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The Alternate GFS Newsletter

Christmas Edition (7) December 2022

GFS Sailing Calendar – December

December	3	Saturday Summer Race 1
	7	Wednesday Twilight Summer Race 1 and YOTS @ GFS
	10	Saturday Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4
	14	Wednesday Twilight Summer Race 2
	17	Saturday Summer Race 2
	21	Wednesday Twilight Summer Race 3
	24	Christmas Break – New Year break
	28	Christmas Break – New Year break
	31	Christmas Break – New Year break

Racing resumes – Wednesday, January 4, 2023 - Twilight Summer Race 4

Saturday, January 7, 2023 – Saturday Summer Race 3

For all racing information check the GFS website –

Sailing – Racing Information - 2022 - 2023 Sailing Season

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

Make sure you have entered the Summer Series on TopYacht if you intend to sail –

Race 1 Saturday Summer Series December 3 and Twilight Summer Series December 7.



Youth off the Streets is a not-for-profit youth organisation. YOTS services and programs provide young people with safety, support and opportunities to build a positive future.

For more information - <https://youthoffthestreets.com.au/>

This year GFS is again hosting YOTS and their workers on **Wednesday 7 December** to experience a twilight race on a yacht. It is expected that there will be at least 35 participants from YOTS.

See the GFS Website for more information





The **GFS Women's Helm Series** will again be held simultaneously with 3 Twilight Series races. Competing yachts sail in their regular Twilight Division and separate point scores will awarded for both series.

Race 1: Wednesday January 11, 2023 – Twilight Summer Series Race 5

Race 2: Wednesday January 18, 2023 – Twilight Summer Series Race 6

Race 3: Wednesday January 25, 2023 – Twilight Summer Series Race 7

A yacht competing in the **GFS Women's Helm Series** must have a minimum of 2 persons on board (skipper and 1 crew member). The yacht must be helmed by a female.

Entry details will be posted on the GFS website closer to the event.

Spring Series Places (provisional)

Saturday Spring Series



Place	Division 1	Division 2
1	<i>On Y Va!</i>	<i>Paca</i>
2	<i>Hasta La Vista</i>	<i>Flair</i>
3	<i>Adrenaline</i>	<i>Speedwell</i>



Twilight Spring Series

Place	Orange	Gold	White	Green	Blue	Black
1	<i>Dolphin II</i>	<i>Echo</i>	<i>On Y Va!</i>	<i>Hasta La Vista</i>	<i>Aetos</i>	<i>Passion X</i>
2	<i>Barubi</i>	<i>Etesian</i>	<i>Naughty Call</i>	<i>Vesille =</i> <i>Shemozzle =</i>	<i>French Connection</i>	<i>Utopia</i>
3	<i>Bella</i>	<i>Adrenaline</i>	<i>Joka</i>		<i>G Whizz =</i> <i>Worlds Apart =</i>	<i>Joli</i>



Tonic, Chloe, Standown and On Y Va! Saturday Spring Race 9. Image Mark Palmer

Did You Know – Our History

Snapper Island is the smallest island in Sydney Harbour.

It lies 200 metres off the Drummoyne shore and is close to Spectacle and Cockatoo islands. In the past locals have called it Flea, Rat or Mosquito Island, names which suggest its lack of appeal or usefulness.

In May 1891, *The Sydney Morning Herald* published an article entitled 'Among the Islands'. Of Snapper Island, the writer noted - *'its only office is to supply standing room for sea fowl – some place where they can meet and deliberate unmolested'*.

Snapper Island was declared a public recreation reserve in 1879 but it remained a rarely visited, rocky and rat-infested outcrop.



In 1921 Leonard Forsythe founded the Navy League Sea Cadet Company at Drummoyne. By 1929 over 70 boys were enrolled and Forsythe leased Snapper Island from the government, determined that this little island was the perfect place to train boys in nautical skills.

In the early 1930s Forsythe and many of his cadets flattened and expanded the island by blasting more than 1000 tonnes of rock from the top of the island to make a flat surface. The waste rock was then used to reclaim land and increase the area of the island by one-third. The reclaimed land was sculptured to make the island look like a ship.

In 1945 girls aged 14 years and upwards were invited to join and by December 1946 35 girls had become regular volunteers.

During World War II the island was used as a training and recreational area for Australian, American and British armed forces. An 'excellent club room and reading room' was opened for the troops based there in May 1944 with the financial help of the King George Fund for Sailors.

Until the early 2000s, Snapper Island was run by a private company, Sydney Training Depot Snapper Island Limited.

Now, Snapper Island is owned by the Commonwealth Department of Finance. The Harbour Trust's Comprehensive Plan, made in 2003, sets out a vision for the renewal of Snapper Island, based on the potential transfer of the island to the Harbour Trust. The Comprehensive Plan proposes the repair, maintenance and enhancement of this facility and its reuse for maritime training activities, potentially in partnership with naval history organisations. The island is currently vacant and closed to the public.

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/>.

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 (*date subject to change*) as the **West Harbour Combined Clubs Australia Day Regatta Race**. It may be possible to enter this race as a casual one-off entry. Details closer to the event.



Adrenaline. Saturday Series Race 9. Image Mark Palmer



Tana. Twilight Spring Race 7. Image John Ewing

KPMG AUSTRALIA SAIL GRAND PRIX SYDNEY

SailGP will return Sydney Harbour on February 18-19, 2023.

More information - <https://sailgp.com/races/season-3/australia-sail-grand-prix-sydney/overview/>

Merry Christmas

Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

DECEMBER

Time	m	Time	m
1 0338	1.33	16 0253	1.24
0914	0.66	0822	0.78
TH 1535	1.60	FR 1434	1.45
☉ 2222	0.41	☉ 2125	0.54
2 0439	1.41	17 0349	1.30
1028	0.65	0930	0.77
FR 1642	1.52	SA 1534	1.40
2312	0.42	2213	0.53
3 0533	1.49	18 0443	1.39
1139	0.61	1041	0.73
SA 1742	1.46	SU 1637	1.37
2358	0.44	2259	0.50
4 0622	1.59	19 0531	1.50
1243	0.55	1147	0.65
SU 1837	1.41	MO 1738	1.36
		2344	0.48
5 0039	0.45	20 0618	1.63
0707	1.67	1248	0.53
MO 1337	0.49	TU 1837	1.37
1927	1.37		
6 0117	0.48	21 0030	0.46
0748	1.73	0705	1.76
TU 1425	0.45	WE 1344	0.41
2014	1.33	1933	1.38
7 0153	0.50	22 0116	0.44
0827	1.77	0753	1.88
WE 1507	0.41	TH 1437	0.30
2057	1.31	2030	1.39
8 0229	0.53	23 0206	0.43
0904	1.79	0843	1.98
TH 1546	0.40	FR 1530	0.21
☉ 2138	1.29	☉ 2125	1.40
9 0304	0.56	24 0257	0.43
0941	1.79	0934	2.05
FR 1624	0.40	SA 1622	0.16
2218	1.27	2219	1.40
10 0341	0.59	25 0350	0.43
1016	1.78	1027	2.07
SA 1701	0.41	SU 1715	0.15
2258	1.25	2314	1.40
11 0418	0.62	26 0445	0.45
1054	1.75	1119	2.03
SU 1740	0.44	MO 1808	0.18
2337	1.23		
12 0458	0.65	27 0010	1.39
1131	1.70	0543	0.48
MO 1820	0.48	TU 1213	1.95
		1902	0.24
13 0019	1.21	28 0106	1.38
0541	0.68	0642	0.53
TU 1212	1.65	WE 1307	1.82
1903	0.51	1955	0.31
14 0106	1.20	29 0204	1.39
0628	0.72	0745	0.59
WE 1254	1.58	TH 1403	1.67
1948	0.54	2046	0.39
15 0157	1.21	30 0303	1.42
0721	0.75	0852	0.64
TH 1342	1.51	FR 1502	1.51
2036	0.55	☉ 2137	0.46
		31 0401	1.47
		1005	0.67
		SA 1606	1.38
		2226	0.51



Please support our club sponsors –

Helly Hansen

Helly Hansen is a company manufacturing professional grade gear. It offers technical sailing and performance ski apparel, as well as premium workwear. The Company provides clothing and footwear for sailing, hiking and other outdoor activities.

Sydney 4WD

Based in Thornleigh, Sydney 4WD have been producing top of the line vehicle builds with thousands of retail, trade and fleet vehicles passing through their workshop every year. Specializing in super high-quality Ironman 4x4 "fit for purpose" builds and a massive range of products, brands, and services.

Yachtworx

Yachtworx Australia offers a complete range of services to anything and everything that floats! Located at Bobbin Head and at White Bay Wharf 6, Yachtworx provides repairs, refits, restorations, modifications and project management on all types of vessels ranging from classic wooden race boats to luxury fibreglass craft and commercial vessels.

Joe Walsh Rigging

Joe Walsh Rigging specialises in all marine and architectural rigging, masts and spar fabrication, repair, painting, all rigging requirements, furling systems and AYF Rig Insurance Inspections. Located at Woolwich Marina.

Doyle-McDiarmid Sails Sydney

Doyle-McDiarmid Sails is located in Gladeville. Services include an in-house design team, laser cutter and modern machinery for new sails, repairs, covers and supplies ongoing service.

Oatley Wines

Robert Oatley Wines celebrates the memory of Bob Oatley through a trio of labels: the maritime-influenced Signature Series, the specific vineyard focused Finisterre, and the best of the best barrels under The Pennant label. They focus on wines from Margaret River and McLaren Vale.

Zjoosh

Located in Lane Cove, Zjoosh is a unique Australian lifestyle brand. It specialises in "the finishing touches". From its early beginnings as a fashion jewellery and accessories brand, Zjoosh has broadened to homeware and gifts.

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.

