

Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

Edition 5, October 2022

Daylight Saving Commences

Sunday, October 2

GFS Sailing Calendar – October

October 2022	1	Long Weekend – No Race
	5	Twilight Spring Race 1
	8	Saturday Spring Race 4
	12	Twilight Spring Race 2
	15	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2
	19	Twilight Spring Race 3
	22	Saturday Spring Race 5
	26	Twilight Spring Race 4
	29	Saturday Spring Race 6 and Mick York Series Race 2
	30	Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club

On the GFS website – Sailing – Racing Information

2022 - 2023 Sailing Season

Entry details – all yacht divisions - <https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1583>

Equipment Audit form

Season Program

Saturday Course Sheet

Sailing Instructions

GFS Safety Card

Twilight Course Sheet

Well done David Leslie GFS Safety Officer

The compulsory Skippers Briefing was excellent. Information provided by David with input from Nick Murphy, Holly Charalambous and Mike Murphy was important and a requirement of our use of the harbour for racing. The GFS committee has responsibility to provide certain things including an operational plan, risk management plan and safety information. Skippers also have a responsibility under our 'Aquatic Licence'. These regulations are spelt out in the conditions accompanying our licence.

Please take the time to read through and follow the conditions related to our licence on the [GFS Website – Sailing – Yacht Racing Information – 2022 – 2023 SENS – SENS Conditions](#) or on this [link](#).

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.

The Balmain Regatta – Sunday. October 30

One of Sydney's oldest sporting events, the Balmain Regatta, was first held in 1849 and continued until 1934 when it was discontinued. In 1994, it was brought back by the Wooden Boat Association and hosted at the Balmain Sailing Club as a part of its Spring Series.

In 1997, the Balmain Regatta was granted the recognition that such an historic event deserves and was run as a separate event, jointly organised by the Balmain Sailing Club and the Wooden Boat Association. Now it is run by the Balmain Sailing Club, in association with other sailing clubs and community organisations.

It is a celebration of sailing on the Western Harbour and recognition of Balmain's maritime heritage.

Schedule of activities

- **10am:** Club premises opens.
- **11am:** first sailing divisions start. Ferry service for workboat passengers begins.
- **12:30pm:** Workboat convoy departs.
- **12:30pm onwards:** Sailing races finish.
- **1pm:** Barbeque and Bar service begins.
- **2pm:** Workboat convoy returns.
- **2:30pm:** Live music begins.
- **4:30pm:** Sailing and Workboat Convoy prize presentation.

2022 Balmain Regatta entry - <https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1570>

2022 NOR, SIs, entry list and details - <http://www.balmainsailingclub.com/balmain-regatta>

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BALMAIN REGATTA 2022

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30



SAILING ENTRIES:
WWW.BALMAINSAILINGCLUB.COM

BARBEQUE, BAND & BAR
FROM 12PM, ALL WELCOME

CONVOY ENQUIRIES:
INFO@BALMAINSAILINGCLUB.COM



On Y Val - WHWS Race 7 – Image Courtesy Mark Palmer

GFS 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/>.



GFS contingent in WHWS Race 7 – ***Jester, Joka, Pistol Dawn*** (BSC) and ***WTF***.
Image Mark Palmer

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.

Well done to the Skipper and Crew of AUSREO.

Congratulations to Ian Creak and the crew of **AUSREO** in the 2022 Sydney to Gold Coast Yacht Race.



AUSREO crew at Southport Yacht Club celebrating their victory.

1st IRC Division 3, 1st Corinthian, 1st ORC Division 2, 3rd ORCi.

Epic Road Trip to sail In the Oceania Laser Masters Regatta at Darwin

Congratulations to **Bill Haughton** – Laser 170527 - ***All She Wanted to do was Rock*** – Bill was seventh overall in the Laser Standard class and second in the Grand Masters division at the regatta which was held at the Darwin Sailing Club.



All She Wanted to do was Rock at 'the rock'.

Opera Australia – Carmen - Cockatoo Island - November and December disruption.

The waterway between Cockatoo Island and the Balmain shore will be restricted by vessel movements and a bolt wharf during November and December due to a production of Carmen by Opera Australia. The area designated is on the SE tip of Cockatoo Island and is virtually opposite Balmain Sailing Club.

There should be good view of the fireworks in the finale from GFS and the Greenwich shore.

Month	Day	Event	Opera Australia Schedule
November	2	Twilight Spring Race 5	
	5	Saturday Spring Race 7	
	9	Twilight Spring Race 6	Opera Bump in 07.00 to 23.00hrs
	12	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3	Opera Bump in 07.00 to 23.00hrs
	16	Twilight Spring Race 7	Opera Bump in 07.00 to 23.00hrs
	19	Saturday Spring Race 8	Opera 12.00 to 23.00hrs
	23*	Twilight Spring Race 8	Opera 17.00 to Midnight
	26*	Saturday Spring Race 9 MY Race 3	Opera 17.00 to Midnight
	30*	Twilight Spring Race 9	Opera 17.00 to Midnight
December	3*	Saturday Summer Race 1	Opera 17.00 to Midnight
	7*	Twilight Summer Race 1	Opera 17.00 to Midnight
	10*	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4	Opera 17.00 to Midnight
	14*	Twilight Summer Race 2 and YOTS @ GFS	Opera 17.00 to Midnight
	17*	Saturday Summer Race 2	Opera 17.00 to Midnight
	21	Twilight Summer Race 3	Opera Bump out 07.00 to 23.00hrs
	24/28	Christmas Break – New Year break	

Barges in operation between Woolwich and Cockatoo Island

Rehearsal

Ferry Service and performance from 16.00 hrs to 23.00hrs - Ferry Service from King Street Wharf in operation from 16.00hrs to 19.30hrs and 22.20hrs to 23.00hrs

Please be vigilant of the increased river traffic both on Saturday and Twilight race dates.



Joka - Cec Williams - Mick York Race 1 (Image Mark Palmer)

Did you know – Spectacle Island was originally named Dawes Island.

Aboriginal people knew the island **Gong-ul**.

A survey led by Captain John Hunter, Lt William Bradley & James Kelty on 4th Feb 1788, named a small island south of Cockatoo Island as Dawes Island, after Second Lieutenant William Dawes of the **Sirius**.

Governor Phillip later ordered Lt Dawes to shoot the now hostile natives in the area as punishment for their attacks. Dawes refused and was sent back to England on the next ship.

The first reference to spectacles occurred in 1843 when an artist, John Skinner Prout, referred to 'two small scrubby Islands joined by a sand spit, resembling spectacles (these are now joined). The first published use of the name "Spectacle Island" occurs on John Septimus Roe's 1826 chart of the harbour.



Spectacle Island Buildings Circa 1870 - L to R Magazine, Cooperage Barracks, Residence, Drummoyne shore in the background

In 1884 control of Spectacle Island was handed over to the Royal Navy. Arrival of the first RAN fleet in Sydney on 4th of October 1913 saw Spectacle Island and Garden Island taken over by the Royal Australian Navy.

RAN ships in Sydney entering or completing refit would load or offload ammunition into lighters stationed at Spectacle Island.



During the Vietnam conflict as many as 24 Lighters were in use and moored around the island.

The Island is a Commonwealth-listed heritage site, still used by the Navy as an operational base. It is one of only 2 Sydney Harbour islands which are currently inaccessible to the general public.

Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

OCTOBER			
Time	m	Time	m
1 0515 0.51 1148 1.67 SA 1831 0.46		16 0115 1.13 0636 0.71 SU 1316 1.51 2019 0.61	
2 0029 1.23 0706 0.60 SU 1346 1.63 2046 0.49		17 0214 1.09 0731 0.77 MO 1412 1.45 2127 0.63	
3 0243 1.16 0813 0.66 MO 1457 1.60 ● 2208 0.47		18 0329 1.08 0844 0.80 TU 1520 1.41 ● 2233 0.61	
4 0410 1.16 0934 0.67 TU 1616 1.62 2320 0.41		19 0445 1.12 1003 0.79 WE 1632 1.42 2330 0.56	
5 0526 1.23 1054 0.62 WE 1730 1.67		20 0544 1.20 1112 0.73 TH 1733 1.47	
6 0019 0.34 0625 1.33 TH 1202 0.53 1830 1.73		21 0015 0.50 0628 1.29 FR 1208 0.65 1822 1.52	
7 0109 0.27 0714 1.44 FR 1300 0.43 1922 1.77		22 0053 0.44 0704 1.38 SA 1255 0.56 1903 1.57	
8 0152 0.23 0758 1.54 SA 1354 0.35 2009 1.77		23 0127 0.38 0739 1.49 SU 1338 0.48 1944 1.60	
9 0231 0.22 0840 1.62 SU 1443 0.31 2054 1.72		24 0159 0.34 0814 1.59 MO 1420 0.40 2023 1.60	
10 0308 0.25 0920 1.68 MO 1530 0.30 ○ 2137 1.63		25 0231 0.32 0849 1.69 TU 1503 0.33 ● 2105 1.58	
11 0343 0.31 0959 1.71 TU 1615 0.32 2218 1.52		26 0305 0.32 0927 1.78 WE 1548 0.28 2149 1.54	
12 0415 0.38 1037 1.72 WE 1700 0.36 2300 1.40		27 0342 0.35 1008 1.84 TH 1637 0.27 2238 1.46	
13 0447 0.47 1114 1.69 TH 1744 0.42 2342 1.30		28 0422 0.41 1052 1.85 FR 1730 0.28 2330 1.38	
14 0519 0.55 1151 1.65 FR 1830 0.49		29 0507 0.49 1140 1.83 SA 1827 0.32	
15 0026 1.20 0554 0.64 SA 1231 1.58 1920 0.56		30 0027 1.30 0558 0.57 SU 1233 1.78 1930 0.37	
		31 0132 1.23 0658 0.64 MO 1334 1.71 2043 0.41	

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Yachtworx

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Oatley Wines

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