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The Alternate GFS Newsletter

Edition 6, November 2022

GFS Sailing Calendar – November

November	2	Wednesday Twilight Spring Race 5
	5	Saturday Spring Race 7
	9	Wednesday Twilight Spring Race 6
	12	Saturday Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3
	16	Wednesday Twilight Spring Race 7
	19	Saturday Spring Race 8
	23	Wednesday Twilight Spring Race 8
	26	Saturday Spring Race 9 and Mick York Series Race 3
	30	Wednesday Twilight Spring Race 9

On the GFS website – Sailing – Racing Information - 2022 - 2023 Sailing Season

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

Newly Added – **Twilight Duty Roster** – [here](#) - Also see next page.

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

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.

Twilight Duty Crew Roster 2022 / 2023

Race	Date	BOAT NAME	SAIL NO	NAME
Spring				
1	5-Oct	Passion X	7130	David Edmiston
2	12-Oct	No dinner		
3	19-Oct	Pea Jay	KA125	David Dossiter
4	26-Oct	3 Dogs	M88	Michael Rooney
5	2-Nov	Annabella	22	Peter Rowley
6	9-Nov	Pejo Lark	4115	Warren Richards
7	16-Nov	Irukandji	6358	Paul Stubbs
8	23-Nov	Jester	GBR32	Tim Harrington
9	30-Nov	Jester	AUS872	David Kiddell
Summer				
1	7-Dec	Joka	3608	Cecil Williams
2	14-Dec	Jongleur	AUS4763	Mark Mayne
3	21-Dec	Kofi Too	AUS183	Joe Atkinson
	21-Dec	Madder N Badder	AUS4773	Chris Oneill
4	4-Jan	Mistress	M101	Ray Hand
5	11-Jan	Naughty Call	5482	Colin Wiley
6	18-Jan	Nezha	7830	Gordon McGrath
7	25-Jan	On Y Va!	5673	Bruce Hilliard
Autumn				
1	1-Feb	Paca	6694	Greg Jacques
2	8-Feb	Restless	325	Leigh McLaughlin
3	15-Feb	Salty Sea Dog II	28	Carl Nicholls
4	22-Feb	Saoirse	7049	Jack Thomas
5	1-Mar	Seascape	5933	Kris Romuld
6	8-Mar	Serendipity	7073	Peter May
7	15-Mar	Shemozzle	6334	John Hayward
8	22-Mar	Silver Spray	4409	David Wells
9	29-Mar	Sirocco	6637	Peter Dodds
	29-Mar	Speedwell	4113	John Moffat

Duty crew responsibilities from the GFS Sailing Instructions

SI 24 Rostered Duty Officer

(ii) For Twilight racing, two crews will be rostered each week to assist.

The yacht of each rostered duty officer is considered a starter and the following conditions apply:

- a At least three crew persons are required from each rostered yacht to complete the duty.
- b The rostered members' yachts can be raced on the night of the duty.
- c Each twilight race night, 2 duty shifts will operate. The first crew rostered must report immediately following their finish in the race.
- d A rostered member can change dates by arrangement with another rostered member, provided the Social Secretary is notified prior to the race.
- e The penalty for non-attendance is that points equal to DSQ points will be awarded and these must be carried in the yacht's point score for that series.



Naiaid - Ex John Amos - Seaway 25 – sailing at RANSA



Utopia – current John Amos - Sydney 38 - sailing at RSYS – image Jeff Lewis

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/>.



Tana – Down Harbour Race 2 – image Mark Palmer



Black Division – Twilight Race 2 – image John Ewing

Did You Know - Local History

Balmain Coal Mine was the deepest coal mine in Australia.

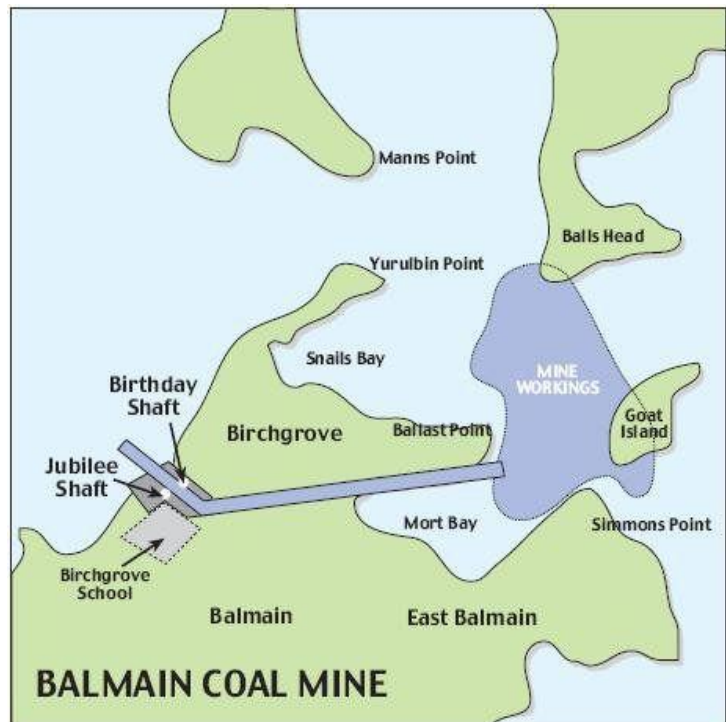
The Balmain Coal Mine produced coal from 1897 until 1931 and natural gas from 1937 to 1950 at approximately 800 metres depth, it remains the deepest coal mine ever to have been sunk in Australia.

A site was selected at the corner of Birchgrove Road and Water Street, Balmain and work began in 1897 with the sinking of two shafts. The shafts were named Birthday and Jubilee as 1897 was Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee year. Steam cranes were erected over the shafts and sinking began in the Birthday shaft on June 9.

The site is now occupied by the Hopetoun Quays residential complex.



Headframe – circa 1940s



Map showing underground workings

In the Old Anglican section at Rookwood Cemetery a monument marks the graves of five workmates who are buried side by side. A marble carving of the headworks of the mine remembers that they were miners and their inscription records their death in the shaft of the Sydney Harbour Collieries Ltd. mine at Balmain in March, 1900.

The accident occurred when 6 men were being lowered down the Birthday Shaft in a 'bucket'. About 366m down, the bucket struck a projection from the wall which tipped it over from the base, emptying five of the six men into the shaft to fall 150m. One man was left clinging to the handle with his feet dangling in space but was able to regain his place as the bucket righted itself and although badly battered by its swinging, he was lowered safely. There were more deaths at the mine before the mine closed.



When: **Burns Bay Reserve, Sunday November 6, 2022 from 11.00am to 5.00pm**

Wine tasting tickets can be pre-booked at [Visit Mudgee](#)

Parking is restricted – there is a shuttle bus from Lane Cove library



2022 BALMAIN REGATTA

Full results listing is [here](#)

Well done –

Christian Charalambous and crew - **Aetos** 2nd in Down Harbour Division C, and

Terry Daly and crew - **Beware of the Dog**, 3rd in Down Harbour Division B

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.

Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

NOVEMBER			
Time	m	Time	m
1	0246 1.20 0810 0.68 TU 1445 1.65 ● 2154 0.41	16	0244 1.14 0800 0.80 WE 1428 1.46 ● 2135 0.59
2	0403 1.24 0929 0.68 WE 1600 1.62 ● 2257 0.39	17	0350 1.17 0912 0.80 TH 1532 1.43 ● 2230 0.56
3	0509 1.32 1045 0.63 TH 1710 1.62 ● 2350 0.36	18	0449 1.24 1023 0.77 FR 1635 1.43 ● 2316 0.51
4	0602 1.42 1153 0.56 FR 1809 1.62	19	0538 1.34 1127 0.70 SA 1731 1.45 ● 2357 0.47
5	0036 0.34 0650 1.53 SA 1252 0.48 ● 1900 1.60	20	0619 1.46 1222 0.61 SU 1821 1.47
6	0117 0.33 0733 1.63 SU 1345 0.41 ● 1947 1.57	21	0035 0.42 0659 1.58 MO 1312 0.51 ● 1908 1.49
7	0155 0.35 0814 1.70 MO 1433 0.37 ● 2032 1.51	22	0112 0.39 0737 1.71 TU 1400 0.41 ● 1955 1.49
8	0230 0.38 0852 1.76 TU 1518 0.35 ○ 2115 1.44	23	0150 0.38 0818 1.82 WE 1448 0.31 ● 2044 1.48
9	0302 0.43 0930 1.78 WE 1600 0.36 ● 2156 1.37	24	0230 0.38 0901 1.91 TH 1538 0.25 ● 2135 1.45
10	0335 0.49 1005 1.78 TH 1641 0.38 ● 2237 1.31	25	0315 0.41 0947 1.97 FR 1630 0.21 ● 2229 1.41
11	0408 0.55 1041 1.75 FR 1722 0.42 ● 2318 1.25	26	0401 0.45 1037 1.98 SA 1724 0.21 ● 2324 1.36
12	0442 0.61 1117 1.71 SA 1804 0.47	27	0454 0.50 1129 1.95 SU 1821 0.25
13	0001 1.20 0520 0.67 SU 1157 1.65 ● 1849 0.52	28	0023 1.32 0550 0.56 MO 1224 1.89 ● 1922 0.30
14	0048 1.16 0604 0.72 MO 1240 1.58 ● 1940 0.56	29	0126 1.29 0653 0.61 TU 1323 1.79 ● 2025 0.34
15	0141 1.14 0657 0.77 TU 1330 1.51 ● 2036 0.59	30	0232 1.29 0800 0.65 WE 1428 1.69 ● 2126 0.38

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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.