

Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

Edition 16, August 2023

Sailing Calendar August – West Harbour Winter Series

| Year | Month | Day | Date | Event |
|------|--------|--------|------|-------------------------|
| 2023 | August | Sunday | 13 | WH Winter Series Race 7 |

Equipment Audits

| Year | Month | Date | Event |
|------|--------|------|----------------------------------|
| 2023 | August | 19 | Equipment Audits Saturday Yachts |
| | | 26 | Equipment Audits Saturday Yachts |

2023 – 2024 GFS RACE ENTRY

Before you race in either a Saturday or Twilight series race at GFS you will need to enter your yacht online through the **TopYacht Race Entry System (TES)**.

Once registered you will be able to enter events at GFS and other clubs or regattas.

Each Series must be entered separately –

Twilight Spring and Autumn,
Saturday Spring and Autumn,
Twilight Summer,
Saturday Summer and
Down Harbour Series

Please only enter the series in which you intend to sail.

To enter your yacht for 2023 - 2024 -

Go to – <https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1703>

A help page for the TopYacht entry process can be found here: [How to Enter a Sailing Event using the TopYacht Entry System](#). If your boat has joint ownership please read [this](#).

This information is on the GFS website – Sailing – Racing Information page as well.

Category 7 Equipment Audit forms can be downloaded from the GFS website (Sailing – Racing Information page) and completed prior to attending an inspection. Other Category forms are available and if required you will need to book an audit time.

Courses and Sailing Instructions will be available on the website soon.



West Harbour Winter Series – Race 6 – image Paul Fowler
Check the video on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dy2SYJkrhxs&t=1s>



WHWS Race 6 image David Killoran

There are always great images posted on the GFS Facebook page and are well worth viewing.

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2023 - 2024

Season Program

For

Yacht Divisions

Club Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except January), commencing at 1930 hours.

Entries

| Year | Month | Day | Date | Final Date for Series Entries |
|------|-----------|-----------|------|-------------------------------|
| 2023 | August | Saturday | 26 | Saturday Series |
| | September | Saturday | 2 | Down Harbour Series |
| | | Wednesday | 20 | Twilight Series |
| | November | Saturday | 18 | Saturday Summer Series |
| | | Wednesday | 22 | Twilight Summer Series |

Important Club Events

| Year | Month | Day | Date | Event |
|------|-----------|-----------|------|--|
| 2023 | | Saturday | 19 | Equipment Audits Saturday Yachts |
| | | Saturday | 26 | Equipment Audits Appointment only |
| | September | Saturday | 16 | Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts Day 1 |
| | | Sunday | 24 | Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts Day 2 |
| | | Wednesday | 27 | Compulsory Skippers' Meeting |
| 2024 | June | Saturday | 1 | Prize presentation from 1500 hrs |
| | July | Tuesday | 11 | AGM |

Race entries via (TES) - TopYacht Entry System – <https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1703>

All yachts must lodge a crew list on TopYacht to nominate the persons on board (POB) for each race in which the yacht competes. The list must include Australian Sailing numbers for each person.

Special GFS and West Harbour Combined Series

All Yachts registered for the Saturday and Twilight Series are eligible to enter the Saturday Down Harbour Series and Saturday Mick York Trophy Series and West Harbour Series. The **Mick York Trophy Series** will run in conjunction with the regular Saturday Series Races. The starting sequence will begin at **1315 hours** for all Saturday Series races.

Down Harbour Series Races are sponsored by Joe Walsh Rigging.

GFS Joe Walsh Rigging Down Harbour Series

| Year | Month | Date | Event |
|------|-----------|------|-------------------------------|
| 2023 | September | 9 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1 |
| | October | 14 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2 |
| | November | 11 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3 |
| | December | 9 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4 |
| 2024 | January | 13 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 5 |
| | February | 10 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6 |
| | March | 9 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 7 |
| | April | 13 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8 |

GFS Mick York Trophy Races

| Year | Month | Date | Event |
|------|-----------|------|--------------------------------|
| 2023 | September | 23 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 1 |
| | October | 28 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 2 |
| | November | 25 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 3 |
| 2024 | January | 20 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 4 |
| | February | 24 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 5 |
| | March | 23 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 6 |
| | April | 27 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 7 |

West Harbour Spring Series, 2023

| Year | Month | Day | Date | Event | Other Information |
|------|-----------|--------|------|-------------------------|---|
| 2023 | September | Sunday | 10 | WH Spring Series Race 1 | Dates for the 2022 combined Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Parramatta Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron West Harbour Spring Series. |
| | | Sunday | 24 | WH Spring Series Race 2 | |
| | October | Sunday | 8 | WH Spring Series Race 3 | |
| | | Sunday | 22 | WH Spring Series Race 4 | |
| | November | Sunday | 11 | WH Spring Series Race 5 | |
| | | Sunday | 25 | WH Spring Series Race 6 | |
| | December | Sunday | 3 | WH Spring Series Race 7 | |

West Harbour Summer Series, 2023

| Year | Month | Day | Date | Event | Other Information |
|------|----------|--------|------|-------------------------|---|
| 2023 | January | Sunday | 14 | WH Summer Series Race 1 | Dates for the 2022 combined Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Parramatta Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron West Harbour Summer Series. |
| | | Sunday | 28 | WH Summer Series Race 2 | |
| | February | Sunday | 11 | WH Summer Series Race 3 | |
| | | Sunday | 25 | WH Summer Series Race 4 | |
| | March | Sunday | 10 | WH Summer Series Race 5 | |
| | | Sunday | 24 | WH Summer Series Race 6 | |

West Harbour Winter Series, 2024

| Year | Month | Day | Date | Event | Other Information |
|------|--------|--------|------|-------------------------|---|
| 2024 | May | Sunday | 26 | 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. |
| | June | Sunday | 2 | WH Winter Series Race 2 | |
| | | Sunday | 16 | WH Winter Series Race 3 | |
| | | Sunday | 30 | WH Winter Series Race 4 | |
| | July | Sunday | 14 | WH Winter Series Race 5 | |
| | | Sunday | 28 | WH Winter Series Race 6 | |
| | August | Sunday | 11 | WH Winter Series Race 7 | |

Twilight Series

The Twilight Starting Sequence will begin at **1735 hours** for all races which start at the GFS Clubhouse. **VHF 72** will give the countdown at the start and will be monitored during races.

Yachts are to **keep clear** of the starting box exclusion zone until 5 minutes prior to the start time of their division.

If conditions are deemed appropriate, races may start from the club launch. **Code flag "Q"** (yellow pennant) will be flown from the clubhouse flag mast. The start sequence will begin at 1745 hours. VHF 72 will give the countdown at the start and will be monitored during races and used to communicate with yachts.

| Year | Month | Date | Event | Notes |
|------|-----------|---|--|---------------------|
| 2023 | September | 16 | Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sat) | |
| | | 24 | Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sun) | |
| | | 27 | Compulsory Skippers' Meeting | |
| | October | 1 | <i>Daylight Saving Commences</i> | |
| | | 4 | Spring Race 1 | |
| | | 11 | Spring Race 2 | |
| | | 18 | Spring Race 3 | |
| | | 25 | Spring Race 4 | |
| | | 29 | Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club | |
| | November | 1 | Spring Race 5 | |
| | | 8 | Spring Race 6 | |
| | | 15 | Spring Race 7 | |
| | | 22 | Spring Race 8 | |
| | | 29 | Spring Race 9 | |
| | December | 6 | Summer Race 1 | |
| | | 13 | Summer Race 2 and YOTS @ GFS | |
| | | 20 | Summer Race 3 | |
| 27 | | Christmas Break – New Year break | | |
| 2024 | January | 3 | Summer Race 4 | |
| | | 10 | Summer Race 5 | Women's Helm Race 1 |
| | | 17 | Summer Race 6 | Women's Helm Race 2 |
| | | 24 | Summer Race 7 | Women's Helm Race 3 |
| | | 26 | <i>188th Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour</i> | |
| | | 31 | Summer Race 8 – GFS Aus Day Regatta Race | |
| | February | 7 | Autumn Race 1 | |
| | | 14 | Autumn Race 2 GFS Twilight Centenary Race | |
| | | 21 | Autumn Race 3 | |
| | | 28 | Autumn Race 4 | |
| | March | 6 | Autumn Race 5 | |
| | | 13 | Autumn Race 6 | |
| | | 20 | Autumn Race 7 | |
| | | 27 | Autumn Race 8 | |
| | | 29 - 31 | Good Friday - Easter | |
| | April | 3 | Autumn Race 9 | |
| | | 2 | Daylight Saving Ends | |

Other Events (* may have impact on the area in which GFS could sail)

| Year | Month | Date | Event | Notes |
|---------|----------|--|---|--|
| 2023 | October | 29 | Balmain Regatta | Entries to BSC |
| | November | TBA | MHYC Seven Islands Race * | Possibly 25th |
| | December | 10 -11 | CYCA Classic Yacht Regatta * | Main Harbour |
| 9 - 18 | | Sail Sydney Regatta - Woollahra Sailing Club * | Main Harbour | |
| 2024 | January | TBA | MHYC Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup * | Possibly 13th |
| | | 26 | 188 th Australia Day Regatta | Main Harbour |
| | February | TBA | RANSA Regatta | Main Harbour |
| | March | TBA | Sydney Harbour Regatta * | Possibly 2 nd and 3 rd |
| | April | 15 -19 | Sail Port Stephens 2024 | PSYC |
| October | 27 | Balmain Regatta | Entries to BSC | |

Saturday and Down Harbour Keelboat Series

The starting sequence will begin at **1315 hours** for all Saturday Series.

Races will start from the club launch when **code flag "Q"** (yellow pennant) is flown from the clubhouse flag mast, otherwise the start will be from the clubhouse.

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|------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|--|
| 2023 | August | 19 | Equipment Audits Saturday Yachts | | |
| | | 26 | Equipment Audits Saturday Yachts | | |
| | September | 2 | Spring Race 1 | | |
| | | 9 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1 | | |
| | | 16 | Spring Race 2 | | |
| | | 23 | Spring Race 3 | MY Race 1 | |
| | | 27 | Compulsory Skippers' Meeting | | |
| | | 30 | Long Weekend – No Race Daylight Saving Commences – Sunday October 1 | | |
| | October | 7 | Spring Race 4 | | |
| | | 14 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2 | | |
| | | 21 | Spring Race 5 | | |
| | | 28 | Spring Race 6 | MY Race 2 | |
| | | 29 | Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club | | |
| | November | 4 | Spring Race 7 | | |
| | | 11 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3 | | |
| | | 18 | Spring Race 8 | | |
| | | 25 | Spring Race 9 | MY Race 3 | |
| | December | 2 | Summer Race 1 | | |
| | | 9 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4 | | |
| | | 16 | Summer Race 2 | | |
| 23 | | Christmas and New Year Break | | | |
| 30 | | | | | |
| 2024 | January | 6 | Summer Race 3 | | |
| | | 13 | Joe Walsh Down - Harbour Race 5 | | |
| | | 20 | Summer Race 4 | MY Race 4 | |
| | | 26 | 188th Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour | | |
| | | 27 | Summer Race 5 - GFS Saturday Australia Day Race | | |
| | February | 3 | Autumn Race 1 | | |
| | | 10 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6 | | |
| | | 17 | Autumn Race 2 - GFS Saturday Centenary Weekend Race | | |
| | | 24 | Autumn Race 3 | MY Race 5 | |
| | March | 2 | Autumn Race 4 | | |
| | | 9 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 7 | | |
| | | 16 | Autumn Race 5 | | |
| | | 23 | Autumn Race 6 | MY Race 6 | |
| | | 30 | Easter – No Race | | |
| | April | 6 | Autumn Race 7 | | |
| | | 7 | Daylight Saving ends - Sunday | | |
| | | 13 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8 | | |
| | | 20 | Autumn Race 8 | | |
| | | 27 | Autumn Race 9 | MY Race 7 | |

MY = Mick York Series

Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

| AUGUST | | | |
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| Time | m | Time | m |
| 1 | 0152 0.24 0745 1.39 TU 1318 0.42 1955 2.05 | 16 | 0227 0.39 0822 1.32 WE 1355 0.52 ● 2023 1.74 |
| 2 | 0241 0.16 0837 1.45 WE 1413 0.37 ○ 2045 2.09 | 17 | 0258 0.38 0855 1.35 TH 1431 0.50 2056 1.74 |
| 3 | 0328 0.13 0927 1.49 TH 1506 0.34 2136 2.06 | 18 | 0328 0.38 0928 1.37 FR 1508 0.50 2129 1.70 |
| 4 | 0415 0.14 1017 1.53 FR 1601 0.36 2226 1.97 | 19 | 0357 0.38 1001 1.40 SA 1545 0.51 2202 1.64 |
| 5 | 0501 0.20 1107 1.55 SA 1658 0.40 2315 1.81 | 20 | 0426 0.41 1036 1.42 SU 1626 0.54 2236 1.56 |
| 6 | 0546 0.28 1159 1.57 SU 1757 0.48 | 21 | 0456 0.44 1113 1.44 MO 1710 0.58 2314 1.46 |
| 7 | 0007 1.62 0631 0.39 MO 1252 1.57 1901 0.56 | 22 | 0529 0.49 1153 1.46 TU 1800 0.63 2356 1.35 |
| 8 | 0102 1.43 0717 0.49 TU 1347 1.57 ● 2014 0.62 | 23 | 0604 0.54 1239 1.47 WE 1858 0.66 |
| 9 | 0205 1.26 0806 0.58 WE 1447 1.57 2135 0.64 | 24 | 0047 1.25 0648 0.59 TH 1331 1.48 ● 2009 0.67 |
| 10 | 0319 1.16 0901 0.65 TH 1549 1.57 2253 0.62 | 25 | 0154 1.17 0745 0.64 FR 1435 1.51 2132 0.63 |
| 11 | 0437 1.12 1002 0.67 FR 1650 1.60 2356 0.57 | 26 | 0317 1.14 0854 0.65 SA 1545 1.58 2249 0.53 |
| 12 | 0542 1.14 1100 0.67 SA 1745 1.63 | 27 | 0439 1.17 1008 0.61 SU 1653 1.69 2351 0.40 |
| 13 | 0043 0.51 0631 1.19 SU 1153 0.63 1831 1.67 | 28 | 0545 1.25 1115 0.53 MO 1754 1.82 |
| 14 | 0121 0.46 0713 1.24 MO 1238 0.59 1912 1.71 | 29 | 0044 0.27 0639 1.35 TU 1214 0.43 1847 1.94 |
| 15 | 0156 0.42 0748 1.28 TU 1318 0.55 1948 1.73 | 30 | 0131 0.16 0729 1.45 WE 1309 0.33 1939 2.01 |
| | | 31 | 0216 0.10 0816 1.53 TH 1402 0.26 ○ 2028 2.02 |

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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.

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 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 compete, and we pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.