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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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## *Editor's Comment.*

The Spring Twilight season has been completed with the smooth organisation we are coming to expect. The five divisions are working well. The selected starting sequence and course selections have generally been good giving all a good chance to do well under the handicap system (favoured Dolphin II this season due to good luck and new antifouling!!).



This issue features contributions from our commodore, sailing secretary, twilight captain and rear commodore for junior sailing. We have kept up the tradition and supported YOTS with a sail they are unlikely to forget in grey and rain, but in good spirit.

Increased focus on our junior sailors by the introduction of Laser 4.7 is a welcome initiative.

The summer series is again running with handicap starts until the Autumn series. Different challenges with a mix of divisions starting close together and the subsequent pursuit. Also a challenge for the handicap system.

Finally, this being the last issue before Christmas, the committee would like to thank our sponsors for their support (note the special offer by HH in the sponsor section) and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Johan  
Dolphin II  
Humbug Editor



From the December committee meeting – unfortunately not all could make it.

## *Commodore's Cockpit.*

Having been prompted by our editor, Johan, to write, I realise with some dismay that we are already in the lead up to Christmas. I am pleased to be able to report that we have had a reasonably uneventful 2011 season so far. The creation of a new division for the bigger boats has improved racing and been well received.

Work is continuing on our project of becoming a more internet accessible club. Proposals in the pipeline include allowing members to obtain copies of their safety certificate online, the ability to access their own membership information online and edit address and other details. More details will be provided as the project develops.

Our sponsors, BackVintage, Helly Hansen, Joe Walsh Rigging, McDiarmid Sails, Noakes, Oatley Wines and Waterbrook, have been very good to us. Each provides truly excellent products or services and each deserves our thanks and our patronage.

Seasons greetings to you all and to your families.

Regards

Gordon McGrath  
Commodore

## *Sailing Secretary's Report*

The sailing season is in full swing with Twilights, Saturday Keelboats, Sabots, junior Lasers and senior Lasers enjoying good racing.

Weather conditions have been variable and some of the heavier conditions require both skippers and crews to be extra vigilant. In our mixed yacht fleets this is especially important as boats of varying design behave quite differently. Always give time and opportunity for you and others to respond in a 'seamanlike manner' in the prevailing conditions.

The Saturday handicap start summer series has commenced and soon the Twilight fleets will have handicap starts. Keep clear of the start line until it is your turn to start. Given the vagaries of the breeze around our course it is important to let boats start without undue interference from boats waiting for a later start. Check the Sailing Instructions for the start procedure – your start is the appearance of your handicap number.

Saturday Spring series results are –

Etchells Combined – handicap

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|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Forte Forever   | Baker Boys      |
| 2 | Eggshells       | Michael Coleman |
| 3 | Young Obsession | Paul Stubbs     |

Etchells Class Scratch series

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|---|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Forte Forever | Baker Boys      |
| 2 | Eggshells     | Michael Coleman |
| 3 | WGARA         | Mal Blomfield   |

Mixed Division Yachts

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|---|----------|-----------------|
| 1 | Flair    | Phil Hare       |
| 2 | Scorpio  | John Moffatt    |
| 3 | Kirralaa | Jefferson Smith |

A reminder for Down Harbour events is to keep to the East of the Channel Marker off Bradleys Head – this is a stipulated condition of the GFS Aquatic Licence. Also Shark Island is a required mark for courses which go to Manly, Lady Bay and Nielsen Park.

It seems that shipping movements in and out of Gore Cove are becoming more frequent on Saturdays. Ferries and commercial shipping are have exclusion zones which need to be adhered to. Ferries report breaches to clubs and this can then become a DSQ result in a race. Again, vigilance, caution and avoidance are required.

I wish everyone the compliments off the season and enjoyable summer racing and cruising (with hopefully better weather than recently).

pH  
Flair

## *Twilights - "It was the Twilight before Christmas....!"*

### ***Dear Twilights***

It was the Twilight before Christmas and all along the wharf, everyone was stirring .....The start of the Summer Pursuit Series has treated us to a variety on conditions. No wind....rain....no wind and rain. Despite this it is great to see how many still race and come back to share the evening on the pontoon.

The pursuit format does not appeal to all, however there has been some very close racing and very tight finishes with friendly rivals doing battle once again.





## Starters

Our new starters Luke and Grace have been doing their best with their challenging new role. Last week proved to be particularly difficult with a large number of boats finishing at the same time. Please assist the starters if you finish blanketed by other boats by telling them where you finished. Similarly let them know if you sail across the line without completing the course.

## Yots

This was our fourteenth anniversary of supporting YOTS (Youth Off The Streets). Once again thank you to all who helped make the night a success. The kids always love it and it is a great opportunity to share the privilege of our Twilights.

## Club Spirit

I sometimes enjoy sailing at other clubs but always enjoy coming home to our humble club. We may not have the expensive facilities and three hat catering of some of the other clubs but we do have something very special that keeps bringing us back week after week and year after year. We all contribute to this in our own way and this is what ties us together as a club. I often look to people like Keith Tierney, Mick York, John Wood and Hans Kannegeiter, who continue to do what they enjoy, continue to live life to the full and are out there each week sailing. They are a lesson and inspiration to us all.



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

Wishing you and your families a safe and merry Christmas....look forward to catching up with you in the new year.

Regards  
Michael Armati  
Twilight Captain


## Junior Sailing Sabots and Laser 4.7 Report

Some of you may be aware that our Junior sailing fleet this year expanded by the addition of 6 Laser 4.7's. For those of you unfamiliar with the Laser 4.7 Rig, it is a shorter mast that uses a shorter and raked lower mast section. It provides a sail that is around 2/3rds the size of standard laser rig.


Nearly all of our senior sabots sailors from last year made the change which was facilitated by replacing the old laser rack that was removed around 5 years ago. This was achieved through Al McIver's skillful realigning of equipment and dinghy storage so that now we have extra boat space.

Whilst it would have been good to get a second two and spinnaker junior class at GFS we didn't have the capacity to house the extra class in the club. So we selected the 4.7 as the next class as it logistically fits into our GFS fleet offering and makes maximum use of our existing boat storage set up. Additionally It will see the kids progress though the 4.7 to the radial rig and eventually to a full rig and I can already see that it won't be long before the current crop of kids will be going head to head against the senior lasers.

**Current Specifications**



Laser 4.7



Class Symbol

<b>Crew</b>	1
<b>LOA</b>	4.2 m (13 ft 9 in)
<b>LWL</b>	3.81 m (12 ft 6 in)
<b>Beam</b>	1.39 m (4 ft 7 in)
<b>Draft</b>	0.787 m (2 ft 7.0 in)
<b>Hull weight</b>	58.97 kg (130.0 lb)
<b>Mainsail area</b>	4.7 m <sup>2</sup> (51 sq ft)

**Current Specifications**



The Laser Standard



Class Symbol

<b>Crew</b>	1
<b>LOA</b>	4.2 m (13 ft 9 in)
<b>LWL</b>	3.81 m (12 ft 6 in)
<b>Beam</b>	1.39 m (4 ft 7 in)
<b>Draft</b>	0.787 m (2 ft 7.0 in)
<b>Hull weight</b>	58.97 kg (130.0 lb)
<b>Mainsail area</b>	7.06 m <sup>2</sup> (76.0 sq ft)



This season we have been running four class divisions, Laser 4.7, Sabots one up and Sabots two up and senior lasers - or Gurus. With starts commencing at 1.30, 2.00 and then at something approximating 3.30 or whenever the last of Gurus straggles in.

It's a busy afternoon and plenty of logistics involved in getting everything to work. A number of the 4.7 lasers have been "hot boating" – the act of rerigging with the larger sail after junior sailing to facilitate competition in the Gurus by a parent. We have welcomed Ray Vaughan, Simon McDonald, Michael Stoddart and Ian (Helmut) Suthers to regular guru starts. There is some chance they may also be joined by Deb Talbot, Liz Imlay or even occasionally the undersigned. This could ultimately see 20 full rig lasers in the later afternoon fleet.

The sabots this season has seen most of the boys and some of the girls move to sailing one up. The strength of the wind has been up and this has seen many of them challenged as they are still all pretty light. So most of them have been working on the development of heavy weather boat handling skills as well as capsize and recovery. I am very happy to say that they are all improving and doing well!

The Laser 4.7's have also been practicing their boat handling skills and capsizing has been a common denominator there too. They seem to come ashore happy even though on the water they have been looking a little "wide eyed" from time to time. But as we are all aware this is part of the exhilaration of sailing.

This season we have been using Top Yacht software to record the results and handicaps for the Junior fleets and results are now regularly updated on the website Thanks to Harvey Porter and Karen Whithead for all the work on this, it is great to see and a significant effort to get this set up.

The summer break for the junior fleets starts after December 18, which is the last club championship and BBQ for 2011. We will back on deck on Sunday February 5. But in the meantime I am expecting that at least some of the junior lasers and Sabots will be used during the school holidays.

Rich Imlay

Rear Commodore: Junior Sailing

## Memberships



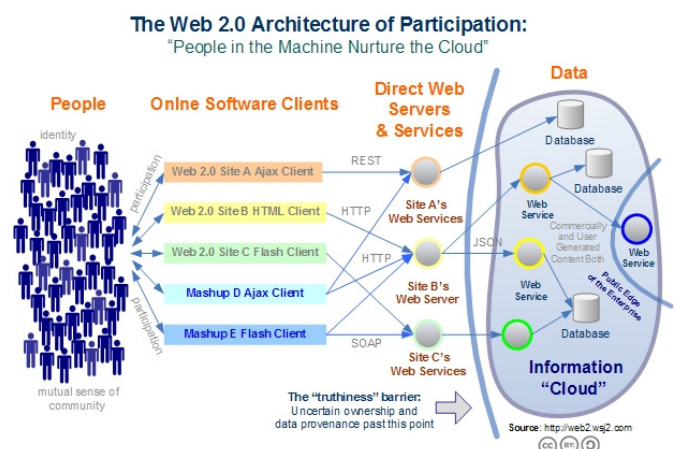
Just a quick update on progress with a new Club Computer Program. Dion Weston has been marvellous and contributed considerable time to this project. GFS has employed an IT contractor to set it all up using robust . Each member will be able to access their details via the Internet through a secure password interface and keep them updated whenever they wish. Ultimately in 2012 the system will be used to generate an online equivalent of the paper membership

renewal form we fill out each year. This form will be dependent on members contact details being correct in order for them to receive an automatically emailed annual renewal account. Thus saving time and money. We are now in a trial mode and expect to move over to using the new programme early next year.

Happy sailing

Roger Gee

Membership Sec.



# Food on Boat ideas



Summer is upon us and it's the season for entertaining on your boat! Entertaining is challenging enough ashore, but on a boat, organization, planning and make ahead dishes are critical! With the abundance of fresh vegetables, it's easy to make simple delicious salads ahead of time. Something to think about this summer!

## **Mushroom salad**

This salad is great with grilled meats and very flexible. If you can't get fresh mushrooms, try this with canned button mushrooms (just drain and rinse). I like adding sliced red peppers, black olives, hard boiled egg slices or a little Swiss cheese to this salad.

1/2 kg fresh mushrooms (any kind)

1/4 cup olive oil

3 tbsp white wine vinegar or other vinegar such as: sherry vinegar, raspberry vinegar, balsamic or Japanese rice wine vinegar

2 tbsp capers

Pinch of hot paprika, cayenne pepper or piment d'esplet (from Basque region)

Salt and pepper to taste

1 large head butter, Boston or romaine lettuce

1 tbsp fresh chives, thyme, rosemary, parsley or cilantro chopped (or use a teaspoon of dried Italian herbs or herbs de Provence)

Wash, slice and marinate mushrooms in oil, vinegar, capers and spices for one or two hours in refrigerator (or marinate 30 minutes at room temperature). Arrange cleaned lettuce on a plate and mound marinated mushrooms on top of lettuce. Garnish with fresh herbs

## **Celery Salad**

Celery and blue cheese are delightful partners in this crisp, tangy salad. Try this salad with Swiss cheese if blue cheese is not to your taste.

2 cups sliced celery

1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese

4 tbsp olive oil

1 tbsp tarragon or other white vinegar

Salt and pepper to taste

Fresh tarragon or chives (optional)

Mix oil, vinegar or lemon juice and salt and pepper. Toss with celery and blue cheese. Garnish with fresh tarragon or chives.

*Not tasted so try these at your peril!!!*

Any other cooking suggestion will be welcome .

Ed.

# Definitions

## Satellite Navigation:

Sophisticated electronic method that enables sailors to instantly determine the exact latitude and longitude, to within a few meters, anywhere on the surface of the earth, of whatever it was they just ran aground on.

Remember the restored Gypsy Moth hitting a reef in the Pacific using large scale and missing the important details!!!

For interest I turned on tracking on a GPS unit during the last twilight race (red division).

The trace is shown below with some comments. Interesting to see the effect of the wind shifts and "tactical" decisions. Maybe satellite navigation is a good learning tool??



Pretty amazing technology!

Ed

## Club Rules

A heads up from the committee that the club house rules have been brought up to date and will be published on the GFS web site shortly.

Ed



## *Junior Sailing.*

Useful information can be obtained from the following websites:

<http://www.gfs.org.au>

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

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

*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 warnings 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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