

Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

Edition 17, September 2023

Sailing Calendar - September (see the full Season program included in this edition)

Year	Month	Date	Event	Other
2023	September	2	Spring Race1	
		9	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1	
		16	Spring Race 2	
		23	Spring Race 3	Mick York Race 1
		27	Compulsory Skippers' Meeting	
		30	Long Weekend – No Race Daylight Saving Commences – Sunday October 1	

Equipment Audits

Year	Month	Date	Event
2023	September	16	Saturday - Equipment Audits Twilight Yachts
		24	Sunday - Equipment Audits Twilight 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.

Saturday Courses and Sailing Instructions are on the GFS website Twilight will be available soon.

Please remember to upload your signed Equipment Audit form and Equipment Audit forms to TopYacht

Equipment Audits for Twilights

Please refer to the email sent by club safety officer, Peter Hamilton, via Rev Sport and summarised here and on the GFS website.

SAFETY AUDITS will need to be completed and lodged and uploaded to TopYacht with your insurance CoCs. GFS Twilight audit days are scheduled as:

1. **Saturday 16/9/23** Twilight Fleet Day 1
2. **Sunday 24/9/23** Twilight Fleet Day 2

Please complete the Form (available on the Sailing – Racing Information page) and prepare the boat on the day as described in the email.

- MOB and Life rings etc. deployed in working position;
- Lifejackets laid out on deck for inspection;
- Inflatable life jacket survey reports to be available for audit.
- Anchor visible with chain laid out on the foredeck;
- Fire extinguisher, Fire blankets, sound signals, flares, buckets, knives etc. topside or in cockpit to be viewed and ticked off;
- First aid kits available for inspection with a quick reference list of current dates for all perishable items

Have your radio turned **ON** VHF Channel 72 so that you can be called in to the club pontoon for your audit.

GFS Working Bee 2023.

After missing the last 3 years the annual club clean-up saw an excellent turn-out of members who prepared the club for the coming sailing season.

Many tasks were completed which included maintenance of the dinghy racks, repairing the pontoon and washing down the exterior walls.

A big thank you to all those who gave up their time.

Saturday Fleets

Saturday fleets are traditionally fewer in numbers than Twilight fleets. Spinnakers are allowed but not mandatory. The Saturday Divisions are less crowded and there is minimal interaction with fleets from other clubs.

The Saturday divisions could always benefit from extra participants. If at all possible please consider joining the fleet.

Woolwich Marina Development



A recent article in the Daily Telegraph quoted - **‘Ludicrous’: Marina extension prompts sailing, harbour concerns.**

A harbour marina has released multimillion-dollar expansion plans to almost double its capacity and cater for larger vessels.

Sydney Harbour sailing clubs have raised concerns with the mooted \$8m extension of the marina, warning a congested stretch of the harbour could become even more dangerous.

West Harbour Winter Series 2023

Places for GFS Yachts in the WHWS and GFS winter series.

Series Results [PHS] for Division 1 up to Race 7 (Drops = 2)											
WH Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
3=	6358	IRUKANDJI	S Paul Stubbs	21	4	4	6	4	3	[6.0]	[15.0C]
11	7130	PASSION X	D Edmiston	50	1	6	17.0C	11	[17.0C]	[17.0C]	15.0C

Series Results [PHS] for Division 2 up to Race 7 (Drops = 2)											
WH Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
2	8033	PISTOL DAWN	M Thompson	11	2	[4.0]	1	3	[13.0C]	3	2
4	2156	ECHO	G Morcombe	17	[12.0C]	[7.0]	4	5	1	6	1
5	AUS1049	ETCHIBAN	K O'Rourke	24	[12.0C]	2	7.0R	7.0H	3	5	[13.0C]
6	AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTRO	S Clark	30	12.0C	5	7.0R	4	[13.0C]	2	[13.0C]
8	2501	BEWARE OF THE DOG!	T Daly	61	12.0C	12.0C	12.0C	12.0C	13.0C	[13.0C]	[13.0C]

Series Results [PHS] for Division 3 up to Race 7 (Drops = 2)											
WH Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
2	5673	ON Y VA!	B Hilliard	12	1	1	[7.0]	[7.0]	4	4	2
3	6380	TANA	P Joy	15	5	[14.0C]	4	2	2	2	[5.0R]
4	M138	CONQUISTA	A Bull	17	2	4.0O	5	[5.0]	3	3	[11.0C]
5	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	J Veale	26	3	[14.0C]	3	3	6	[13.0C]	11.0C
10	3425	G-WHIZZ	G Davey	65	14.0C	14.0C	[14.0C]	[14.0C]	13.0C	13.0C	11.0C

Series Results [PHS] for Division 4 up to Race 7 (Drops = 2)											
WH Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
5	3608	JOKA	C Williams	19	4	6	1	[8.0]	[7.0]	6	2
9	1255A	MELODY	M Koppenol	51	14.0C	8	[14.0C]	7	[14.0C]	9.0S	13.0C
10	7073	SERENDIPITY	P May	53	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	[14.0C]	8	[14.0C]	3
11	3127	CAPRIOLE	G Lucas	60	5	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	[14.0C]	[14.0C]	13.0C
11	M101	MISTRESS	R Hand	60	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	[14.0C]	5	[14.0C]	13.0C
13	28	SALTY SEADOG II	C Nicholls	69	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	[14.0C]	[14.0C]	13.0C

Well done to those who competed.

Special thanks to David Stenhouse from Balmain Sailing Club for his organisation of the event and also to the start/finish boat crew from Drummoyne Sailing club without whom the series would not be possible.

GFS Saturday Autumn Series

Please note that the first few races will start from the GFS Clubhouse and will use 'island' courses.

Have your transceiver on and tuned to VHF channel 72 at all times, especially as courses may be shortened and this will be communicated by radio.

As the starters are 'new' please be mindful of their task in starting and finishing races.

We hope to be using 'Humbug' (the start boat) as soon as possible.

Divisions and handicaps will be on the GFS Website later this week.

Please Visit the GFS website regularly for important club information.

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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	Daylight Saving Commences	
		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	188 th Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour	
		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).

September 2023

Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 0300 0.09 0903 1.61 FR 1455 0.24 2116 1.95		12 0051 0.45 0648 1.27 TU 1223 0.57 1847 1.63		23 0146 1.12 0717 0.69 SA 1407 1.53 2118 0.55	
2 0343 0.13 0950 1.65 SA 1548 0.26 2205 1.82		13 0123 0.41 0722 1.33 WE 1301 0.51 1922 1.66		24 0314 1.12 0839 0.68 SU 1526 1.58 2230 0.45	
3 0425 0.21 1037 1.68 SU 1644 0.32 2254 1.64		14 0152 0.37 0753 1.39 TH 1338 0.46 1956 1.67		25 0431 1.20 0959 0.62 MO 1636 1.68 2329 0.34	
4 0505 0.32 1125 1.67 MO 1741 0.41 2344 1.44		15 0220 0.35 0824 1.44 FR 1414 0.44 2029 1.65		26 0530 1.31 1106 0.51 TU 1736 1.79	
5 0546 0.45 1214 1.63 TU 1844 0.50		16 0247 0.35 0855 1.49 SA 1450 0.42 2101 1.61		27 0018 0.23 0621 1.43 WE 1204 0.39 1830 1.87	
6 0038 1.27 0630 0.57 WE 1307 1.58 1955 0.58		17 0315 0.36 0927 1.53 SU 1529 0.43 2135 1.55		28 0103 0.16 0707 1.55 TH 1300 0.29 1919 1.90	
7 0143 1.13 0721 0.66 TH 1407 1.53 2115 0.61		18 0344 0.39 1000 1.56 MO 1609 0.45 2212 1.47		29 0146 0.13 0752 1.66 FR 1352 0.22 2008 1.86	
8 0303 1.06 0825 0.72 FR 1515 1.50 2230 0.60		19 0413 0.44 1036 1.57 TU 1653 0.49 2251 1.37		30 0227 0.15 0837 1.74 SA 1444 0.20 2056 1.76	
9 0427 1.08 0938 0.73 SA 1624 1.50 2330 0.56		20 0445 0.50 1115 1.57 WE 1743 0.53 2337 1.27			
10 0528 1.13 1045 0.69 SU 1721 1.54		21 0524 0.57 1201 1.55 TH 1842 0.57			
11 0015 0.50 0612 1.20 MO 1138 0.63 1808 1.58		22 0033 1.18 0612 0.64 FR 1258 1.53 1955 0.59			

Indicates high tide of 1.7m or more Indicates low tide of 0.3m or less
New Moon ● First Quarter ◐ Full Moon ○ Last Quarter ◑



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.

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.

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.