

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

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

Month	Day	Date	Event	
	Wednesday	1	Twilight Spring Race 5	
	Saturday	4	Saturday Spring Race 7	
	Wednesday	8	Twilight Spring Race 6	
	Saturday	11	Saturday Down Harbour Race 3	
November	Monday	13	Rules Night GFS clubhouse	
November	Wednesday	15	Twilight Spring Race 7	
	Saturday	18	Saturday Spring Race 8	
	Wednesday	22	Twilight Spring Race 8 and GFS Junior Sailor Invititation	
	Saturday	25	Saturday Spring Race 9 – Mick York Race 2	
	Wednesday	29	Twilight Spring Race 9	

Advance Notice - Rules Night 13th of November 2023 - 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 are continuing to start from the GFS Clubhouse and will use 'island' courses until further notice. See the Extra and Additional Course Sheet.

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!

GFS Laser Sailing Program

Year	Month	Date	Event		
	September	10	Race SC 1. Start of season.		
		17	Race SC2.		
		24	Race SC3.		
	October	1	No race. Labour Day long weekend.		
			Daylight saving begins Sunday 1 Oct.		
		8	Race SC4.		
			Juniors introduction day.		
		15	Skills Development 1. Juniors spring session starts.		
2022		22	Race SC5		
2023		29	Cowie Cup race 1. With GSC.		
		5	Race SC6		
		12	Monarch of the River Heat 1 at GSC		
	November	19	Skills development 2		
		26	Cowie Cup race 2. With GSC.		
		3	Race SC7		
	December	10	Race SC8		
		17	Skills development 3. Juniors spring session ends.		
		24-31	Christmas break		
		7	Race GS1		
	January	14	Race GS2		
		20	Saturday. Monarch of the River Heat 2 at LC12SC		
		21	Sunday. No race.		
		28	Race GS3. Australia Day race.		
	February	4	Watsons Bay cruise. Juniors autumn session starts		
		11	Cowie Cup race 3. With GSC.		
		18	GFS Centenary weekend race.		
2024		25	Skills development 4.		
	March	3	Race GS3.		
		10	Race GS4.		
		17	Monarch of the River Heat 3 at HHSC.		
		24	Race GS5. Juniors autumn session ends.		
		29-31	Easter long weekend. No race.		
	April	7	Race GS6.		
		7	Skills development 5. Juniors autumn session ends.		
		14	Race GS7.		



Twilight Spring Race 2 - image Holly Charalambous



Tana - Saturday Division 1 Spring Race 6 (Mick York Race 2) - image Mark Palmer

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 possible, please consider joining the fleet.

Beware

It was noticed last Saturday (October 280 that a mooring with a large vessel attached was relocated well away from the normal cluster of moorings at Greenwich Sailing Club and moved to the East towards Manns Point.



Please remember areas enclosed by private moorings are a prohibited areas in GFS Races as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

SI 25 n Prohibited Areas

 All areas enclosed by private moorings are prohibited areas for all Club courses. Yachts racing in GFS events are not permitted to sail between moorings and between moorings and the adjoining shore.

Each area is considered to be an obstruction, not surrounded by navigable water, and not a mark of the course. RRS Rule 19 applies.

Blue Police buoys are considered to be private moorings.

Yachts breaking Sailing Instruction 25n (i) may retrace their course until outside the restricted area then do a Two Turns Penalty. If they fail to do this and are protested by another yacht they will be automatically classed as DNF. They will be contacted and informed of this by either the Sailing Secretary or the Twilight Captain.

KPMG Australia Sail Grand Prix - Sydney - February 24 and 25, 2024

SaiIGP features national teams battling in short, intense races at stadium-style venues at 13 different events around the world. The high-tech, high-speed action features sailing's best athletes racing in identical foiling F50 catamarans at speeds over 50 kph.

The event returns to Sydney for event 8 of the series in February with races on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday February 25. Race times are listed as between 16:00 and 17:30 hrs each day. The course area is between Clark Island – Bradleys Head – Chowder Head – Steel Point (Vaucluse) – Rose Bay and Point Piper.

Extra and Additional Saturday Series Courses

Course 75

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

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.

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.

Course 79 Start Cockatoo Is. Finish

Finish

Course 80

Start Goat Is. Cockatoo Is. [A] Goat Is. Cockatoo Is. Finish Start Goat Is Cockatoo Is (P) Goat Is ___[A] Cockatoo Is (P) Finish Course 82 Start Cockatoo Is. (P) Goat Is. Cockatoo Is. (P)

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

Course 83

Course 81

Start Cockatoo Is.(P) *** Snapper Is. Parramatta (P) Goat Cockatoo Is. (P) Finish

Course 84

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

Course 85

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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FR 1248	1.62	SA 1229	1.77				
1953	0.53	1929	0.40				
4 0152	1.12	19 0130	1.23				
0704	0.76	0653	0.66				
SA 1339	1.53	SU 1327	1.71				
2052	0.58	2031	0.41				
5 0257	1.11	20 0238	1.24				
0808	0.80	0803	0.68				
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O 2151	0.60	0 2134	0.40				
6 0404	1.15	21 0346	1.30				
0921	0.81	0917	0.67				
MO 1545	1.42	TU 1543	1.62				
2245	0.58	2232	0.38				
7 0503	1.21	22 0447	1.40				
1033	0.77	1032	0.62				
TU 1649	1.41	WE 1650	1.59				
2332	0.55	2324	0.36				
8 0551	1.30	23 0542	1.52				
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1006	1.84	1054	1.82				
WE 1646	0.33	TH 1744	0.39				
2243	1.34	2342	1.23				

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

