

# Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

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## Sailing Calendar – April

April 2023	1	Saturday Autumn Race 7
	2	<b>Daylight Saving ends</b>
	8	<b>Easter – No Race</b>
	15	Saturday Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8
	22	Saturday Autumn Race 8
	29	Saturday Autumn Race 9 and MY Race 7

### Sail Port Stephens – changed format.

The Commodore Cup series has been extended to five days of racing under PHS handicapping, while the Port Stephens Trophy will simultaneously be contested under the ORC Club rating system. Dates for the combined Sail Port Stephens 'Passage Series' will be **Monday 24 April to Saturday 29 April, 2023**, with **Thursday 27 April** retained as a lay-day.

The Sail Port Stephens 'W/L Series' – which includes the NSW Yachting Championships sailed under IRC and ORCi – becomes a three-day, stand-alone event held from **5-7 May 2023**. Accompanying the fleet will be Act 3 of the TP52 Gold Cup, and a new trophy for ORC Club fleet, again utilising windward-leeward courses.

Finally, **19-21 May 2023** has been set aside for the Sail Port Stephens "Bay Series". This is exclusively for sports boats, trailer sailers, off-the-beach dinghies and Windsurfers, hosted by The Bay Sailing Centre at Salamander Bay.

A major social event will be held on the Wednesday night, as per usual, but with only daily prizes awarded.

GFS entries so far are – **Echo, Hasta La Vista, Passion X, Tana.**

### West Harbour Winter Series, 2023

All boats from GFS fleets (Twilight and Saturday) with paid membership, Category 7 safety and current insurance with racing cover are eligible to enter the West Harbour Winter Series.

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event	Other Information
2023	May	Sunday	21	WH Winter Series Race 1	Dates for the 2023 combined Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Parramatta Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron West Harbour Winter Series.  These may change.
	June	Sunday	4	WH Winter Series Race 2	
		Sunday	18	WH Winter Series Race 3	
	July	Sunday	2	WH Winter Series Race 4	
		Sunday	16	WH Winter Series Race 5	
		Sunday	30	WH Winter Series Race 6	
	August	Sunday	13	WH Winter Series Race 7	

"I can't control the wind but I can adjust the sail." — *Ricky Skaggs*

## Recent Results – Twilight Series (Provisional)

### Twilight Autumn Series

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
1 Orange	1=	2750	<i>Force Four</i>
	1=	1000	<i>Barubi</i>
	3	M101	<i>Mistress</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
2 Gold	1	GBR 32	<i>Jester</i>
	2	AUS766	<i>Gem</i>
	3	AUS1256	<i>Adrenaline</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
3 White	1	808	<i>Banjo</i>
	2	118	<i>Fast Forward</i>
	3	5673	<i>On Y Va!</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
4 Green	1	R7	<i>Wind Charmer</i>
	2	6334	<i>Shemozzle</i>
	3	6380	<i>Tana</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
5 Blue	1=	3425	<i>G-Whizz</i>
	1=	4150	<i>French Connection</i>
	3	6635	<i>Worlds Apart</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
6 Black	1	112	<i>Joli</i>
	2	7177	<i>Meridian</i>
	3	7130	<i>Passion X</i>

### Twilight Overall Series

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
1 Orange	1	1000	<i>Barubi</i>
	2	6402	<i>Bella</i>
	3	5596	<i>Dolphin II</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
2 Gold	1	2156	<i>Echo</i>
	2	1475	<i>Etesian</i>
	3	AUS1256	<i>Adrenaline</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
3 White	1	5673	<i>On Y Va!</i>
	2	118	<i>Fast Forward</i>
	3	3608	<i>Joka</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
4 Green	1	6334	<i>Shemozzle</i>
	2	R7	<i>Wind Charmer</i>
	3	7129	<i>Hasta La Vista</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
5 Blue	1	3425	<i>G-Whizz</i>
	2	4150	<i>French Connection</i>
	3	N381	<i>Aetos</i>

Division	Place	Sail #	Boat Name
6 Black	1	112	<i>Joli</i>
	2	7130	<i>Passion X</i>
	3	7177	<i>Meridian</i>

GFS on the water.



***Adrenaline*** and ***Etesian*** Twilight Autumn Series Race 4 Feb 22 - Gold Division - Image Mark Palmer



***Speedwell*** Saturday Autumn Series Race 3 Feb 25 – image Mark Palmer



The ***Twilight Etchells*** fleet – Autumn Race 8 - March 22

*“The good seaman weathers the storm he cannot avoid and avoids the storm he cannot weather.” - anon*

## The ADR Presentation

The presentation for the Australia Day Regatta was held at Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday March 28. The recipients of trophies and first place medallions were presented with their awards. Finger food and drinks were provided in a convivial atmosphere. Unfortunately, very few of the GFS first place recipients were in attendance. Disappointing, as GFS has participated in the regatta for several years and has the largest fleet competing in a satellite regatta (even more competitors than in the harbour event on Australia Day).



## The Lane Cove River

The Aboriginal name for the Lane Cove River is Turrumburra.

Governor Phillip was the first European to lead an expedition into the Lane Cove River Valley, some three months after the arrival of the First Fleet. Lieutenant Ralph Clark, accompanied by three convicts, explored the Lane Cove River Valley in 1790. They rowed some 10 kilometres up the Lane Cove River and recorded that they saw Aboriginal people.

The river near Fullers Bridge is the site of the mysterious deaths of Dr Gilbert Bogle and Margaret Chandler on January 1, 1963. The case became famous because the cause of death could not be established and because it exposed the libertarian activities of a group of left-wing intellectuals known as the 'Sydney Push'.

The bodies were found in unusual circumstances. Bogle was partly covered by a carpet square while Chandler's body was covered by cardboard. Both had their clothing laid neatly over them. Conspiracy theories abounded at the time and poisoning of some kind seemed to be the cause of death.

In 2016 a new theory emerged that in the early hours of the morning an eruption of hydrogen sulphide gas from the polluted river caused potentially lethal fumes to pool in deadly quantities at the location where the bodies were eventually found. The explanation for the strange covering of the bodies was that a passer-by, not a murderer, covered Bogle and Chandler to preserve their modesty.



**Queen Mary** and **Tonic** – a national drink - Down Harbour Race 7

## Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

Local Time			
APRIL			
Time	m	Time	m
<b>1</b>	0600 1.52	<b>16</b>	0452 1.75
	1249 0.60		1134 0.39
SA	1859 1.29	SU	1744 1.48
			2330 0.57
<b>2</b>	0030 0.74	<b>17</b>	0549 1.80
	0548 1.57		1221 0.34
SU	1228 0.54	MO	1831 1.61
	1835 1.37		
<b>3</b>	0015 0.66	<b>18</b>	0028 0.48
	0630 1.62		0641 1.80
MO	1300 0.49	TU	1304 0.32
	1908 1.45		1915 1.72
<b>4</b>	0056 0.59	<b>19</b>	0120 0.40
	0708 1.65		0730 1.76
TU	1330 0.45	WE	1344 0.34
	1939 1.53		1958 1.80
<b>5</b>	0133 0.53	<b>20</b>	0211 0.37
	0742 1.67		0816 1.69
WE	1359 0.43	TH	1421 0.39
	2010 1.61	●	2039 1.86
<b>6</b>	0211 0.48	<b>21</b>	0300 0.37
	0817 1.65		0902 1.59
TH	1428 0.43	FR	1457 0.46
○	2042 1.68		2119 1.87
<b>7</b>	0250 0.45	<b>22</b>	0347 0.40
	0855 1.62		0948 1.48
FR	1458 0.44	SA	1531 0.54
	2115 1.74		2159 1.85
<b>8</b>	0331 0.44	<b>23</b>	0435 0.45
	0934 1.56		1034 1.37
SA	1530 0.48	SU	1606 0.63
	2152 1.78		2238 1.80
<b>9</b>	0416 0.45	<b>24</b>	0524 0.52
	1017 1.48		1120 1.29
SU	1603 0.53	MO	1642 0.72
	2231 1.78		2317 1.73
<b>10</b>	0506 0.48	<b>25</b>	0614 0.59
	1105 1.39		1208 1.22
MO	1643 0.61	TU	1722 0.79
	2316 1.76		
<b>11</b>	0602 0.52	<b>26</b>	0001 1.64
	1159 1.31		0709 0.65
TU	1729 0.68	WE	1303 1.18
			1812 0.86
<b>12</b>	0009 1.72	<b>27</b>	0053 1.56
	0708 0.55		0809 0.69
WE	1303 1.24	TH	1410 1.17
	1828 0.75		1918 0.89
<b>13</b>	0112 1.68	<b>28</b>	0156 1.51
	0823 0.56		0911 0.69
TH	1423 1.22	FR	1522 1.20
●	1944 0.78	●	2036 0.90
<b>14</b>	0229 1.67	<b>29</b>	0306 1.49
	0937 0.52		1006 0.66
FR	1545 1.27	SA	1624 1.26
	2109 0.76		2150 0.86
<b>15</b>	0345 1.70	<b>30</b>	0409 1.51
	1041 0.46		1053 0.62
SA	1651 1.36	SU	1712 1.35
	2226 0.68		2251 0.79

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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.*