

Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

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Sailing Calendar – January 2023

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|-----------------|----|--|---------------------|
| January 2023 | 4 | Twilight Summer Race 4 | |
| | 7 | Saturday Summer Race 3 | |
| | 11 | Twilight Summer Race 5 | Women's Helm Race 1 |
| | 14 | Saturday Joe Walsh Down - Harbour Race 5 | |
| | 18 | Twilight Summer Race 6 | Women's Helm Race 2 |
| | 21 | Saturday Summer Race 4 | MY Race 4 |
| | 25 | Twilight Summer Race 7 | Women's Helm Race 3 |
| | 26 | 187 th Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour | |
| | 28 | Saturday Summer Race 5 - GFS Saturday Australia Day Race | |

The **GFS Twilight Australia Day Regatta Race** is Wednesday February 1 in conjunction with Twilight Autumn Series Race 1.

YOTS on Yachts @GFS



A belated thankyou to the Twilight skippers who hosted Youth of the Streets on their yachts for the Twilight race on December 7. In all the number of guests totalled 33. The YOTs were very excited and were in high spirits on their journey 'home' afterwards. Special thanks to Christian and Holly Charalambous for taking on extra YOTS crew and Adrian van Bellen for sourcing and putting together gifts for the YOTS people. Several other GFS people also made significant donations on behalf of YOTS.

Members' Fridge – drinks \$4

After several seasons the price of drinks from the members' fridge has increased from January 1, 2023. The cost is now \$4. The committee apologises for this increase and reminds members that volunteers stock the fridge and the club uses the funds and the small profit from sales to supplement costs associated with sailing activities (equipment, starters etc).

GFS Women's Helm Series – Race 1 January 11



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

The 6 races in the Twilight summer series will continue as a series. All yachts can race as normal if they do not participate in the Women's Helm Series and will not be disadvantaged in the summer point score.

Yachts which enter the Women's Helm Series must have a female on the helm. Points will be awarded weekly to each participating yacht based on a *weighted handicap* score and the overall winner will be awarded the Women's Helm Trophy.

Please email Holly Charalambous at hcharalambous15@gmail.com to register your interest. Please include the name of your intended helm person, yacht name, sail number and regular Twilight division.

Some crews are already preparing for this series!



On board **Tana**- Photo courtesy Julie Small-Evans (GFS Facebook)

187th Australia Day Regatta



Held on Sydney Harbour each year on January 26, the Australia Day Regatta is the oldest continuously conducted sailing regatta in the world and has been contested each year since 1837. From its beginnings the regatta has been about equality and opportunity.

Only 49 years after the arrival of the First Fleet, a group of citizens of Sydney decided to celebrate the anniversary of that historic day by staging a regatta, originally called the Anniversary Regatta. The program comprised two yacht races, one race for whaleboats, another for gigs and a rowing race for waterman's skiffs. Rowing events continued to be part of the Regatta for more than a century but today there are only races for sailing craft which includes radio controlled yachts.

In recent years the traditional regatta on Sydney Harbour has been expanded to waters throughout New South Wales with many local clubs conducting regattas on waterways like the West Sydney Harbour, Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers, Botany Bay, Pittwater, Lake Macquarie, Brisbane Waters, Lake Illawarra and Port Hacking as well as inland dams and lakes under the auspices of the Australia Day Regatta Inc.

For more information visit - <https://www.australiadayregatta.com/>

Western Harbour Tunnel – Good News

On December 2, 2022 the NSW government announced that the underwater tunnel between Birchgrove and Balls Head was to be constructed by 'boring deeper tunnels' and not by laying large tubes in a trench on the harbour floor. Work will commence on Stage 2 in early 2023.

The initial plans to dredge the harbour to create a trench for the immersed tubes sparked a backlash from community groups and marine experts who feared that construction would disturb contaminated sediment on the harbour floor and endanger marine life and possibly human health.

This change of plan using a tunnel boring machine (TBM) is good news for GFS and other West Harbour sailing clubs as it will remove the restrictions we previously believed would be in place that would likely disrupt sailing activities near Yurulbin Point, Coal Loader and Balls Head for some extended period.

Benefits of using a TBM

There are many environmental and community benefits by using a TBM to construct a section of the tunnels.



Yurulbin Point temporary construction site no longer required



Berrys Bay temporary construction site no longer required



Cofferdam no longer required



No dredging required



No temporary impact to Birchgrove Ferry Wharf



NSW Government commitment to deliver Berrys Bay master plan earlier

The Leaning Tower of Blues Point.



Thanks to Mike Wise for the image above showing Maritime trying to clear a spinnaker draping the red navigation mark at Goat Island on Sunday December 04, 2022. Or was it a Christo art installation?



Wrapped Coast, One Million Square Feet, Little Bay, Sydney, Australia, 1968–69, Christo and Jeanne-Claude's monumental work of art created for the coast and cliffs of Little Bay Sydney, Australia.

Our History - Did you know - Kelly's Bush was the site of the world's first green ban.

Kelly's Bush is an area of heritage listed bushland located on the southern foreshore of Woolwich Peninsula.

The area is part of the ancestral lands of the Wallumedegal clan of the Eora nation. In the 1880s, the bushland became a buffer zone between a smelting works and the surrounding residential area.

In 1971, Kelly's Bush became the site of the world's first green ban, after it was famously saved from incoming development by dedicated conservationists known as the Kelly's Bush Battlers and supported by the Builders Labourers Federation of which Jack Munday was secretary.



Pictured with Jack Munday are 8 of the original 13 Battlers celebrating the 25th anniversary of the world's first green ban. From left to right: Miriam Hamilton, Chris Dawson, Betty James, Jo Bell, Judy Taplin, Jack Munday, Kath Lehany, Monica Sheehan and Joan Croll. Not present: Mary Farrell, Trude Kallir; Kathleen Chubb, Margaret Stobo and Marjorie Fitzgerald. They are now all deceased including Jack. (Sydney Morning Herald, 15 June 1996).

Since 1995, Bushcare volunteers have carried on the legacy of the Kelly's Bush Battlers who worked so hard to preserve this site for future generations. It continues to be enjoyed by the community for recreation.

View *The Battle for Kelly's Bush – A 50th Anniversary Celebration* exhibition - <https://artsandculture.google.com/story/VwVxFdlkegRZrw>

RRS Rule 46

A reminder that this rule is in place this sailing season.

46 PERSON IN CHARGE

A boat shall have on board a person in charge designated by the member or organization that entered the boat. See rule 75.

Australian Sailing prescribes that the person in charge shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number, or, if an international competitor, a member of club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member National Authority. Furthermore, except in an international event, any crew member who sails in more than 3 races in a season shall be a member of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number.

From 1st January 2022, all persons on board a boat while racing shall be members of a Club affiliated to Australian Sailing and have an Australian Sailing number, or hold a valid Sail Pass, or if an international competitor, be a member of club affiliated to a World Sailing recognised Member National Authority

GFS requires skippers to lodge a Persons On Board (POB) list prior to each race in which a yacht participates – clearly in support of Rule 46 but also to ensure SA membership and hence insurance.

Skippers, please make sure an emergency contact is also listed for the persons on board your yacht. *Sail Pass* is available for guests for up to 3 races (*Sail Pass* link is on the GFS website).

Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

| JANUARY | | | |
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| Time | m | Time | m |
| 1 0458 | 1.52 | 16 0346 | 1.45 |
| 1121 | 0.66 | 0959 | 0.71 |
| SU 1712 | 1.29 | MO 1549 | 1.29 |
| 2315 | 0.55 | 2201 | 0.56 |
| 2 0551 | 1.58 | 17 0445 | 1.53 |
| 1231 | 0.62 | 1117 | 0.65 |
| MO 1815 | 1.23 | TU 1704 | 1.26 |
| | | 2259 | 0.56 |
| 3 0000 | 0.58 | 18 0543 | 1.64 |
| 0640 | 1.64 | 1229 | 0.54 |
| TU 1329 | 0.56 | WE 1816 | 1.27 |
| 1912 | 1.22 | 2359 | 0.54 |
| 4 0045 | 0.59 | 19 0640 | 1.77 |
| 0725 | 1.69 | 1331 | 0.40 |
| WE 1415 | 0.50 | TH 1922 | 1.31 |
| 2001 | 1.23 | | |
| 5 0128 | 0.59 | 20 0057 | 0.50 |
| 0806 | 1.73 | 0736 | 1.90 |
| TH 1456 | 0.46 | FR 1427 | 0.28 |
| 2044 | 1.25 | 2020 | 1.36 |
| 6 0208 | 0.59 | 21 0153 | 0.45 |
| 0845 | 1.75 | 0830 | 2.00 |
| FR 1532 | 0.43 | SA 1519 | 0.18 |
| 2123 | 1.27 | 2115 | 1.41 |
| 7 0246 | 0.58 | 22 0247 | 0.40 |
| 0922 | 1.77 | 0924 | 2.07 |
| SA 1607 | 0.41 | SU 1609 | 0.13 |
| ○ 2200 | 1.28 | ● 2206 | 1.45 |
| 8 0324 | 0.57 | 23 0342 | 0.36 |
| 0959 | 1.78 | 1015 | 2.09 |
| SU 1641 | 0.41 | MO 1658 | 0.12 |
| 2236 | 1.29 | 2257 | 1.48 |
| 9 0401 | 0.57 | 24 0436 | 0.36 |
| 1035 | 1.77 | 1106 | 2.04 |
| MO 1715 | 0.42 | TU 1745 | 0.16 |
| 2312 | 1.29 | 2346 | 1.50 |
| 10 0440 | 0.58 | 25 0530 | 0.39 |
| 1111 | 1.74 | 1156 | 1.93 |
| TU 1750 | 0.43 | WE 1831 | 0.23 |
| 2349 | 1.29 | | |
| 11 0520 | 0.61 | 26 0037 | 1.50 |
| 1146 | 1.69 | 0627 | 0.45 |
| WE 1826 | 0.45 | TH 1245 | 1.77 |
| | | 1916 | 0.33 |
| 12 0030 | 1.29 | 27 0129 | 1.50 |
| 0602 | 0.64 | 0725 | 0.53 |
| TH 1224 | 1.62 | FR 1335 | 1.58 |
| 1902 | 0.48 | 2000 | 0.44 |
| 13 0113 | 1.31 | 28 0222 | 1.50 |
| 0650 | 0.68 | 0829 | 0.61 |
| FR 1303 | 1.54 | SA 1429 | 1.39 |
| 1941 | 0.50 | 2045 | 0.54 |
| 14 0200 | 1.34 | 29 0317 | 1.50 |
| 0744 | 0.71 | 0941 | 0.67 |
| SA 1349 | 1.45 | SU 1530 | 1.24 |
| 2023 | 0.53 | ● 2134 | 0.62 |
| 15 0252 | 1.38 | 30 0416 | 1.51 |
| 0846 | 0.73 | 1100 | 0.69 |
| SU 1444 | 1.36 | MO 1644 | 1.15 |
| ● 2109 | 0.55 | 2230 | 0.67 |
| 31 0516 | 1.54 | | |
| 1215 | 0.65 | | |
| TU 1800 | 1.13 | | |
| 2328 | 0.69 | | |

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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.