

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

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Sailing Calendar – October - see the full Season Program on the GFS website - https://gfs.org.au/

Month	Day	Date	Event	
October	Sunday	1	Daylight Saving commences	
	Wednesday	4	Twilight Spring Race 1	
	Saturday	7	Saturday Spring Race 4	
	Wednesday	11	Twilight Spring Race 2	
	Saturday	14	Saturday Down Harbour Race 2	
October	Wednesday	18	Twilight Spring Race 3	
	Saturday	21	Saturday Spring Race 5	
	Wednesday	25	Twilight Spring Race 4	
	Saturday	28	Saturday Spring Race 6 – Mick York Race 2	
	Sunday	29	Balmain Regatta – entries - Balmain Sailing Club	

Advance Notice of Skippers Rules Night 13th of November2023 - 1900hrs GFS Clubhouse

A rules night has been organised as a special occasion to support sailors at the start of the 2023 -2024 racing season.

Olympic judge Mark Pryke will explain the rules of racing in the context of courses set by the Greenwich Flying Squadron with emphasis on common protest scenarios.

Mark will answer questions to help refine knowledge of safe sailing practices.

This important presentation night is organised to support safe sailing practice and raise awareness of risks posed during races.

Peter Hamilton

GFS Safety Officer

GFS Saturday Spring Series

Please note that races will start from the GFS Clubhouse and will use 'island' courses until further notice.

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 on VHF channel 72.

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

Please Visit the GFS website regularly for important club information.

GFS 100 years GFS will celebrate 100 years next February!

As always there are great images on the GFS Facebook site -



https://www.facebook.com/groups/138966136751023/

Twilight Race 2 – image Jeff Lucas

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.



Saturday Division 1 Spring Race 3 - image Mark Palmer

Extra and Additional Saturday Series Courses

Clubhouse Start – Extra course numbers in RED.

Course 70 Start Goat Is. Cockatoo Is. (P) Snapper Is. Spectacle Is. Goat Is. Cockatoo Is. (P) [A] Goat Is Finish Course 71 Start Cockatoo Is. (P) Goat Is. Cockatoo Is. (P) Snapper Is. Spectacle Is. Goat Is. [A] Cockatoo Is. (P) Finish Course 72 Start Cockatoo Is. Spectacle Is. (P) Snapper Is. (P) Goat Is. Cockatoo Is. [A] Goat Is. Finish Course 73 Start Goat Is. (P) [A] Cockatoo Is. (P) Finish Course 74 Start

Spectacle Is. (P) Snapper Is. (P) Goat Is. Spectacle Is. (P) Snapper Is. (P) [A] Goat Is. Finish

*** Denotes that Cockatoo Island must be left on the designated side (when marked *** you are NOT required to round the island or mark completely). RRS 28 does not apply.

Course 75 Start Cockatoo Is. (P) Fort Denison Cockatoo Is. [A] Goat Is. Spectacle Is. (P) Snapper Is. (P) Cockatoo Is. *** Finish Course 76 Start Goat Is. Snapper Is. Spectacle Is. Goat Is. [A] Snapper Is. Spectacle Is. Finish Course 77 Start Cockatoo Is. (P) *** Snapper Is. Spectacle Is. Goat Is. [A] Cockatoo Is. (P) Goat Is. Finish Course 78 Start Cockatoo Is. [A] Snapper Is. Parramatta Cockatoo Is. Finish

Course 79 Start Cockatoo Is. Finish

Course 80

Start Goat Is. Cockatoo Is. [A] Goat Is. Cockatoo Is. Finish



Course 81

Start

Start Goat Is. Parramatta (P)

[A]

Course 85

Cockatoo Is.

Goat Is.

Finish

Start Cockatoo Is. Parramatta (P) Cockatoo Is. Parramatta (P) Cockatoo Is. Snapper Is. Spectacle Is. Finish

Course 86

Start Goat Is. Cockatoo Is. Parramatta (P) [A] Goat Is. Finish

The Parramatta mark is a permanent buoy located in Alexandra Bay Please take care as other clubs also use this buoy as a rounding mark.

Sail the course indicated and take all marks to starboard, except those indicated with (P). The code [A] denotes the final rounding mark of an alternative shortened course. Sail the alternative course when the course number displayed is followed by the letter "A". You must NOT sail on the wrong side of Lateral Channel Markers (Goat Island, Balls Head, Greenwich Point and Beacon) or the wrong side of the Cardinal Mark NE of Snapper Is.



Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

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2 0445 0.31 1105 1.79 1730 0.29 2332 1.46	13 0 209 FR 1418 20 24	0.46 TU	0515 1.29 1047 0.62 1715 1.66
3 0524 0.42 1150 1.75 TU 1825 0.38	14 0236 0850 SA 1456 2059	1.56 23 0.42 WE 1.55	0000 0.33 0609 1.41 1155 0.51 1815 1.71
4 0023 1.30 0603 0.54 WE 1236 1.68 1923 0.47	15 0304 0921 SU 1534 2135	0.39 TH 1.51	0046 0.26 0657 1.55 1255 0.40 1908 1.73
5 0117 1.18 0646 0.65 TH 1326 1.59 2029 0.55	16 0333 0954 M0 1614 2214	0.38 FR 1.45	0130 0.23 0743 1.68 1350 0.31 1959 1.70
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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.

Indicat	es high tide of 1.7m o	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.