



Greenwich Flying Squadron

## Humbug and e-Humbug

*Members' - Newsletter*

November 2004.

Clubhouse: Bay Street Wharf, Greenwich. PO Box 5092 Greenwich 2065. Phone/FAX 9436 1901.

Web Site: [www.gfs.org.au](http://www.gfs.org.au)

Saturday	Keelboat Racing - Mixed Divisions and Etchells' Class
Wednesday	Twilight Keelboat Racing during Daylight Saving.
Sunday	Sabot and Laser Classes
	Keelboat Cruising Division.

### Editor's Comment.

RSA certificates for those who completed the course are available from Geoff Lucas. A fabulous effort with a 100% pass rate. Well done!



*Bear Essentials.* Photo courtesy Nicholas Hogg

If you are Twilight Racing on December 1<sup>st</sup> and have a space for an extra crew person, please contact Chris Gaskell from '*French Connection*' as GFS is hosting **YOTS** (Youth Off The Streets) that evening.

### Remember the RULES NIGHT at GFS 8pm - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

The speaker is Tony Mooney and naturally this event is for **ALL** members - both skippers and crew.

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Flair

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### 2004 – 2005 Dates - Summary.

#### Keelboat Racing 2004 – 2005 Season.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December Summer Series Race 1.  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February Autumn Series Race 1.  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April final race for 2004-2005 season.

#### Sabots 2004 – 2005

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January Autumn Race 1  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April final race for 2004-2005 season.

#### Lasers

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January Autumn Race 1  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April final race for 2004-2005 season.

#### Twilight Series

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Rules Night  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January Summer Race 1.  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Autumn Race 1.  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March final race.

#### 2005 Winter Series

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May Winter Series Race 1  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July Final Race.

These dates are only a summary, the Club Calendar distributed in the 'Sailing Instructions Pack' contains all relevant details.

### Proof of Insurance

Please check *Sailing Instruction 1a, Eligibility to Race* and *Sailing Instruction 22, Scoring*. To score points you must have a **CURRENT** proof of insurance lodged with the club.

Renewals during the course of the season need to be sent or faxed to the Sailing Secretary at the club.

Remember that racing CAN be an aggressive activity. We all need to obey the rules especially **BEFORE** the race and at the start. Keep clear of Divisions preparing to start and keep clear of the finish line after finishing.

## Sailing Secretaries Report.

The weather has been kind to us this year however last Saturday (13<sup>th</sup> – Maybe that's the reason) it blew dogs off chains so we missed a downharbour race. Just as well we scheduled an extra downharbour race this year. Just a note about the downharbour courses: All yachts are to leave Fort Denison on **their port side** which means Opera house side on the way down and Kirribilli side on the way back. Also remember the downharbour races are open to all yachts – Yes even twilighters and cruising boats – just ring in to say your coming, and if you have not sailed before, to get your division.

The numbers racing on Saturday have been quite good. In the point score series we've had up to 7 Etchells, 9 Division 1 and 9 Division 2 yachts racing. A bit disappointing for the Etchells but good news for Division 2 which was in trouble last year. We have tried to keep the courses varied and I think we have succeeded so far although without *Pegasus* we are quite limited on a day were there is reasonable breeze. *Pegasus* is now back in action so we should be back to the more challenging Saturday courses. It seems that the course modifications made this year are working; Division 2 is getting back to the club at around the same time as the rest of the fleet with their slightly shorter course so they now don't miss out on the social and sausages.

The results quite obviously do not please most of you. Unfortunate! They certainly don't show us (*Forte Forever*) in a good light but I have to admit the fault is with us not the system. This year the club ran the handicaps on directly from the 2003-4 season and this has worked well (Etchells : 3 have 1 1<sup>st</sup> and 2 have 2 1<sup>st</sup>s) but in Division 2 it appears that *Apache Star* has been training over winter. They have 3 1<sup>st</sup>s, but I have been reliably informed that they did improve significantly during the winter series with another club.

Waren Welch has had a great season so far. With one race to go Warren in *Joka* has an unbeatable lead on scratch and is vying with *Pacific Edge* for the handicap crown. *Forte Forever* seems on target to get 2<sup>nd</sup> on scratch with *Pacific Edge*, *Raptor* and *Wgara* all a chance for 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Forte* and *Wgara* are vying for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place on handicap.

In Division 1 *Gatsby* is the favourite to take the honours and interestingly John has had no 1<sup>st</sup>s but 2<sup>nd</sup>s and 3<sup>rd</sup>s consistently. *Slightly Underrated*, *Out of Africa* and *Liquid Asset* should fight it out for the places.

In Division 2 it's a toss up between *Apache Star* and *Flair* for the win with *Scorpio* having some good results (2 1<sup>st</sup>s) and likely to come in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Overall the handicap system seems to be working reasonably well.

Audits: Most yachts by now have been audited but there are still some stragglers. I can do a number of audits on Saturday morning before our race starts – normally between 10.30 and 12.30. Other than that you will have to contact Ross to see what other options are available. The other issue is that the club requires a copy of your current insurance policy to be lodged. Obviously throughout the year the policies will be renewed and so we ask that you fax us a copy of the significant page/s when you renew so that our records are up to date and so that you meets with our safety audit requirements.

**Warren Olsen**  
*Forte Forever*

**Series results are on Page 4.**



*Infidel* and *Cool Change*. Photo courtesy Akenese Burgess

## Laser Report

Well one point score down, three to go. So our congratulations go to Bill Houghton for first on both handicap and scratch followed by John Florin second on scratch and handicap with Ken Gibson third on scratch and handicap. Let's hope the sharing of other series can be more spread across the field.

The only way that can happen is everyone turning up as much as possible. If the past Sundays are anything to go by it is pretty hard not to enjoy a beautiful Sunday on the water. With that said when the need arises the occasional relaxing BBQ after race wind down will not be objected to.

See you on the water

**David Wise, Laser Captain**

## RULES NIGHT - Tuesday 23 November 2004 8 pm

Tony Mooney, YA accredited racing rules presenter will discuss the all important rules of racing and avoiding collisions at sea with board demonstration and discussion.

Skippers bring your crew so that we may all be all aware and informed.

Enquiries: Alan Grundy ph: 94284706



*Slightly Underated and Out of Africa.* Photo Courtesy  
Nicholas Hogg

### Junior Sailing

I would like to mention a few things that may be of interest:

1. We have had many positive comments about the new decking, very much improved and there have been fewer reported splinters.
2. We now have a club Sabot - Karu (which I believe was last known to be owned by the Gunsts). We dusted it off 2 weeks ago and it has been taken every Sunday since. In fact last Sunday we had the full club complement of boats out - the 3 speedboats, the mirror and the new Club Sabot.
3. With very few exceptions, all Sabots in the club are being actively sailed. The 3 exceptions are Bindi, Odyssey and Spectrum. We have had one additional Sabot added to the fleet (Ken Gibson who also sails Lasers). There are also a few new families coming down with children in the 8 - 10 year old range with an interest in getting them sailing and who look like they will be quite good additions to the club in 2005 and next season and beyond.
4. We are going to have the fleet severely depleted next season. There are 7 - 8 senior sailors that will be graduating out of Sabots after this season (Murray Robertson, Fiona Robertson, William Torode, Hunter Smith, Sally Cooper, Pat O'Neill, Michael O'Neill & (possibly) Hannah Kluckow). This is a big exodus for us, but also a big opportunity. All these sailors sail quite modern and well kitted out fibreglass boats. It is my goal to make sure that over time, we slowly retire or encourage the retirement of the older timber Sabots and have them replaced by newer fibreglass ones.

That's all from me for the moment.

**Kym Evans**

**New club keys contact Anthony Curtain.**



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It is important to regularly check the club web site. There are results to check, club information, rosters, and warnings of up-coming events.

As the season progresses 'Humbug' will be posted on the web. 'Humbug' mail-outs will be restricted.

Notification of a 'new' edition will come via email.

**Please contribute!!!!**



*Joka.* Photo courtesy Nicholas Hogg

## New Members approved by the committee

### October

Andrew Richardson	S80 'Akavit'
Ken Wallace	NS31 'Walkabout'
Chris Whitnall	Etchell 'Serendipity'
Elanor Armati	Sabot 'Banana Boat'
Alison Macdonald	Crew 'Flair'
Dennis Notley	Crew 'Luna Sea'
John McGlashan	Crew 'Out of Africa'
Paul Phillips	Crew 'Apache Star'

### November

Rod Stewart	Part Owner 'Oceanus'
Peter Wherry	Adams 10.6 'Extremist'
John Haywood	Cav 28 'Whisperer'
Campbell Meldrum	Beneteau 'Yeomans'
Brian Hunt	Holland 25 'Seaborne'
Anthony Donald	Crew 'Liquid Asset'
Leigh Derwin	Crew 'Takana'



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The park in Bay Street looking across to Shell Park  
May 1967.



Notice the huge number of moorings and activity in the bay.  
Pick which Kannegieter is on the see-saw!

## Saturday Spring series keelboat results.

For a full listing see the GFS web site.

### Etchells Scratch

1 <sup>st</sup>	286	Joka	Warren Welch	4.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	44	Forte Forever	Mark Baker	9.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	210	Pacific Edge	Peter Downs	19

### Etchells Handicap

1 <sup>st</sup>	210	Pacific Edge	Peter Downs	12.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	286	Joka	Warren Welch	13.75
3 <sup>rd</sup>	44	Forte Forever	Mark Baker	16.5

### Division 1

1 <sup>st</sup>	AUS152	Gatsby	John Amos	15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4822	Liquid Asset	Paul Stubbs	16.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4579	Out of Africa	Harvey Porter	16.75

### Division 2

1 <sup>st</sup>	1531	Flair	Phil Hare	11.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4211	Apache Star	Ron Weston	12.25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5149	Scorpio	John Moffat	16.5

## GREENWICH FLYING SQUADRON INC.

Bay Street, Greenwich NSW 2065

### HOUSE POLICY

When our restricted licence permits the club to serve alcohol, Greenwich Flying Squadron Inc. has a policy to serve patrons in a responsible, friendly and professional manner.

Our staff are on hand to assist patrons in their decision to drink alcohol in moderation and where appropriate avoid the dilemmas of combining drinking with driving. Staff will not serve any person under the age of 18 years or any patron to an intoxicating level.

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### 2005 – 2008 Racing Rules of Sailing

Whilst in the subject of rules, in advance of their worldwide date of implementation on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 and ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 have now been published online.

Go to <http://www.sailing.org/>

GFS will implement the new rules from January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### GFS Club Officers 2004 – 2005.

Commodore	Paul Williams
Vice Commodore	Roger Gee
Rear Commodore/Sailing Sec	Warren Olsen
Rear Commodore/ Youth	Kym Evans
Treasurer	Anthony Curtain
Secretary	Lesley Barr
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Membership Secretary	Tracey Austin
Ordinary - Maintenance	Mark Rhodes
Twilights	Ross Taylor
Twilight assist	Michael Williams
Humbug	Phil Hare
Patron	John Notely
Auditor	John Will

Contact numbers are listed on the club calendar and the GFS website.



*Scorpio* Photo courtesy Nicholas Hogg