

Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

Edition 22- February 2024

100 year Anniversary Edition

To celebrate 100 years GFS will be holding two events over the coming months to mark the Anniversary.

The very first race contested as Greenwich 12ft Flying Squadron was held on February 14, 1924.

This year **February 14** is a Wednesday and we will celebrate the anniversary following twilight racing. We plan to have an original 12ft skiff on display, some special prizes that mirror those awarded to winners of the first race, a birthday cake and some special guests. Please join us.

On **Saturday 6 April**, from 5.30pm to 8.30pm the Club will host a reception at the Clubhouse with canapes and drinks, music, a bit of history, lots of pictures to bring back memories and many friends to catch up with.

More details to come.

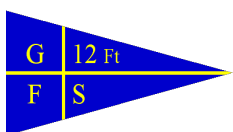
Sailing Calendar – January - see the full Season Program on the GFS website - <https://gfs.org.au/>

| Month | Day | Date | Event |
|------------------|-----------|------|------------------------------------|
| February 2024 | Saturday | 3 | Saturday Autumn Race 3 |
| | Wednesday | 7 | Twilight Autumn Race 1 |
| | Saturday | 10 | Saturday Down Harbour Race |
| | Wednesday | 14 | Twilight Autumn Race 2 – Centenary |
| | Saturday | 17 | Saturday Autumn Race 4 |
| | Wednesday | 21 | Twilight Autumn Race 3 |
| | Saturday | 24 | Saturday Autumn Race 5 |
| | Wednesday | 28 | Twilight Autumn Race 4 |

GFS was a 'Breakaway Club'.

From '[HOLD YOUR COURSE](#)' - [The Participation of Women in the Lane Cove Sailing Clubs](#). by Susan Ingham, August 2020.

The first official club in the Lane Cove River was the Lane Cove 12 Foot Sailing Skiff Club which was founded in 1918. It possibly existed less formally before then.



In 1924, a breakaway club, the Greenwich 12ft Flying Squadron, was established at the bottom of Bay Street. A dispute had arisen within the Lane Cove Club over the size of sails on 12ft skiffs. This was an example of a common issue in sailing whether a class of boats should be a development class or be a fixed one-design class.

Those members who rejected the restriction on sail size formed the Greenwich 12ft Flying Squadron.

By the 1960s the number of 12ft skiffs at the Flying Squadron had begun to decline and the now popular keel boat divisions developed which now distinguishes GFS from the other 2 local clubs Greenwich and Lane Cove.

Series Results.

Over the past month several GFS series and events were completed, congratulations to the winners and place getters.

Women's Helm Series

| Div # | Division | Sail # | Yacht | Helm | Final Place (1 Drop) |
|-------|----------|--------|----------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Orange | 325 | Restless | Leigh McLaughlin | 1 |
| 4 | Green | 6380 | Tana | Tracey Perkins | 2 |
| 5 | Blue | M381 | Aetos | Holly Charambolous | 3 |

GFS Australia Day Regatta Race

| Twilight - Jan 31 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Class | Skipper | Fin Tim | Elapsd | Cor'd T | AHC | BCH | CHC | Score |
| 1 | 16 | GRETA | D1 | Andrew Davidson And Clive Hassett | 19:03:44 | 1:13:44 | 40:29:00 | 0.549 | 0.574 | 0.561 | 1 |
| 2 | 325 | RESTLESS | D1 | Leigh McLaughlin | 19:01:34 | 1:11:34 | 40:35:00 | 0.567 | 0.591 | 0.579 | 2 |
| 3 | MH117 | HIGHLAND GHOST | D1 | James Douglas | 19:02:05 | 1:12:05 | 42:19:00 | 0.587 | 0.587 | 0.587 | 3 |
| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Class | Skipper | Fin Tim | Elapsd | Cor'd T | AHC | BCH | CHC | Score |
| 1 | 5673 | ON Y VA! | D2 | Bruce Hilliard | 18:46:44 | 1:01:44 | 40:56:00 | 0.663 | 0.69 | 0.676 | 1 |
| 2 | M88 | 3 DOGS | D2 | Michael Rooney | 18:47:16 | 1:02:16 | 41:13:00 | 0.662 | 0.684 | 0.673 | 2 |
| 3 | 5482 | NAUGHTY CALL | D2 | Colin Wiley | 18:45:29 | 1:00:29 | 42:35:00 | 0.704 | 0.704 | 0.704 | 3 |
| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Class | Skipper | Fin Tim | Elapsd | Cor'd T | AHC | BCH | CHC | Score |
| 1 | 3127 | CAPRIOLE | D3 | Geoffrey Lucas | 18:57:51 | 1:02:51 | 41:48:00 | 0.665 | 0.713 | 0.689 | 1.5 |
| 1 | AUS158 | JAYDED | D3 | Steven Butel | 19:09:46 | 1:14:46 | 41:48:00 | 0.559 | 0.599 | 0.579 | 1.5 |
| 3 | 6430 | AMATEAU | D3 | Brian 6430 | 18:58:23 | 1:03:23 | 43:48:00 | 0.691 | 0.707 | 0.699 | 3 |
| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Class | Skipper | Fin Tim | Elapsd | Cor'd T | AHC | BCH | CHC | Score |
| 1 | 4517 | FUZZY LOGIC | D4 | Andrew Glassock | 19:08:03 | 1:08:03 | 37:50:00 | 0.556 | 0.6 | 0.578 | 1 |
| 2 | 7129 | HASTA LA VISTA | D4 | John Veale | 19:05:34 | 1:05:34 | 38:53:00 | 0.593 | 0.623 | 0.608 | 2 |
| 3 | 5933 | SEASCAPE | D4 | Kris Romuld | 19:10:51 | 1:10:51 | 39:24:00 | 0.556 | 0.576 | 0.566 | 3 |
| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Class | Skipper | Fin Tim | Elapsd | Cor'd T | AHC | BCH | CHC | Score |
| 1 | 6166 | SWEET CHARLOT | D5 | Ralph Pickering | 19:04:25 | 54:25:00 | 45:13:00 | 0.831 | 0.874 | 0.852 | 1 |
| 2 | N381 | AETOS | D5 | Christian Charalambous | 19:06:20 | 56:20:00 | 46:12:00 | 0.82 | 0.844 | 0.832 | 2 |
| 3 | 7080 | MINNOW | D5 | Richard Grundy And Stephen Grundy | 19:15:46 | 1:05:46 | 46:42:00 | 0.71 | 0.723 | 0.716 | 3 |
| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Class | Skipper | Fin Tim | Elapsd | Cor'd T | AHC | BCH | CHC | Score |
| 1 | 112 | JOLI | D6 | Adrian Van Bellen | 19:06:58 | 1:01:58 | 50:38:00 | 0.817 | 0.844 | 0.83 | 1 |
| 2 | 7130 | PASSION X | D6 | David Edmiston | 19:09:40 | 1:04:40 | 51:48:00 | 0.801 | 0.809 | 0.805 | 2 |
| 3 | 7177 | MERIDIAN | D6 | Stephen Bradley | 19:08:56 | 1:03:56 | 52:18:00 | 0.818 | 0.818 | 0.818 | 3 |
| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Class | Skipper | Fin Tim | Elapsd | Cor'd T | AHC | BCH | CHC | Score |
| 1 | AUS1049 | ETCHIBAN | D7 | Kevin O'Rourke | 18:52:13 | 1:12:13 | 55:15:00 | 0.765 | 0.769 | 0.767 | 1 |
| 2 | AUS759 | TISM | D7 | Ritchie Lees / Michael Coleman | 18:51:42 | 1:11:42 | 55:34:00 | 0.775 | 0.775 | 0.775 | 2 |
| 3 | 875 | FINESSE | D7 | Wayne Rigney | 18:52:27 | 1:12:27 | 57:01:00 | 0.787 | 0.767 | 0.777 | 3 |
| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Class | Skipper | Fin Tim | Elapsd | Cor'd T | AHC | BCH | CHC | Score |
| 1 | | Fully Worked | | Bruce Hilliard | | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | | Lotus | | Mike Wise | | | | | | | 2 |
| 3 | | Smoke on the Water | | Dion Weston | | | | | | | 3 |

Saturday Summer Series

| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Skipper | From | Sers Score |
|-------|---------|----------------|-------------------------------|------|------------|
| 1 | AUS759 | TISM | Ritchie Lees / Michael Colema | D1 | 13 |
| 2 | AUS1125 | TONIC | Malcolm Blomfield | D1 | 17 |
| 3 | 7129 | HASTA LA VISTA | John Veale | D1 | 19 |

| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Skipper | From | Sers Score |
|-------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|------|------------|
| 1 | 6694 | PACA | Greg Jacques/ Andrew Wise | D2 | 19 |
| 2 | 4113 | SPEEDWELL | David Quail John Moffat | D2 | 21 |
| 3 | 1531 | FLAIR | Phil Hare | D2 | 24 |

Twilight Summer Series

| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Skipper | Sers Score |
|-------|---------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | MH117 | HIGHLAND GHOST | James Douglas | 10 |
| 2 | SM226 | RED WILLIAM | James Kearney | 25 |
| 3 | T058 | ALLONS-Y | Jacques Calluud | 27 |

| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Skipper | Sers Score |
|-------|---------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | 2156 | ECHO | Gerry Morcombe | 18 |
| 2 | 5673 | ON Y VA! | Bruce Hilliard | 25.5 |
| 3 | AUS067 | SWEENEY-TODD | Julian Todd | 31.5 |

| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Skipper | Sers Score |
|-------|---------|-----------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | KA125 | PEA JAY | David Dossetor | 6 |
| 2 | 6430 | AMATEAU | Brian 6430 | 23 |
| 3 | 3608 | JOKA | Cecil Williams | 24 |

| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Skipper | Sers Score |
|-------|---------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 | 7073 | SERENDIPITY | Peter May | 16 |
| 2 | 7129 | HASTA LA VISTA | John Veale | 21 |
| 3 | R7 | WIND CHARMER | Peter Francis | 29 |

| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Skipper | Sers Score |
|-------|---------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1 | 4150 | FRENCH CONNECTION | Mike Murphy | 20 |
| 2 | 6904 | AURORA | Jeff Lewis | 21 |
| 3 | 6635 | WORLDS APART | Christopher Stannard | 22 |

| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Skipper | Sers Score |
|-------|---------|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | 6115 | CHAINSAW | John Amos | 15 |
| 2 | 8800 | FIREBALL | Bill Lea | 19 |
| 3 | 7177 | MERIDIAN | Stephen Bradley | 25 |

| Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Skipper | Sers Score |
|-------|---------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| 1 | AUS1125 | TONIC | Malcolm Blomfield | 11 |
| 2 | 1475 | ETESIAN | Bram Penberthy | 16 |
| 3 | AUS1049 | ETCHIBAN | Kevin O'Rourke | 19 |

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.

Please note below, you do not need to use a spinnaker.

Please Visit the GFS website regularly for important club information.

As always there are great images on the GFS Facebook site – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/138966136751023/>



Saturday Autumn Race 1 - **Birchgrove Architecture** – image Mark Palmer

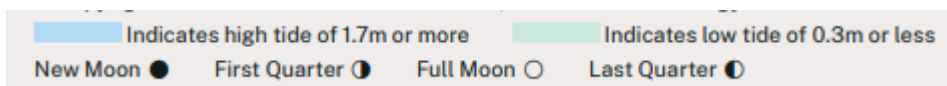
KPMG Australia Sail Grand Prix - Sydney - February 24 and 25, 2024

SailGP features 10 'national' teams battling in short races at 13 different venues around the world, racing in identical foiling F50 catamarans at speeds over 50 kph.



Sail GP returns to Sydney for event 8 of the current series 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.

Times and Heights (Fort Denison).



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| | Time | m | Time | m | Time | m | | | | |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | 0113 | 1.39 | 12 | 0436 | 0.31 | 23 | 0215 | 0.57 | | |
| | 0706 | 0.68 | | 1100 | 1.99 | | 0842 | 1.72 | | |
| | 1307 | 1.42 | | MO | 1730 | | 0.17 | FR | 1518 | 0.42 |
| | 1928 | 0.56 | | 2335 | 1.62 | | 2115 | 1.38 | | |
| 2 | 0158 | 1.41 | 13 | 0530 | 0.33 | 24 | 0252 | 0.53 | | |
| | 0801 | 0.73 | | 1148 | 1.87 | | 0916 | 1.74 | | |
| | 1353 | 1.31 | | TU | 1813 | | 0.25 | SA | 1547 | 0.41 |
| | 2007 | 0.61 | | | | ○ | 2145 | 1.41 | | |
| 3 | 0248 | 1.42 | 14 | 0024 | 1.65 | 25 | 0328 | 0.51 | | |
| | 0908 | 0.75 | | 0627 | 0.40 | | 0948 | 1.73 | | |
| | 1451 | 1.22 | | WE | 1238 | | 1.69 | SU | 1615 | 0.40 |
| | 2055 | 0.66 | | 1855 | 0.36 | | 2216 | 1.45 | | |
| 4 | 0345 | 1.46 | 15 | 0114 | 1.64 | 26 | 0402 | 0.50 | | |
| | 1027 | 0.74 | | 0727 | 0.48 | | 1021 | 1.70 | | |
| | 1606 | 1.16 | | TH | 1330 | | 1.49 | MO | 1642 | 0.42 |
| | 2155 | 0.69 | | 1939 | 0.48 | | 2247 | 1.48 | | |
| 5 | 0448 | 1.52 | 16 | 0208 | 1.63 | 27 | 0438 | 0.51 | | |
| | 1145 | 0.66 | | 0835 | 0.56 | | 1053 | 1.64 | | |
| | 1729 | 1.15 | | FR | 1430 | | 1.31 | TU | 1709 | 0.44 |
| | 2303 | 0.68 | | 2028 | 0.60 | | 2318 | 1.51 | | |
| 6 | 0551 | 1.61 | 17 | 0307 | 1.60 | 28 | 0516 | 0.54 | | |
| | 1251 | 0.55 | | 0955 | 0.62 | | 1126 | 1.56 | | |
| | 1840 | 1.20 | | SA | 1544 | | 1.17 | WE | 1736 | 0.48 |
| | | | ● | 2126 | 0.68 | | 2352 | 1.52 | | |
| 7 | 0007 | 0.63 | 18 | 0415 | 1.58 | 29 | 0557 | 0.57 | | |
| | 0649 | 1.73 | | 1119 | 0.62 | | 1200 | 1.47 | | |
| | 1345 | 0.42 | | SU | 1712 | | 1.12 | TH | 1804 | 0.53 |
| | 1937 | 1.28 | | 2235 | 0.73 | | | | | |
| 8 | 0105 | 0.55 | 19 | 0524 | 1.59 | | | | | |
| | 0743 | 1.86 | | 1234 | 0.59 | | | | | |
| | 1433 | 0.30 | | MO | 1830 | | | | 1.15 | |
| | 2027 | 1.36 | | 2345 | 0.72 | | | | | |
| 9 | 0200 | 0.46 | 20 | 0627 | 1.62 | | | | | |
| | 0834 | 1.97 | | 1330 | 0.54 | | | | | |
| | FR | 1519 | | 0.20 | TU | | | | 1925 | 1.21 |
| | 2115 | 1.45 | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | 0251 | 0.38 | 21 | 0045 | 0.68 | | | | | |
| | 0923 | 2.04 | | 0719 | 1.66 | | | | | |
| | SA | 1603 | | 0.15 | WE | | | | 1412 | 0.49 |
| | ● | 2200 | 1.52 | | 2006 | 1.27 | | | | |
| 11 | 0343 | 0.32 | 22 | 0134 | 0.62 | | | | | |
| | 1012 | 2.05 | | 0803 | 1.69 | | | | | |
| | SU | 1646 | | 0.13 | TH | | | | 1446 | 0.45 |
| | 2247 | 1.58 | | 2042 | 1.33 | | | | | |

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