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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	August	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 + GFS Junior Sailing invitation	
		29	Spring Race 9	
	December	6	Summer Race 1 and YOTS @ GFS	
		13	Summer Race 2	
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	188th 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	
		7	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 *	
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	
	February	TBA	RANSA Regatta	Main Harbour
	March	TBA	Sydney Harbour Regatta *	Possibly 2 nd and 3 rd
	April	15 - 19	Sail Port Stephens 2024	
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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Year	Month	Date	Event	Other
	August	19	Equipment Audits Saturday Yachts	
		26	Equipment Audits Saturday Yachts	
2023	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