

Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

Edition 10 March 2023

Sailing Calendar –March 2023

March 2023	1	Twilight Autumn Race 5
	4	Saturday Autumn Race 4
	8	Twilight Autumn Race 6
	11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6
	15	Twilight Autumn Race 7
	18	Saturday Autumn Race 2
	22	Twilight Autumn Race 8
	25	Saturday Autumn Race 6 and Mick York Race 6
	29	Twilight Autumn Race 9

Daylight Saving Ends Sunday April 2.

Sydney Harbour Regatta – March 4 (Sat) and 5 (Sun)

The Sydney Harbour Regatta was inaugurated in 2006. Racing is open to all Australian and International yachts, from IRC, ORC and PHS racing and cruising classes to the popular International One Design Classes. An expected 190 keelboats will race across 19 divisions over 7 course areas, throughout Sydney Harbour as well as offshore near Sydney Heads.

Information and entry details - <https://www.shr.mhyc.com.au/>

Price Increases -

In line with other price increases the GFS committee has reluctantly increased the pricing of drinks from the Members Fridge and some Twilight BBQ items.

Twilight BBQ Items (Increased prices in red)

Lamb kebabs	\$25.00
Steaks	\$30.00
Thick steak	\$40.00
Sausage	\$20.00
Burgers	\$20.00
Combo	\$40.00
Chicken	\$20.00
Salad	\$15.00

Wine

Oatley red	\$25.00
Oatley white	\$25.00



Image - Julie Small Evans

The price of drinks from the members' fridge increased from January 1, 2023. **The cost is now \$4.**



Flair, Joka and Paca – Division 2 Saturday Summer Race 5 – Image Mark Palmer



Twilight Summer Race 7 Raft-up – image Graeme Kennedy

Recent Results - GFS Australia Day Races

Winners of each race will be invited to attend a presentation at Sydney Town Hall to receive an engraved medallion.

Saturday Australia Day Race

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
1	1	AUS1256	<i>Adrenaline</i>
	2	AUS 1255	<i>Standown</i>
	3	6380	<i>Tana</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
2	1	6694	<i>Paca</i>
	2	1531	<i>Flair</i>
	3	3608	<i>Joka</i>

Twilight Australia Day Regatta Race

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
1 Orange	1	2750	<i>Force Four</i>
	2	1000	<i>Barubi</i>
	3	22	<i>Annabella</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
2 Gold	1	GBR32	<i>Jester</i>
	2	AUS759	<i>TISM</i>
	3=	AUS1256	<i>Adrenaline</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
3 White	1	808	<i>Banjo</i>
	2	5673	<i>On Y Val</i>
	3	8033	<i>Pistol Dawn</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
4 Green	1	R7	<i>Wind Charmer</i>
	2	M138	<i>Conquista</i>
	3	7073	<i>Serendipity</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
5 Blue	1	6637	<i>Sirocco</i>
	2	3425	<i>G-Whizz</i>
	3	7080	<i>Minnow</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
6 Black	1	7177	<i>Meridian</i>
	2=	6774	<i>Jackpot</i>
	2=	6166	<i>Sweet Chariot</i>

GFS Laser Division Australia Day Regatta Race

Division	Place	Boat Name	Skipper
Laser	1	<i>Jellibean</i>	Ken Gibson
	2	<i>All She Wanted to do was Rock</i>	Bill Haughton
	3	<i>Knick Off</i>	John Florin

Sabots – Australia Day Regatta Race

Division	Place	Skipper
Sabot	1	Aiman Alameddine Lewis
	2	Theo Anderson
	3	Rhys Daniels



GFS Fleet – Twilight Autumn Race 1 GFS ADR Race – image Julie Small Evans



GFS Saturday Division 1 Autumn Race 2 – image Mark Palmer

Our History - Onions Point.

Onions Point and Onions Point Road (now The Point Road) were named after Samuel Onions. Onions arrived in Sydney in 1821 on the **Minerva** aged 25. A blacksmith by trade, he was convicted of stealing at Nortolk Quarter Sessions and sentenced to transportation for seven years. Two years later he was sent to the secondary penal colony of Port Macquarie.

On completion of his sentence, he was given a Certificate of Freedom on May 6, 1829 and permission to marry another convict, Elizabeth Jones, who arrived on the **Harmony**, aged 18 to serve a life sentence.

Onions was granted land in the vicinity of Onions Point in 1837 where he ran an ironmongery business.

Onions was again tried at the Supreme Court Sydney on July 27, 1844 for obtaining money under false pretences and was sentenced to 7 years transportation to Port Arthur, Tasmania. He died in 1848.



'Humbug' – Onions Point at left - c1895

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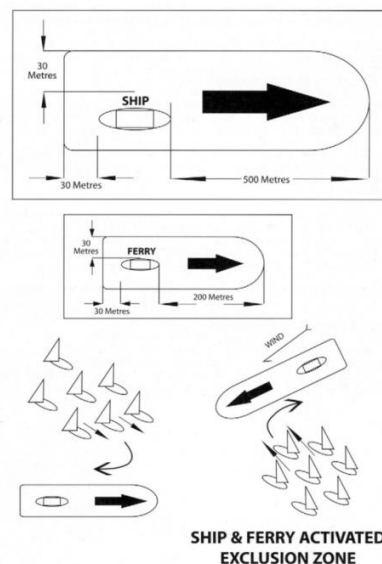
Please know your responsibilities with regard to keeping clear of ships and ferries.



Chemical tanker leaving Gore Cove, just prior to Down Harbour Race 6, Feb 11

SHIP AND FERRY ACTIVATED EXCLUSION ZONES

All competitors **must** maintain a minimum distance of **500 m** from the bow of any oil tanker or sea-going cruise ship and **200 m** from the bow of any other sea-going commercial vessel or ferry operating in accordance with an approved schedule and no less than **30 m** from the sides/stern of any ship or ferry underway.



The Mick York Series

This GFS Series is named after sailing legend Michael York. The winner of the series receives the Mick York Trophy a replica of a dinghy which was made by Mick.

The following is just a snapshot and does not do justice to Mick's incredible sailing career. He was inducted into the CYCA 'Hall of Fame' in 2018 and is now in his 90s.

Mick has had a varied and full sailing career. Beginning in VJs through to Americas Cup and Maxi yachts. By 1960, with the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race just 15 years old, Mick had already done 10 'Sydney-Hobarts' four in **Mistral**, three in **Catriona**, two in **Nimbus** and one in **Joanne Brodie**. His final total was 15 races.

In 1960 Mick was recruited to join Sir Frank Packer's **Gretel** campaign, the first challenge by Australia for the 1962 Americas Cup, running the new 12-metre's foredeck and contributing to crew selection and training. In the second race of the series with strong winds and heavy seas, **Gretel** surged on to win by 47 seconds to be the first America's Cup race the defenders had lost for 28 years.

Mick also competed in Australia's first entry in the Admirals Cup in 1965, as crew on **Caprice of Huon**. The yacht was the standout in the series. He was selected for the 1968 Mexico Olympics Games in the 5.5 metre **Barrenjoey**.

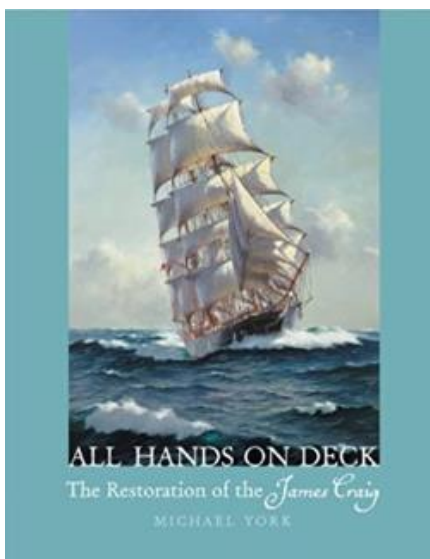
In 1974 Mick skippered his Tasman Seabird yacht **Tui Manu** to an overall win in the Sydney Noumea Yacht Race.

In 1975 Mick crewed on **Kialoa III** in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race when she set a race record which stood for 21 years. After which Mick retired from serious ocean racing.

Mick and his late wife, Jeannette, then cruised and raced their Salar 40 steel yawl **Rockhopper** while Mick became deeply involved in the preservation work of the Sydney Maritime Museum and Heritage Fleet. Vessels that have benefited from his engineering expertise and fundraising energy include the schooner **Boomerang**, the 1902 steam tug **Waratah** and the elegant steam yacht, **Lady Hopetoun**. York headed the 20 years of extraordinary volunteer effort behind the recovery and restoration of the 1874 square-rigged barque **James Craig** and restoration of the 500-ton steamer **John Oxley**.

Mick is the longest-serving member of the CYCA, having joined in 1945. Mick and Jeannette have been a part of the CYCA virtually since inception and have contributed much to the fabric of the club.

At GFS Mick campaigned the Etchells **Rob Roy**, from 2001 for six or so years, in twilight races and the 'Old Etchells' regatta. Along with Jeanette they enjoyed the meals and camaraderie at the club after racing. Jeanette sadly passed away in 2018.



All Hands on Deck written by Mick York details his 25-year involvement with the **James Craig**.

He readily admits he had no idea what he was letting himself in for in 1981 when he first saw the shapely but patched outline of her hull in Tasmanian waters.

In the era now known in his family as 'Before **JC**', Mick had spent his life sailing and working on boats. He built his first boat at the age of 11, but wartime and an apprenticeship in shipbuilding, led him into a career as an engineer.

The book maybe out of print at present and is currently unavailable.

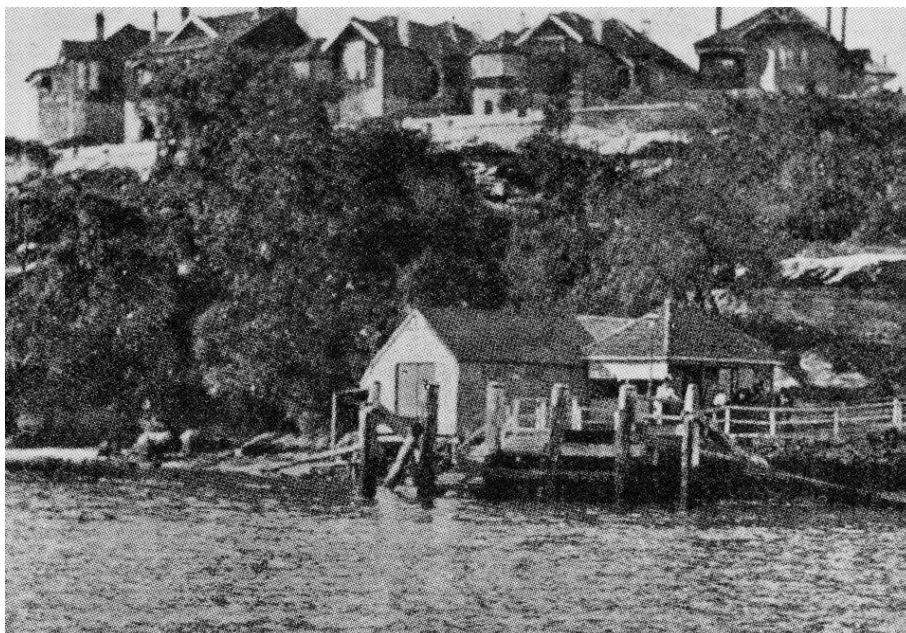
GFS Lasers

GFS Lasers Sailors have retained the 'Maidenhead Trophy' after their race on February 19.



Iain Suthers (left) accepting the Maidenhead trophy, looking tired after two long races – image Mike Wise.

Bill Haughton was also second in the Laser standard rig class in the 2023 'Monarch of the River' event after a recount.



GFS Clubhouse c1912

Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

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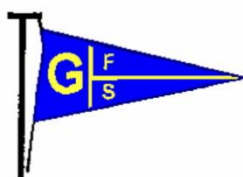
Doyle-McDiarmid Sails is located in Gladeville. Services include an in-house design team, laser cutter and modern machinery for new sails, repairs, covers and ongoing service.

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.

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