

# Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

Edition 4, September 2022

## GFS Sailing Calendar – September

September	3	Saturday Spring Race 1
	10	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1
	17	Saturday Spring Race 2 Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts
	24	Saturday Spring Race 3
	25	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts
	28	Skippers' Meeting -GFS Clubhouse

## Daylight Saving Commences

**Sunday, October 2**

## Thanks

Thanks to the Land Cove Sailing Club for the loan of the LCSC Rib and Rolf Lunsmann for driving it to allow Etchells to be checked on their moorings for their equipment audit.

**GFS Committee 2022 – 2023 Season.** They can be contacted via the GFS Website.

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*We acknowledge the Cammeraygal people of the Guringai nation, the traditional custodians of the lands and water on which we meet, and we pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

## WHWS – GFS point score Final (Race 3 was abandoned).

*Totals- include 1 dropped race (the abandoned race does not count)*

Division 1 (Yellow) Entrants Start: 11:30														WHWS
Sail No	Boat Name	First Name	Last Name	Design	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Place	Place
7130	PASSION X	David	Edmiston	Didi 40 Cr	4	15	ABN	8	3	5	6	26	1	6
7600	UTOPIA	John	Amos	Sydney 38	14	15	ABN	15	15	15	15	74	2	14

Division 2 (Blue) Entrants Start : 11:35														WHWS
Sail No	Boat Name	First Name	Last Name	Design	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Place	Place
AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT	Mark Jansons	Stuart Clark	Etchells	12	1	ABN	1	2	2	4	10	1	1
GBR32	JESTER	Tim	Harrington	Sydney 32	2	13	ABN	2	19	4	2	23	2	3
AUS1049	ETCHIBAN	Andrew	McCracken	Etchells	3	10	ABN	5	19	19	19	66	3	14
4113	SPEEDWELL	David Quail	John Moffat	Young 88	18	18	ABN	19	19	19	19	93	4=	16=
AUS872	JESTER	David	Kiddell	J70	18	18	ABN	19	19	19	19	93	4=	16=

Division 3 (Black) Entrants Start : 11:40														WHWS
Sail No	Boat Name	First Name	Last Name	Design	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Place	Place
3425	G-WHIZZ	Graeme	Davey	Elan 340	1	2	ABN	5	1	8	3	12	1	1
5673	ON Y VA!	Bruce	Hilliard	Robertson 950	4.7	10	ABN	1	3	1	4	12.8	2	2
6380	TANA	Pam	Joy	Jeanneau 32	9	1	ABN	3	15	6	1	20	3	3
7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John	Veale	Dehler 32	5	4	ABN	11	2	9	5	22	4	5
9500	WHIPLASH	Gary	McKay	Masrm 950	15	15	ABN	13	15	15	15	73	5	13

Division 4 (Green) Entrants Start : 11:45														WHWS
Sail No	Boat Name	First Name	Last Name	Design	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Place	Place
28	SALTY SEADOG II	Carl	Nicholls	Holland 30	8	3	ABN	6	3	7	4	21	1=	4
3608	JOKA	Cecil	Williams	Cavalier 28	6	4	ABN	7	5	4	6	24	2	6
3127	CAPRIOLE	Geoffrey	Lucas	Cavalier 28	15	8	ABN	1	4	16	16	44	3	7
4389	STREETFIGHTER	Ian	Smith	Peterson 30 Santana	15	16	ABN	16	16	16	16	79	4=	12=
7073	SERENDIPITY	Peter	May	Northshore 31	15	16	ABN	16	16	16	16	79	4=	12=

### WHWS Combined club results.

Well done to all GFS competitors in the 2022 combined clubs West Harbour Winter Series.

Great results for GFS yachts in Division 2 with **Whiskey Tango Foxtrot** 1<sup>st</sup> and **Jester** (GBR32) 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In Division 3 a clean sweep with **G-Whizz** 1<sup>st</sup>, **On Y Va!** 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Tana** 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Please Note -

The West Harbour Combined Clubs (Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Greenwich Flying Squadron and Parramatta River Sailing Club) have agreed to designate the WH Summer Race on Sunday 29th January, 2023 as the **West Harbour Combined Clubs Australia Day Regatta Race**. It may be possible to enter this race as a casual one-off entry.



**Whiskey, Tango, Foxtrot (WTF)** – Mark Jansons – WHWS Race 6 - Image courtesy Mark Palmer.

### 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/>.

### Overland Telegraph – 150 years.



Sir Charles Todd was Government Astronomer, Superintendent of Telegraphs and later Postmaster General of South Australia 1855-1906. He played an instrumental role in the construction of the Overland Telegraph between Adelaide and Darwin.

**Julian Todd**, GFS member and skipper of **Sweeney-Todd** is the great, great grandson of Sir Charles Todd.

The monument (pictured) is the Telegraph Memorial, which commemorates Sir Charles Todd (1826-1910) and is near the spot where the final join of the Overland Telegraph Line was made on 22nd August 1872. The monument also pays tribute to those who built the telegraph line and the explorer John Ross.

22nd August 2022 marked 150 years since the completion of the line with celebrations in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

There were over 40 descendants of Charles and Alice Todd at the 60th Henley on Todd Regatta in Alice Springs and to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the completion of the OTL.

**Here more from an interview with Julian on ABC Alice Springs Breakfast Radio (August 19) - [here](#)**

## Our 'Local' History – Did you know?

### Did you know there was a Uranium processing site at Hunters Hill?

From 1911 to 1915, although records are incomplete, it is estimated that some 2,000 tonnes of uranium ore was transported from Radium Hill in South Australia to Hunters Hill. No more than 1-2 grams of radium was produced, along with several tonnes of uranium oxide by-product. Radium is a radioactive element from the decay of uranium and has a high radioactive intensity due to its half-life of 1601 years. At the time, radium was worth around £300,000 per ounce compared to gold which was only £4 per ounce.



After it was abandoned in 1915 the plant was converted to a tin smelter which operated until 1966. The smelter processed alluvial tin ore that also contained uranium and thorium-bearing monazite minerals. Radioactive waste remained in the slag from the smelting process which was left on-site. Several properties on Nelson Parade (5, 7, 9 and 11), adjoining Fern Bay, were built on the land contaminated by the uranium processing plant, tin smelter and disposed waste.

Years of negotiations resulted in 2009 with the NSW Government agreeing to a thorough clean-up of the land. Thousands of tonnes of contaminated dirt, slag and uranium tailings from the site were to be removed.

### Did you know there was an oil spill in Gore Cove?



The Shell Company of Australia distribution and storage depot at Greenwich, was started in 1903 as John Fell and Company Ltd, oil refiners, blenders and distributors.

The Terminal is currently used for the import, storage and transfer of oil products. It supplies crude oil and finished petroleum products via a 19 km underground pipeline to Shell's Clyde facility at Rosehill.

On 3 August 1999 the Laura D'Amato, a 96,121 DWT Italian registered oil tanker, was berthed at the Gore Cove terminal discharging its cargo of light crude oil. Between 6.26 pm and 6.50 pm an estimated 250 to 300 tonnes of crude oil was accidentally pumped into Sydney Harbour through an open sea valve. This was the largest ship-sourced oil spill in Sydney Harbour.

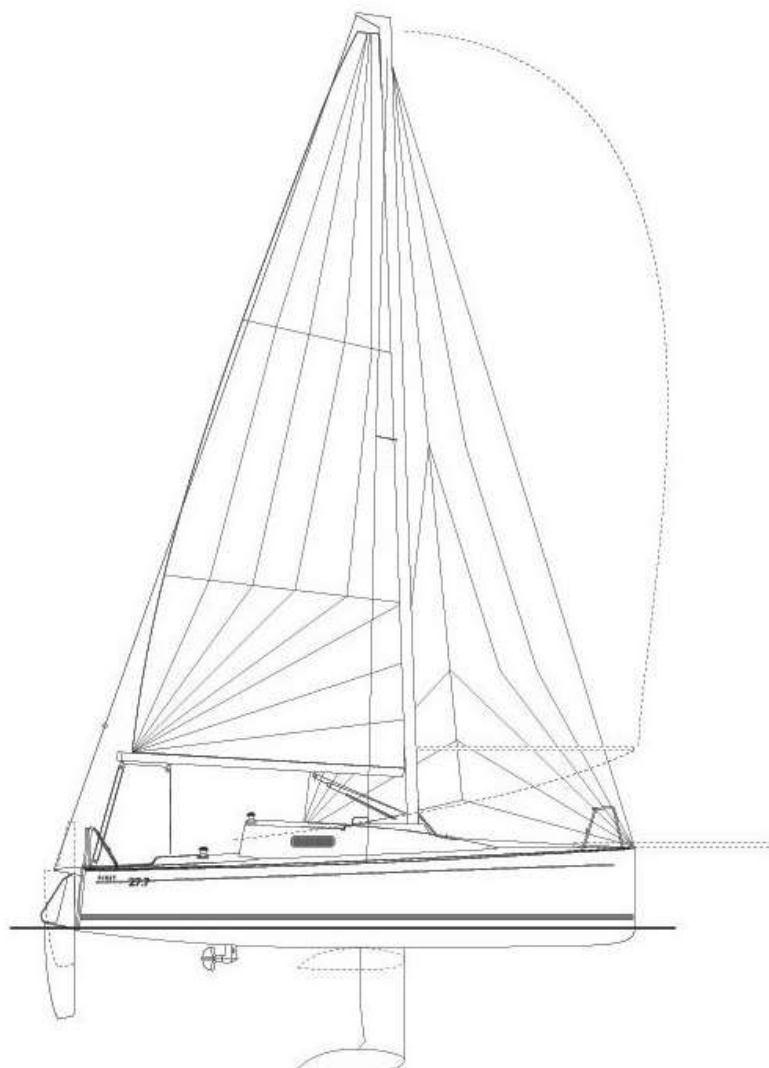
## Beneteau 27.7



***Paca*** – Andrew Wise / Greg Jacques.

There are currently 3 Beneteau 27.7s sailing in the GFS fleet – ***Amateau***, ***Paca*** and ***Vitesse***.

***Paca*** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NlveRz8aXjo>



## Rules in Focus – RRS Section B - GENERAL LIMITATIONS

### RRS 17 ON THE SAME TACK; PROPER COURSE

If a boat clear astern becomes overlapped within two of its hull lengths to leeward of a boat on the same tack, it shall not sail above its proper course while they remain on the same tack and overlapped within that distance, unless in doing so it promptly sails astern of the other boat. This rule does not apply if the overlap begins while the windward boat is required by rule 13 to keep clear.

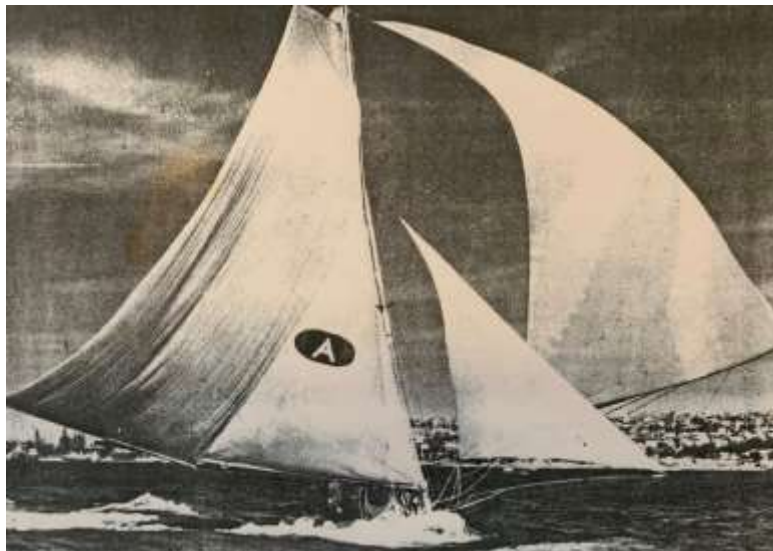
### RRS 13 WHILE TACKING

After a boat passes head to wind, it shall keep clear of other boats until it is on a close-hauled course. During that time rules 10, 11 and 12 do not apply. If two boats are subject to this rule at the same time, the one on the other's port side or the one astern shall keep clear.

## **Ajax**

From the Australian National Maritime Museum – **Ajax** is an example of the 12-foot skiff class and was built at Berrys Bay by brothers Don and Les Barnett in Sydney in 1950.

The Barnett's sailed **Ajax** until 1954 when the Notley brothers bought the skiff which they raced until the end of the 1959 sailing season, during this time it was runner up in 1956 and 1959 Australian Championships. **Ajax** won the NSW championship four times and was Greenwich Flying Squadron Club Champion from 1951 to 1956. In the late 1950s it twice represented NSW in the Interdominion events raced between NSW, Queensland and New Zealand for 12' long skiffs of different classes. All this was achieved with a gunter rig and cotton sails.



The Notley Brothers last sailed **Ajax** at GFS in the 1970s.

**Ajax** had not been sailed for few years and was stored in owner John Notley's garage at his retirement village. Early in 2011 **Ajax** was rigged up with the original spars and sails and put on display each day at the 51st Interdominion 12' Skiff event held at Hunters Hill Sailing Club.

**Ajax** remains as the outstanding 12-foot skiff to represent Greenwich Flying Squadron, which had been one of the major clubs in the 12-Foot Skiff class until the 1980s.

**Ajax** is now at the ANMM (not displayed).

## Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

### SEPTEMBER

	Time	m		Time	m
<b>1</b>	0505	0.40	<b>16</b>	0542	0.58
	1127	1.54		1216	1.52
TH	1736	0.51	FR	1855	0.60
	2337	1.43			
<b>2</b>	0544	0.46	<b>17</b>	0043	1.15
	1214	1.55		0621	0.66
FR	1835	0.55	SA	1305	1.47
				2000	0.65
<b>3</b>	0031	1.31	<b>18</b>	0145	1.07
	0630	0.53		0715	0.73
SA	1308	1.56	SU	1403	1.43
	1946	0.57	●	2115	0.66
<b>4</b>	0138	1.21	<b>19</b>	0307	1.05
	0727	0.60		0828	0.76
SU	1414	1.57	MO	1514	1.42
●	2111	0.55		2225	0.62
<b>5</b>	0302	1.16	<b>20</b>	0428	1.09
	0840	0.63		0944	0.75
MO	1528	1.61	TU	1621	1.45
	2231	0.47		2321	0.56
<b>6</b>	0427	1.18	<b>21</b>	0524	1.16
	0957	0.60		1047	0.69
TU	1640	1.70	WE	1717	1.51
	2337	0.36			
<b>7</b>	0535	1.26	<b>22</b>	0005	0.49
	1106	0.52		0607	1.23
WE	1743	1.80	TH	1139	0.62
				1802	1.58
<b>8</b>	0031	0.26	<b>23</b>	0042	0.42
	0630	1.36		0643	1.31
TH	1207	0.43	FR	1222	0.54
	1838	1.89		1842	1.64
<b>9</b>	0119	0.18	<b>24</b>	0114	0.37
	0718	1.45		0716	1.39
FR	1301	0.35	SA	1301	0.47
	1928	1.93		1918	1.68
<b>10</b>	0203	0.15	<b>25</b>	0145	0.32
	0803	1.53		0748	1.46
SA	1352	0.29	SU	1340	0.41
○	2015	1.91		1954	1.69
<b>11</b>	0244	0.15	<b>26</b>	0215	0.29
	0847	1.58		0822	1.54
SU	1442	0.28	MO	1420	0.37
	2100	1.83	●	2030	1.68
<b>12</b>	0323	0.20	<b>27</b>	0245	0.29
	0930	1.61		0857	1.61
MO	1530	0.31	TU	1501	0.34
	2144	1.71		2110	1.63
<b>13</b>	0400	0.28	<b>28</b>	0318	0.31
	1012	1.62		0934	1.66
TU	1618	0.37	WE	1546	0.34
	2227	1.56		2151	1.55
<b>14</b>	0434	0.38	<b>29</b>	0353	0.36
	1052	1.61		1015	1.69
WE	1707	0.45	TH	1635	0.37
	2309	1.40		2237	1.45
<b>15</b>	0507	0.48	<b>30</b>	0430	0.43
	1133	1.57		1059	1.69
TH	1759	0.53	FR	1730	0.41
	2353	1.26		2329	1.34

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