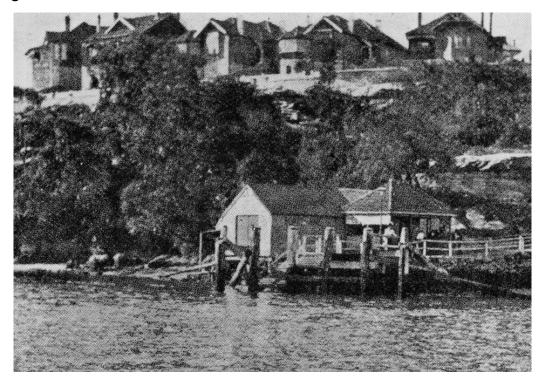


The Alternate GFS Newsletter

Edition 1 June 2022

Club Working Bee



As you can see, several aspects of the GFS Clubhouse (and assets) are clearly in need of their annual spruce up. Your attendance for an hour or two will be appreciated at the GFS Annual Working Bee on

Saturday, August 13 from 9.00am

2022 West Harbour Winter Series - Remaining Races

Sunday	June 19	Race 2
Sunday	July 3	Race 3
Sunday	July 17	Race 4
Sunday	July 31	Race 5
Sunday	August 14	Race 6
Sunday	August 28	Race 7

GFS AGM

The 2022 Annual General Meeting of Greenwich Flying Squadron Inc. will be held at the Clubhouse on

Tuesday 12 July 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

A formal notice of meeting will be sent by GFS Secretary, James Kearney in due course.

Season 2021 – 2022 Wrap

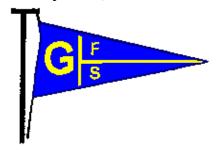
Trophy and Shield winners $2021-2022\ Season-Well$ done to the recipients.

Sail #	Boat	Skipper	Trophy
6904	AURORA	Jeff Lewis	Winter Series Black Division Trophy
2501	BEWARE OF THE DOG!	Terry Daly	Winter Series 'GFS Red' Division Trophy
3127	CAPRIOLE	Geof Lucas	Winter Series Green Division Trophy
1531	FLAIR	Phil Hare	Ian Cohen Memorial Trophy
4150	FRENCH CONNECTION	Mike Murphy	Balmain and Allan Trophy
7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Winter Series Black Division Trophy
7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Joe Walsh Rigging Trophy – Blue Division (1)
MH117	HIGHLAND GHOST	James Douglas	Gore Creek Trophy
3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Joe Walsh Rigging Trophy – Red Division (3)
5673	ON Y VA!	Bruce Hilliard	Mick York Series Trophy
5673	ON Y VA!	Bruce Hilliard	Greenwitch Yardstick Trophy
5673	ON Y VA!	Bruce Hilliard	Crows Nest Ship Chandlers Pty Ltd Trophy
6694	PACA	Greg Jacques/ Andrew Wise	Joe Walsh Rigging Trophy – Red Division (3)
6694	PACA	Greg Jacques/ Andrew Wise	John Dowd Trophy
7130	PASSION X	David Edmiston	GFS 12ft Flying Squadron Perpetual Winter Series Trophy
KA125	PEA JAY	David Dossetor	Mayor's Trophy
4115	PEJO LARK	Warren Richards	Cavalier 28 Association Trophy
AUS759	TISM	Ritchie Lees / Michael Coleman	Joe Walsh Rigging Trophy – White Division (2)
AUS759	TISM	Ritchie Lees/ Michael Coleman	Frank Crowe Etchells Trophy
AUS1125	TONIC	Malcolm Blomfield	Frank Crowe Etchells Trophy
		James Kearney	Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Trophy
MH117	HIGHLAND GHOST	James Douglas	Commodores Shield Orange Division
5673	ON Y VA	Bruce Hilliard	Commodores Shield Gold Division
3608	JOKA	Cec Williams	Commodores Shield White Division
R7	WIND CHARMER	Peter Francis	Commodores Shield Green Division
4150	FRENCH CONNECTION	Mike Murphy	Commodores Shield Blue Division
7600	UTOPIA	John Amos	Commodores Shield Black Division
M101	MISTRESS	Jane Gardner	Van Bellen Shield – Womens' Helm Series



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2022 - 2023

Season Program

For

Yacht Divisions

Club Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except January), commencing at 1930 hours.

Entries

Year	Month	Day	Date	Final Date for Series Entries	
	August	Saturday	27	Saturday Series	
	Contombor	Saturday 3		Down Harbour Series	
2022	September	Wednesday	21	Twilight Series	
	November	Saturday	9	Saturday Summer Series	
	November	Wednesday	23	Twilight Summer Series	

Important Club Events

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event				
	August	Saturday	13	Woking Bee - GFS Clubhouse				
		Saturday	20	Equipment Audits Saturday Yachts				
		Saturday	27	Equipment Audits Appointment only				
2022	September	Saturday	17	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts Day 1				
		Sunday	25	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts Day 2				
	September	Wednesday	29	Compulsory Skippers' Meeting				
2022	May	Saturday	27	Prize presentation from 1500 hrs				
2023	July	Tuesday	13	AGM				

Race entries via (TES) - TopYacht Entry System - TBA

Unless there is substantial change to Covid 19 restrictions sailing at GFS will proceed as normal, competitors in GFS events are to follow both the club and government prescriptions related to participation, gathering, sanitation and safety.

Crew lists are to be entered into TopYacht prior to each race in which the yacht competes.

Special and West Harbour Combined Series

All Yachts registered for the Saturday and Twilight Series are eligible to enter the Saturday Down Harbour Series and Saturday Mick York Trophy Series.

The *Mick York Trophy Series* will run in conjunction with the regular Saturday Series Races. The starting sequence will begin at **1315 hours** for all Saturday Series races.

Down Harbour Series Races are sponsored by Joe Walsh Rigging.

West Harbour Winter Series, 2022

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event	Other Information
	li un a	Sunday	5	WH Winter Series Race 1	
	June	Sunday	19	WH Winter Series Race 2	Dates for the combined
	July	Sunday	3	WH Winter Series Race 3	Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club and
2022		Sunday	17	WH Winter Series Race 4	Greenwich Flying Squadron
		Sunday	31	WH Winter Series Race 5	West Harbour Winter Series
	August	Sunday	14	WH Winter Series Race 6	are subject to change .
	August	Sunday	28	WH Winter Series Race 7	

Joe Walsh Rigging Down Harbour Series

Year	Month	Date	Event
	September	10	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1
2022	October	15	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2
2022	November	12	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3
	December	10	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4
	January	14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 5
2023	February	11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6
	March	11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 7
	April	15	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8

Mick York Trophy Races

Year	Month	Date	Event
	September	24	Mick York Trophy Series Race 1
2022	October	29	Mick York Trophy Series Race 2
	November	26	Mick York Trophy Series Race 3
	January	21	Mick York Trophy Series Race 4
2023	February	25	Mick York Trophy Series Race 5
2023	March	25	Mick York Trophy Series Race 6
	April	29	Mick York Trophy Series Race 7

West Harbour Summer Series, 2023

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event	Other Information
	1	Sunday	15	WH Summer Series Race 1	Dates for the combined
	January	Sunday	29	WH Summer Series Race 2	Balmain Sailing Club,
2023	2023 February	Sunday	12	WH Summer Series Race 3	Drummoyne Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying
2023		Sunday	26	WH Summer Series Race 4	Squadron West Harbour
	March	Sunday	12	WH Summer Series Race 5	Summer Series are subject
	ivialCII	Sunday	26	WH Summer Series Race 6	to change.

Twilight Series

The Twilight Starting Sequence will begin at **1735 hours** for all races which start at the GFS Clubhouse. **VHF 72** will give the countdown at the start and will be monitored during races.

Yachts are to keep clear of the starting box exclusion zone until 5 minutes prior to the start time of their division.

If conditions are deemed appropriate, races may start from the club launch. **Code flag "Q"** (yellow pennant) will be flown from the clubhouse flag mast. The start sequence will begin at 1745 hours.

Year	Month	Date	Event	Notes
		17	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts	
	September	25	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts	
		28	Skippers' Meeting	
		2	Daylight Saving Commences	
		5	Spring Race 1	
	Ootobox	12	Spring Race 2	
	October	19	Spring Race 3	
		26	Spring Race 4	
		30	Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balma	ain Sailing Club
0000		2	Spring Race 5	
2022		9	Spring Race 6	
	November	16	Spring Race 7	
		23	Spring Race 8	
		30	Spring Race 9	
	December	7	Summer Race 1	
		14	Summer Race 2 and YOTS @ GFS	
		21	Summer Race 3	
		28	Christmas Break – New Year break	
		4	Summer Race 4	
		11	Summer Race 5	Women's Helm Race
	January	18	Summer Race 6	Women's Helm Race
		25	Summer Race 7	Women's Helm Race
		26	186 th Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour – r	no GFS race
		1	Autumn Race 1 – GFS Aus Day Regatta Race	
	Eshwam,	8	Autumn Race 2	
2023	February	15	Autumn Race 3	
		22	Autumn Race 4	
		1	Autumn Race 5	
		8	Autumn Race 6	
	March	15	Autumn Race 7	
		22	Autumn Race 8	
		29	Autumn Race 9	
	April	2	Daylight Saving Ends	

Other Events (* may have impact on the area in which GFS could sail)

Year	Month	Date	Event	Notes
	October	30	Balmain Regatta	Entries to BSC
	November	TBA	MHYC Seven Island Race *	Possibly 27th
2022		6 - 12	Sail Sydney Regatta Woollahra Sailing Club *	Main Harbour
	December	10 - 11	CYCA Classic Yacht Regatta *	Main Harbour
		15 - 17	Sail GP *	Main Harbour
	lonuoni	TBA	MHYC Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup *	Possibly 15th
	January	26	187 th Australia Day Regatta	Main Harbour
2023	February	12	RANSA Regatta	Main Harbour
2023	March	TBA	Sydney Harbour Regatta *	Possibly 5 th and 6 th
	April	3 - 9	Sail Port Stephens 2023	PSYC
	October	29	Balmain Regatta	Entries to BSC

Saturday and Down Harbour Keelboat Series

The starting sequence will begin at 1315 hours for all Saturday Series.

Races will start from the club launch when **code flag "Q"** (yellow pennant) is flown from the clubhouse flag mast, otherwise the start will be from the clubhouse.

VHF 72 will give the countdown at the start and will be monitored during races and used to communicate with yachts.

Year	Month	Date	Event	Other				
	August	20	Equipment Audits Saturday Yachts					
	August	27	Equipment Audits Saturday Yachts					
		3	Spring Race1					
		10	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1					
	September	17	Spring Race 2					
		24	Spring Race 3	MY Race 1				
		28	Skippers' Meeting					
		1	Long Weekend – No Race Daylight Saving Commences – Sunday October 2	2				
		8	Spring Race 4					
	October	15	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2					
		22	Spring Race 5					
2022		29	Spring Race 6	MY Race 2				
		30	Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sa	iling Club				
		5	Spring Race 7					
	November	12	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3					
		19	Spring Race 8					
		26	Spring Race 9	MY Race 3				
		3	Summer Race 1					
		10	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4					
	December	17	Summer Race 2					
		24 31	Christmas and New Year Break					
		7	Summer Race 3					
		14	Joe Walsh Down - Harbour Race 5					
	January	21	Summer Race 4	MY Race 4				
	,	26	187 th Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour					
		28	Summer Race 5 - GFS Saturday Australia Day Rac	 ce				
-		4	Autumn Race 1					
		11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6					
	February	18	Autumn Race 2					
		25	Autumn Race 3	MY Race 5				
2023		4	Autumn Race 4	1				
		11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 7					
	March	18	Autumn Race 5					
		25	Autumn Race 6	MY Race 6				
F		1	Autumn Race 7	•				
		2	Daylight Saving ends					
	A: 1	8	Easter – No Race					
	April	15	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8					
		22	Autumn Race 8					
		29	Autumn Race 9	MY Race 6				

Safety Inspections

For the 2022 – 2023 season you will require an equipment audit by an accredited Equipment Auditor.

Audits will be held at the GFS clubhouse at the nominated times in the club Sailing Program.

Prior to your inspection download and complete the audit form from the GFS website and have the equipment laid out in the cockpit and cabin before presenting your yacht for the audit.

Details of the required equipment can be found in the following publication.



https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/uoa1gvknbxk0adjq.pdf

Racing Rules of Sailing

If needed the 2021 – 2024 RRS can be downloaded using the following link.



https://www.sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/racing-rules/

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Website and Facebook

It is important to regularly check the GFS website for important club information. The site is the vehicle for communicating changes to procedures and upcoming events. Notices, changes, results, instructions, season programs and race entry details are communicated via the website - https://gfs.org.au/

The GFS Facebook page is for members to share stories, photographs, alerts and events relevant to club and wider community events - https://www.facebook.com/groups/138966136751023/.

Our 'Local' History - Did you know?

Did you know - Cockatoo Island was not open to the public prior to 2007?

In 2000 an Aboriginal rights group set up camp on the island. The group was a branch of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, which has occupied land outside Old Parliament House in Canberra since 1972. The Tent Embassy submitted a land claim under the Native Title Act 1993 and rejected the Commonwealth's sovereignty over the island. The group stated that when Captain Cook claimed Australia for the Commonwealth, he did not specify Cockatoo Island. The High Court of Australia refused the Tent Embassy's application on March 13, 2001, and the group peacefully left the island after four months of settling there.

Did you know - Woolwich Dock was once the largest dry dock in Australia?

On 4 December 1901, Woolwich Dock was officially opened and used for the repair and fitting-out of large ships. For more than 50 years, Morts Dock and Engineering Company operated the dock. During World War I and II, the dock was filled with passenger vessels being converted to troopships, as well as damaged ships that needed repairing. This industrial activity led to new housing developments, as well as the construction of the Woolwich Pier Hotel.

It was purchased by the Army in 1963 for its water-based transport operations until moving to Townsville in 1997.

Did you know - Goat Island was once inhabited by Bennelong and Barangaroo?

The island is known as Me-Mel (meaning eye) by the local Cadigal people.

In the 1800s, the island was used as a home for convict work gangs.

The Queen's Magazine was built in the 1830s by convicts using sandstone quarried from the eastern side of the island. It was used to store explosives. There are other heritage buildings which were formerly the Harbour Master's residence, barracks, cooperage and kitchen.

Later, Goat Island was the site of the first water police station and harbour fire brigade. It has been used as a set for a television show (Water Rats) and has hosted several concerts (Midnight Oil, Kings of Leon)

Goat Island is now part of the Sydney Harbour National Park. In 2016, the NSW government announced its intention to return management of Goat Island to the Aboriginal people of New South Wales. The current NSW Government is beginning the official transfer process for the return of Me-Mel Island.

Did you know - There are 8 Islands in Sydney Harbour?

As well there are 5 'peninsulas' that used to be islands.

The Harbour Islands are - Cockatoo Island, Spectacle Island, Snapper Island, Goat Island, Rodd Island, Fort Denison, Clark Island and Shark Island.

There are 5 islands that have been reclaimed and are now part of the Sydney mainland. They are - Berry Island, Glebe Island, Darling Island, Bennelong Point and Garden Island.

As well. there is conjecture as to whether Rocky Point Island at Balmoral is actually an island.

Etchells

In 1965, Yachting Magazine launched a competition to select a new three-man Olympic keelboat. E. W. "Skip" Etchells, built a wooden boat *Shillalah*, taking her to Kiel, Germany, where the trials were to be held. *Shillalah* performed well at the trials, winning eight of the ten races. Despite these results the judges were unable to decide which boat and a second set of trials were held in Travemünde the following year. For these trials Etchells rebuilt the boat in fiberglass, using the original *Shillalah* as a plug. As with the first trials, *Shillalah II* dominated the races, winning ten out of the thirteen that were held. At the completion of the trials the judges chose the Soling over *Shillalah II*, in spite of her success in the races.

Shortly after the boat entered production with orders for an initial 12 boats. With the formation of a new association the class became known as the E22, and 32 boats were built by the end of 1969.

In Australia, within a year of receiving the moulds from the USA, Savage Fibreglass Industries had built 30 boats, and continued to build Etchells until 1980 by which time 127 boats had been built. In 1981, Pamcraft was granted the Etchells licence in Australia and during the next 10 years built 200 Etchells. From 1991 until 1996 Bashford Boat Builders built 111 boats and since 1996 Pacesetter Etchells Pty Ltd has been the Australian builder.

The E22 was recognised as an international class by the International Yacht Racing Union in 1974 and the name was changed to "International Etchells" in 1990.

Currently, GFS has 13 Etchells sailing regularly in Twilights and/or Saturdays – *Adrenaline, Chloe, Echiban, Etesian, Finesse, Gem, Meerkat, Oman, Pacific Edge, Standown, TISM, Tonic* and *WTF*. Maybe time to resurrect the GFS Old Etchells Series. What a sight it would be if they all sailed in Saturday races!

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A sailor walks into a bar with a ship's steering wheel in his pants. The bartender says: "Hey, did you know you've got a steering wheel in your pants?" The sailor replies – "yes, it's driving me nuts!"

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J24 - Jaytripper, AUS 19 is for sale \$6000 contact Al McIver 0412 711 160



The J24 yacht was originally designed in 1975 by Rodney Johnstone and introduced to Australia in 1979.

There are over 5000 J24 boats worldwide.

Quick Rules Guide.

The following summary was developed by the ISAF so that sailors who are starting to race can compete using only these few rules and without the need to learn the many details of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). It was intended that these skippers would race separately to those racing under the RRS. However, a good summary.



Introductory Rules for Racing

Version 1.01 - February 2008

Some Explanations

Windward and Leeward: The leeward side of your boat is the side where your mainsail lies. The windward side is the other side.

Port and Starboard tack: You are on port or starboard tack according to your windward side.

Advisor: A person appointed by the race organizers to assist competitors in understanding the rules and, when appropriate, to penalize a boat.

Basic Rules

- You must comply with the principles of good sportsmanship.
- You must try not to collide with another boat.

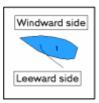
Rules When Boats Meet

- When you and the other boat are on opposite tacks, if you are on port tack you must avoid the boat on starboard tack.
- When you and the other boat are on the same tack, you must avoid the other boat
 - (a) if she is in front of you, or
 - (b) if she is on your leeward side.
- 5. After starting, when you and the other boat approach a mark or an object that both boats need to avoid, and the other boat is between you and the mark or other object, you must give her sufficient space to pass it safely on the same side. However, when the boats are on opposite tacks at a windward mark, this rule does not apply.
- When the other boat is required to avoid you, if you change course, you must give the other boat an adequate opportunity to avoid you.

Other Rules

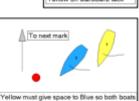
- At the starting signal you must be behind the starting line.
- 8. After the starting signal, you must sail the course described by the race organizers.
- You must not touch a mark of the course.
- 10. If you think you or another boat has broken a rule or if you are unclear about the rules at any time during the race, you must describe the incident to the advisor after the race. The advisor may then add two points to the score of any boat that has broken a rule. If the offence is serious, the advisor may add extra points to the boat's score.











From SASC News - June 2022 ex Harvey Porter - Northshore 33 - Out of Africa



Our Racing Secretary, David Pryke, is sailing Out of Africa in the winter series

2022 CYCA Winter Series – Division D – Pointscore up to race 6

Well done Irukandji for the results and representing GFS. Good Luck in the remaining races.

Boat	Skipper	Club	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Points
Whistling Kite	Kym Evans	CYCA	1	2	2	5	(6)	3	13
Irukandji	Stephen Nash	GFS	4	3	(7)	1	4	2	14
One More No More	lan Guanaria	CYCA	3	1	1	3	7	(8)	15

Rules in Focus – 19.2 (c) – A must for GFS competitors to understand and implement.

19 ROOM TO PASS AN OBSTRUCTION

19.2 Giving Room at an Obstruction

(c) While boats are passing a continuing obstruction, if a boat that was clear astern and required to keep clear becomes overlapped between the other boat and the obstruction and, at the moment the overlap begins, there is not room for her to pass between them, she is not entitled to room under rule 19.2(b). While the boats remain overlapped, she shall keep clear and rules 10 and 11 do not apply.

RRS Definitions which apply

Obstruction

An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also obstructions. However, a boat racing is not an obstruction to other boats unless they are required to keep clear of her or, if rule 23 applies, avoid her. A vessel under way, including a boat racing, is never a continuing obstruction.

Keep Clear

A boat keeps clear of a right-of-way boat

- (a) if the right-of-way boat can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and,
- (b) when the boats are overlapped, if the right-of-way boat can also change course in both directions without immediately making contact.

Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap

One boat is clear astern of another when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hull and equipment in normal position. The other boat is clear ahead. They overlap when neither is clear astern. However, they also overlap when a boat between them overlaps both. These terms always apply to boats on the same tack. They apply to boats on opposite tacks only when rule 18 applies between them or when both boats are sailing more than ninety degrees from the true wind.

