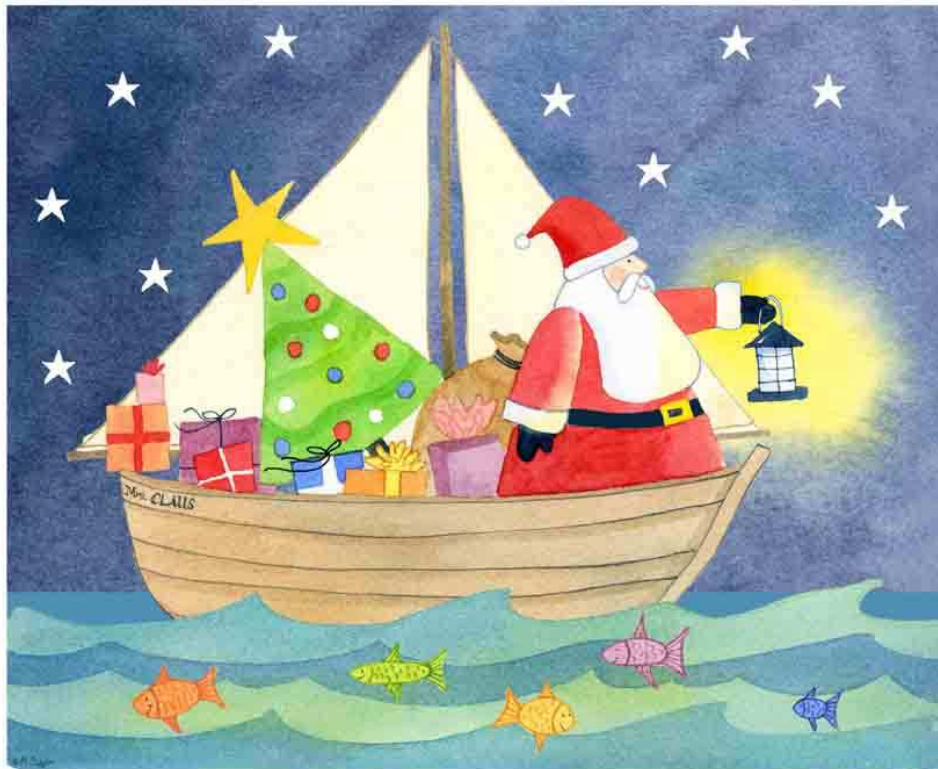


## Greenwich Flying Squadron



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Saturday: Keelboat Racing - Mixed Divisions and Etchells' Class  
Sunday: Sabot and Laser Classes - Winter Races  
Keelboat Cruising Division



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**SEASONS GREETINGS**

## *Editor's Comments*

This is an abbreviated issue of HUMBUG to be in time to wish everyone the best for the holiday season.

This summer we decided to try out handicap starts. This creates quite a different scene at the start with a mixture of different classes starting at the same times. So please note the appeal by the sailing secretary regarding keeping the starting area clear for the ones lining up for their starting times. Feedback from skippers will be sought after the summer season for the committee to decide if this racing format will continue in the future.

Johan - ed  
Dolphin II

## *Commodore's Cockpit*

On behalf of the GFS Committee, all the best wishes for a happy holiday and continued enjoyment of the sailing season.

Ed for the commodore.

## *Sailing Secretary's report*

Season Greetings and compliments of the season to all.

The Saturday Summer Pursuit Series is in full swing. The result of which has produced close finishes with the Mixed Fleet boats gathering as a group in Humbug to race to the finish. This has resulted in some peculiar tactics to gain an advantage. These includes the regular bribing of a harbour cruise company to bring their 'block of flats' off Onions Point with accompanying loud horn blasts as the gaggle of boats line up their finish. On one occasion an unnamed skipper managed to go between the cruise boat and Onions Point much to the dismay of the others which had to tack away.

A reminder to both the Saturday and Twilight fleets during the pursuit season is to keep clear of the start line until after your Preparatory Signal which is the appearance of the number preceding your start number. In this style of racing it is imperative to allow all competitors a clear start. It is ridiculous when boats starting 10 minutes later are running the line as others are trying to legitimately start.

The Etchells group are still enjoying close racing with scratch starts. Next season a revised start sequence will allow them a more favourable start whilst allowing the Mixed Fleet to play chasings! Yes, I have given up with having them do the pursuit thingy.

Also a plea from me is to think about rules. If you break a rule of Part 2 of the RRS (for example a Port Starboard infringement) you can exonerate by doing a 2 turns penalty (in the case of Etchells racing as a class not Twilight Yellow fleet a one turn penalty applies). This may save time wasted in a protest hearing which you may not win.

Enjoy the short break from Saturday racing and I hope Santa brings you something for your boat.

Cheers

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Flair



Santa is on his way!

## *Junior Sailing.*

Useful information can be obtained from the following websites:

<http://www.sabot.com.au>

GFS Web Site: [www.gfs.org.au](http://www.gfs.org.au)

It is important to regularly check the club web site. There are results to check, club information, rosters, and advice of up-coming events.

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When our restricted licence permits the club to serve alcohol, Greenwich Flying Squadron Inc. has a policy to serve patrons in a responsible, friendly and professional manner.

Our staff are on hand to assist patrons in their decision to drink alcohol in moderation and where appropriate avoid the dilemmas of combining drinking with driving. Staff will not serve any person under the age of 18 years or any patron to an intoxicating level.

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