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Twilight Results
Lifejacket Rule
Social Night



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Editor's Comments

The spring, summer and autumn sailing seasons are memories refreshed in part by this issue of Humbug. We are looking forward to the winter season and what the future might bring of more excellent sailing and other club activities.

This being my last issue of Humbug I have taken the opportunity to make it a bit different. Maybe an indication of changes to come? Yes, after nearly five years I am handing over the helm as editor to promote a fresh approach to Humbug, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed over the years. Without the contributions there would be no Humbug!

Of note in this issue is the overview of the running of the club by our commodore, the sailing secretary's and twilight captain's reports with the sailing results, and the summary of the social activities and the very successful social night by our social secretary. Also note the progress of the on line membership management system.

Well done to all and happy sailing!

Johan

Dolphin II

PS. After two summer seasons with handicap start the committee has decided, based on input from our skippers, to abandon this racing format.

Red division -
Summer series.
Handicap start



The chase is on!

Humbug does its
tricks



and a few
slipped by!



Commodore's Cockpit

A quick search of the internet suggests that the title Commodore comes from the word "comendador" which means "having command over others". It is the title given to the commander of a squadron of ships or the most senior captain of a shipping line. Around the Commonwealth it is usually the title of the senior officer of a yacht club, although at some clubs the senior officer is designated Admiral (e.g. Royal Cork Yacht Club).



The reality of what the Commodore of Greenwich Flying Squadron does is different from the grand title. Unlike the Commodores of naval fleets of old, a Commodore in a modern and voluntary sailing club spends most of his or her time on administrative tasks.

At GFS the Commodore deals with the Greenwich community (complaints about noise and parking), the Lane Cove Council, trying to make sure the rules work, the Yachting Association/s (their recent revitalisation is praiseworthy but creates more work than when it was moribund), Lane Cove Council, Roads and Maritime and most important, members. The Commodore chairs meetings of the Committee (which has the actual power to make decisions) and has to ensure that the time that Committee members in attending meetings and working for the Club is treated like the precious resource that it is. The Commodore mediates conflicts and seeks to reconcile different interests and conceptions of what the Club is, and should be, about. Interest and some knowledge of sailing are required but the Commodore does not have to be a champion sailor.

At GFS we are very lucky that our Committee has had a group of people who have volunteered their time and expertise in a range of areas. Without their assistance and their support for the Club, the Commodore's role would be untenable. They are supported by a larger group of members who without being on the Committee help. One of the most rewarding aspects of being on the Committee and of taking the role of Commodore is getting to know and work with these people.

One of my roles is to encourage people to take up roles and bring new ideas to the Club. A number of people on the present Committee have worked extremely hard over the last few years to ensure the stability and progression of the Club. I know from speaking with the Committee members that some are thinking of handing over in the upcoming year or

beyond. If anyone is interested in learning how the Club functions and contributing some time, I would be pleased to hear from them.

Gordon McGrath
Commodore

Upcoming Events

26 May 2012 @ 14.30 Prize giving followed by afternoon tea

10 July 2012 @ 19.30 Annual General Meeting

Sailing Secretary's Report

The current sailing season has been a challenge and not just from the competition. Weather conditions in Eastern Australia have played havoc with our race days – both Twilight and Saturday.

Nevertheless racing has been keenly contested and hard fought.

The fast approaching Prize Presentation recognises the achievement of some boats in the fleet. I congratulate the winners, but, at the same time recognise the involvement of all skippers and crews who have participated throughout the 2011 – 2012 sailing season. I congratulate the 'non winners' for their commitment and competitive spirit.

The Twilight fleet has continued to have significant numbers of boats willing and ready to compete each Wednesday despite often inclement and poor sailing conditions. Saturday fleets have maintained a strong, but small, fleet and keen competition. I wish I knew how to bolster the Saturday group; we have a great waterway and often not as congested as on a twilight night. I urge twilight competitors to consider Saturday racing. In some respects there is more space on the water and perhaps less competitive sailing. It remains enjoyable and the Saturday camaraderie is strong with many crews back at the club after the race.

As the end of the season approaches I wish to thank the duty crews for their effort which is a big ask as it takes them out of Saturday sailing and leaves them late on Twilight nights. Similarly I would like to thank the Twilight Girls (Emma and Eliza) and the Twilight Boys (Luke and) for the task they have performed in not only starting and finishing races but in setting up the club for the post-race festivities – an onerous task! Also thanks to the Saturday Hetero-Deck Crew (Katherine and Ian) they have mastered starts and finishes quickly and have performed fabulously.

Finally, I would like to thank the inimitable Harvey for the time and effort he spends in producing the results under pressure as soon as possible after each race, devising handicaps, briefing duty crews, giving advice, for keeping the web site up to date and for all the other tasks he performs. A fantastic effort by a dedicated 'club-man'!

If you are having a rest over winter – enjoy! However, the GFS Winter Series will keep your skills honed for next season – you are welcome to race.

Thanks for the competition, the 2011 – 2012 Season, in my opinion, has been a success and you have all played a significant part.

Lifejackets

A recent letter to Afloat called for changes to current lifejacket regulations when rowing short distances.

In fact, the club committee has sent a letter to the Minister stating our opposition to wearing a lifejacket when alone in a tender and close to moored boats and the shore.

This is the response from Maritime in the current edition of Afloat -

'Maritime appreciates the lifejacket laws, introduced in late 2010, represented significant change. That is one reason why a 12 month education period was allowed for prior to infringements being applied in late 2011 for non-compliance with the new laws.'

One of the new laws is a requirement to wear a lifejacket when alone in a small open boat, and that includes a tender.

Tragically, being alone in a small open boat continues to prove fatal. Since July 2011, 10 lives have been lost in boating incidents in NSW. Four of those involved a person in a tender, and in each of those incidents the person was not wearing a lifejacket, including a 70-year-old man who last month (March) lost his life at Port Stephens in an incident involving a capsized tender. The next day a man in his 80s was hospitalized in another capsized incident with a tender, also at Port Stephens. No lifejacket was worn in either incident.

The law now requires anyone on their own, in a boat of less than 4.8m, to wear a lifejacket. Lifejackets are more convenient and comfortable to wear than ever before, especially the inflatable types, and they can help save a life – especially for people boating alone in small, open boats.

More details at: **www.lifejacketwearit.com.au**

As it stands we are required to adhere to the law – there are fines involved if spotted by Maritime Inspectors.

In my case 2 or 3 people are more at risk than a single occupant in my tender.

Lifejacket Wearing Requirements on NSW Waterways from 1 November 2010

Boating activity / vessel type	Situation	Lifejacket options
Children under 12 years of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ At all times in a vessel under 4.8 m ■ When in an open area of a vessel 4.8m to 8m that is underway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On enclosed waters On open (ocean) waters On alpine waters 	Type 1, 2 or 3 Type 1 Type 1 or 2
On all boats less than 4.8m (unless specified below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ All occupants on enclosed waters when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boating at night Boating alone ■ At all times on open waters ■ At all times if the vessel is being used more than 400m from the shore to transport persons or goods between the shore and a vessel, or between vessels. ■ At all times on alpine waters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If wearing waders 	Type 1, 2 or 3 Type 1, 2 or 3 Type 1 Type 1, 2 or 3 Type 1 or 2 Type 1
All vessels	Always being towed or all times	Type 1, 2 or 3

Source: NSW Transport Maritime Boating Handbook 2011 – 2012. Full requirements at http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au/sbh/safety_equipment/lifejackets.html

The Racing Rules of Sailing.

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) govern the sport on the water. They are revised and published every four years by the International Sailing Federation. The latest edition, The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 - 2012, came into effect on 1 January 2009. The 2013-2016 edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing will come into effect on 1 January 2013.

This is midway through the next GFS sailing season 2012 – 2013. Equipment audits remain in force for the entire season even if there is prescribed changes. There is no need for a second safety inspection.

The ISAF Racing Rules Committee is tasked with formulating, revising and publishing the RRS, with any changes ultimately subject to the approval of the ISAF Council, the final decision-making body of the International Sailing Federation. The publication of the new edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing is the culmination of four years of thorough analysis and evaluation of proposals for change. The ISAF Racing Rules Committee is tasked with formulating, revising and publishing the RRS, with any changes ultimately subject to the approval of the ISAF Council, the final decision-making body of the International Sailing Federation.

Winter Series

Two Divisions will contest the GFS Winter Series - Blue Division and Red Division. Competitors will be notified which division prior to, or at, the first race.

All Yachts registered for the Saturday and Twilight Series are eligible to enter the Winter Series.

The starting sequence will begin **1230 hours**. See SI 11(i).

The Winter Dates are:

Year	Month	Date	Event
2012	May	5	Winter Series Race 1
		19	Winter Series Race 2
	June	2	Winter Series Race 3
		16	Winter Series Race 4
		30	Winter Series Race 5
	July	14	Winter Series Race 6
		28	Winter Series Race 7

Courses will be **Saturday Island Courses**. If you sail Twilights please make sure you have a copy of the Saturday Island Course sheet – the courses are **not** the same as the Twilight Courses.

Starts will be from the clubhouse with the 'Deck Starters' in charge.

Drinks will be available from the members fridge after the race and you are welcome to come back for a drink and a chat with the other competitors.

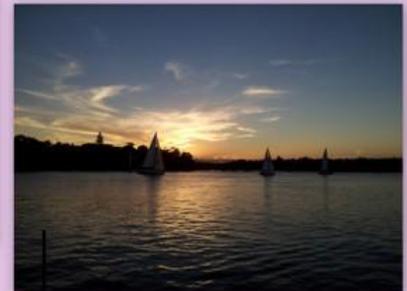
Best of luck to those who venture out – hopefully conditions will be an improvement on those during the past regular season.

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Twilight Captain's Report

Captain Twilight looks beyond Humbug

As the rain pauses for a moment it is time to reflect on the events of the past year and what an unusual year it has been. Despite our usual weather pattern of balmy evenings and stunning sunsets replaced by rain, more rain than no wind at all, the strong numbers of members sailing and then returning for a meal defied logic but showed the real strength of our club. It demonstrated how much we enjoy our twilights and the friendships we have. Rain could be thundering on the deck outside but the clubhouse was full of people, full of good cheer.



Divisions and Courses

We continued with six Divisions again this year. With Yellow starting, then Red, Green, White, Blue and finally Black, all but Red and Black Division sailing the same course. Overall this worked well with many in Blue Division having opportunity to get good tables and enjoy a meal which some had struggled to do in previous years. There were some issues with some Divisions getting caught up with other Divisions and we are working on looking at some minor tweaking of the starting order. We also may look at starting out beyond Humbug next season but we will keep you posted.

This season there was some very close racing within the Divisions. Old rivals once again cleaning bottoms, getting new sails and disposing of any heavy unnecessary items on board in an effort to find a competitive edge. Of particular note this year was the rivalry in the Cavalier Cup where Pegasus and Capriole finished equal first sharing the same number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places over the entire season. It doesn't get much closer than that!

Congratulations to all our skippers in the different Divisions who have won prizes and we look forward to sharing in the celebration at the GFS Prize Presentation 26 May 2012.

Incidents and Protests

There were fewer protests this year compared to last. This is either due to more people attending the compulsory skipper briefing or perhaps less demanding sailing conditions. Either way this is to be welcomed. Many thanks again to Richard Kelly who took on the role once again as our Protest Convenor.

YOTS

Once again the club was proud to be associated with and to support Youth Off The Streets. It has become an important part of the club and it is a great opportunity to share with others our special evening.

The Social Night

The evening threatened to be a wet one, but with one creative stroke Maree once again transformed our humble pontoon. The marquees were fantastic rising like some white Indian Palace out of the water. Not only did they look great, they provided shelter from rain and reduced the noise. There were great prizes, wonderful raffles, lots of fun games and

dancing. We could not have asked for a better evening. A huge thank you to Maree, Adrian and all the team who put in so much time to make the evening the success that it was.

Who am I?

Thank you to Keith, Hans and John for allowing us to share and celebrate but a brief glimpse of your lives. You are all such a vital part of the club and a continuing reminder on how to keep living life and continue to do what we lovesailing.

Sponsors

Back Vintage

Joe Walsh Rigging

MacDiarmid Sails

Noakes Boatyards

Sydney Boat Sales

Waterbrook

Oatley Wines

Helly Hansen

On behalf of all the club I would like to express our sincere gratitude for their continued support.

Twilight Team

It takes quite a team to make the Twilights possible. I would in particular like to thank the following;

Starters – Luke and Grace

Caterers from Double D café – Dah and Tahnne

Course Setters – Harvey Porter and Keith Tierney

Start buoy setters- Bill Wilson

Social Secretary – Maree Van Bellen

Handicap setter – Harvey Porter

Safety Officer – David Edmondson

Protest Convenor - Richard Kelly

Duty Roster co-ordinator – Han Kannegieter

Webmaster and "heart & soul of the club" - Harvey Porter

Final note

After six years as your Twilight Captain, this may well be my last one (although you never know). The role has been an honour and privilege

and I have enjoyed it every week. As I may have mentioned once or twice...."It doesn't get any better than this!!!"

Regards
 Michael Armati
Twilight Captain

Twilight Results

Twilight Spring

Series Results [BLUE] for Division 15 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	409	Avanti	Peter Clarke	16.5
2	6571	Passion	David Edmiston	18
3	6635	World's Apart	Chris Stannard	21

Series Results [GREEN] for Division 13 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	9731	Soul Sister	Stephen Picot	22
2	6334	Shemozzle	Hayward Clune	25
3	4579	Out of Africa	Harvey Porter	31

Series Results [WHITE] for Division 14 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	4497	Pegasus	Williams Gibson	25
2	4428	Reflections	Harrison Florin	29
2	4540	Arawa	Arawa Syndicate	29

Series Results [YELLOW] for Division 11 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	210	Old Mother	Tony Clark	12
2	3615	Mind/Matter	Julian Todd	14
3	3649	Disco Trooper	Ross MacKay	22

Series Results [RED] for Division 12 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	5596	Dolphin II	Johan Brinch	14
2	3352	Saltbush Bill	John Pymble	25
3	2750	Force Four	Hans Kannegeiter	27

Series Results [BLACK] for Division 16 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	6774	Jackpot	Adrian van Bellen	21
2	227	Flashback	Brian Cunynghame	23
3	5273	Soundtrack	John Amos	25

Twilight Summer

Series Results [TwiSum] for Yellow Division up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	3615	Mind/Matter	Julian Todd	11
2	3649	Disko Trooper	Ross MacKay	12
3	210	Old Mother	Tony Clark	13

Series Results [TwiSum] for Red Division up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	6090	L'Atitude	Egon Ostergard	10
2	2750	Force Four	Hans Kannegeiter	17
3	2476	Adams Eve	David Moorehead	22

Series Results [TwiSum] for Green Division up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	868	Velocity	Brian Carrick	13
2	6334	Shemozzle	Hayward Clune	14
3	4579	Out of Africa	Harvey Porter	18

Series Results [TwiSum] for White Division up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	4848	CavSav	John Veale	11
2	6430	Amateau	Brian Davey	18
3	143	Waterhound	Ralph Pickering	26

Series Results [TwiSum] for Blue Division up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	6571	Passion	David Edmiston	14
1	4150	French Connection	Michael Murphy	14
3	1164	Cipriani	Dennis Lane	16

Series Results [Twisum] for Black Division up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	227	Flashback	Brian Cunynghame	13
2	6774	Jackpot	Adrian van Bellen	16
3	5273	Soundtrack	John Amos	21

Twilight Autumn

Series Results [BLUE] for Division 15 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	3846	Tartan	Ian Sanford	18
2=	4150	French Connection	Michael Murphy	19
2=	4959	Faarst Company	Alan Grundy	19

Series Results [GREEN] for Division 13 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	6334	Shemozzle	Hayward Clune	16
2	6447	Firefly	Roger Gee	24
3	9669	Escape To	Peter Callaway	25

Series Results [WHITE] for Division 14 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	4848	CavSav	John Veale	22.5
2	6430	Amateau	Brian Davey	30.5
3	3127	Capriole	Geoff Lucas	34

Series Results [YELLOW] for Division 11 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	3649	Disko Trooper	Ross MacKay	10
2	210	Old Mother	Tony Clark	17
3	5673	On Y Va	Ray Craigie	18

Series Results [RED] for Division 12 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	2476	Adams Eve	David Moorehead	21
2	807	The Saints	Bruce Hilliard	25
3=	6090	L'Atitude	Egon Ostergard	37
3=	3352	Saltbush Bill	John Pymble	37

Series Results [BLACK] for Division 16 up to Race 9 (Drops = 2)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	5273	Soundtrack	John Amos	13
2=	6774	Jackpot	Adrian van Bellen	19
2=	227	Flashback	Brian Cunynghame	19

Twilight Overall

Series Results [BLUE] for Division 15 up to Race 18 (Drops = 4)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	4150	French Connection	Michael Murphy	40.5
2	6571	Passion	David Edmiston	45
3	6635	World's Apart	Chris Stannard	46

Series Results [GREEN] for Division 13 up to Race 18 (Drops = 4)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	6334	Shemozzle	Hayward Clune	41
2	9731	Soul Sister	Stephen Picot	52
3	868	Velocity	Brian Carrick	64

Series Results [WHITE] for Division 14 up to Race 18 (Drops = 4)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	3127	Capriole	Geoff Lucas	60
2	4497	Pegasus	Williams Gibson	63.5
3	4428	Reflections	Harrison Florin	64

Series Results [YELLOW] for Division 11 up to Race 18 (Drops = 4)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	210	Old Mother	Tony Clark	29
2	3649	Disko Trooper	Ross MacKay	31
3	3615	Mind/Matter	Julian Todd	34

Series Results [RED] for Division 12 up to Race 18 (Drops = 4)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	5596	Dolphin II	Johan Brinch	52
2	2476	Adams Eve	David Moorehead	57
3	3352	Saltbush Bill	John Pymble	62

Series Results [BLACK] for Division 16 up to Race 18 (Drops = 4)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	5273	Soundtrack	John Amos	37
2	6774	Jackpot	Adrian van Bellen	40
3	227	Flashback	Brian Cunynghame	42

Cavalier Series

Series Results [CAV28'S] for Cavalier 28 up to Race 18 (Drops = 4)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1=	4497	Pegasus	Williams Gibson	25.5
1=	3127	Capriole	Geoff Lucas	25.5
3	4540	Arawa	Arawa Syndicate	51

J24 Series

Series Results [J24'S] for J24 up to Race 18 (Drops = 4)				
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	19	Jaytripper	Mark Rhodes	24
2	143	Waterhound	Ralph Pickering	37
3	4	Infidel	Jorgen Kristoffersen	47

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Social Secretary's Report



THE YEAR THAT WAS



WHETHER SAILING OR BACK AT THE CLUB OR EVEN IN PITTSBURGH IT IS ALWAYS FUN

It's been a busy year at GFS

Despite the weather it has been another great year at Greenwich.



AL LEADING THE SINGING



GOOD OLD JULIAN



WHERE DID HE GET THAT HAT!

SOCIAL UPDATE



The annual social night was a great success with 120 members wining and dining under the beautiful marquees that helped transform our modest club into the Royal Greenwich Flying Squadron for the night. Harvey Porter was nominated honorary commodore for the night as he was splendidly turned out in blue blazer, cravat and a very impressive captains hat!!

The theme for the night was to add a bit of sparkle and it was great to see many members joining in the fun. A big thank you to all who gave up their time to help create the night. Glenda Cameron Strange and Ann and Graeme Davey did a fantastic job testing our local and sailing knowledge.



Thank you to the following companies for their generous donations: Backvintage Wines Oatley Wines Acumen Clothing Zig Zag Clothing and Helly Hanson

GFS Web based membership system

Back towards the end of last year it was reported in Humbug (Dec. 2011 Issue) that the GFS is finally catching up with the 21st century by implementing a Web based membership system. This system is now well advanced in build, and preparations for its release to member access is imminent.

The purpose of the system is twofold. Firstly by allowing members secure password access to their own membership record online we believe we will improve the accuracy of our member records. Secondly one of, if not, the most onerous Squadron committee administrative roles in terms of work load is that of the hapless membership officer. Past burdens of manual processing membership renewals and ongoing membership records integrity maintenance are intended to be markedly ameliorated by the new system.

However the system will depend on all members having an email address. And it will rely on members being sufficiently adept with a Web browser that they can enter a password protected access page and navigate themselves around simple online forms. **Please note it is intended that the GFS membership renewal process for the 2012 – 1013 racing season will only be possible via email invitation to complete a membership renewal form online.** Following is the renewal process envisaged:

- 1) A letter advising all members on the detail of how to access the new system will be posted out in early May. This letter will replace the posted renewal form you have received in past years. It will not contain a renewal form but will give instruction how to access and use the new online system for the first time.
- 2) A default username and password, unique to each member, printed in the posted letter will permit you to access your online membership record and, most importantly, enable you to ensure the email address in your record is accurate and current. You will also at this point be able to change your username and/or password to whatever you may choose to make it. Here is an image of what you should see as the login screen.

MEMBERS Fred Bloggs REGISTRATION Full Member Associate Member BOATS All Boats RACE SERIES Twilight Down Harbour Saturday Sabot & Junior Laser Laser SAILING CLUBS All clubs	Personal Details		Address		
	Name	Mr Fred Bloggs	1 Lincoln Lane		
	Phone	(h) 9876 5432 ; (w) 9876 5432 ; (m) 0404 0404 0404	Washington 919191 DC		
	Email	fredb@gmail.com			
	Membership		Boat(s)		
	Name	Amount	Boat	Crew	Skipper
	YA/YF Silver Membership	\$70	Adams Eve	✓	
	Membership Yacht Co-owner	\$165	AD Power		✓
	Club Roles		Login Details		
	Member		fredb		

3) In late May a broadcast email membership renewal invitation will be sent out that will rely on all members' email addresses being correct and current. **Incorrect email details in membership records at the time the broadcast email is issued will result in members not receiving their 2012-2013 season renewal invitation.** The date for publication of this renewal invitation email will be well publicised via the mailed letter, via prominent exposure on the main www.gfs.org.au website and at the May 26 GFS Prize Giving events. The invite email will point members to an online membership renewal access page. Entry of the member's updated (or default if not updated) username and password will permit access to an online renewal form that will reflect in structure and content the previously printed renewal form you are familiar with. As the form is filled in any fees associated with choices selected will become visible. Once you commit to submitting the form you will be presented with a Web page confirming:

- i) the fees due;
- ii) a transaction identifier code, and
- iii) the available methods of payment (direct debit to the GFS account or cheque).

An email confirmation will also be dispatched back to you containing this information. In stage one of this new system implementation we will not have facility for online payment.

Please note that to enable matching direct debit payments or cheques to your online renewal submission, we will be fully relying on you including the transaction identifier code mentioned above within your online banking 18 character payment description field or via a note included with your cheque.

As this change to online access and membership renewal is a significant departure from past practice please take the time to review the posted letter you will receive shortly, and importantly, access your membership record online in a timely manner to ensure your email address is up to date before the renewal invitation email is published in late May.

A trial broadcast email to be distributed shortly publicising the 26 May Prize Giving event and the 10 July AGM will be the first major output produced by the new system. We would appreciate your feedback should you experience any difficulty with the formatting or duplicated receipts, for instance.

For further advice or clarification on how the new system is being implemented, please contact Roger Gee, the current membership officer up until the GFS July AGM. Thereafter the incoming membership officer for the 2012-2013 season will be Dion Weston.

Dion
Vivre

On The Lighter Side!

Why the lifejacket law changed???!!!



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An older sailor was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different color.... green, red, orange, blue, and yellow.

After a while the young man noticed that the captain was staring at him.

"What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life?"

The older sailor replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"

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New Sailing Instructions

The GFS Sailing Committee is working on updating safety requirements for next season and has been working furiously to develop Sailing Instructions to reflect new trends including social media as well as other things. These changes will bring GFS into the 21st Century.

They have basically agreed on the following, with some details to be finalized:

- Constant 24/7 communication is required at all times;
- All yachts must have VHF, GPS, EPIRB and AIS all networked with Wi-Fi;
- Twitter feeds will be required from the rail, the bow and the cockpit;
- Waterproof smart phones will be required by each crew member;
- Facebook/MySpace/MyLife/ status must be updated for each crew member for each race;
- YouTube shall be updated with new video no later than one hour following a race;
- Navigation may be performed by crew consensus using the 'iNav' voting function ;
- Lifejackets must be worn in the car on the way to sailing and again on the way home.
- Tenders should be Bluetooth compatible and equipped with air bags;
- GFS Sailing Instructions will be available from the App Store;
- Compulsory LED Floodlighting for all Twilight competing boats;
- Protests will be conducted by video link from the boat as they occur.

Regards

***SC Chairperson
April 1, 2012***

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