

Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

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GFS 100 years



Please visit the GFS website regularly for important club information.

Visit the GFS Facebook page for excellent images and gossip.

Club Membership

It is time to renew your GFS membership for next sailing season which starts - July 1, 2024.

Log onto your Revsport member page via the following link <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/gfs/>

You will need to know your Australian Sailing Number + First Name + Last Name + Date of Birth + Gender.

GFS Season 2024 – 2025

Please visit the GFS website for entry details for the upcoming season, Sailing Instructions, Course Sheets, Equipment Audit information and forms and Sailing Program. The Sailing Program is also on the following pages.

Important upcoming Club Events

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event
2024	August	Saturday	10	Woking Bee - GFS Clubhouse
		Wednesday	14	Compulsory Skippers' Meeting
		Saturday	17	Equipment Audits Saturday and Twilight
		Sunday	25	Equipment Audits Saturday and Twilight

West Harbour Winter Series – WHWS – One race to go!

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event	Other Information
2024	May	Sunday	19	W H Winter Series Race 1	Dates for the 2024 combined Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Parramatta Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron West Harbour Winter Series
	June	Sunday	2	W H Winter Series Race 2	
		Sunday	16	W H Winter Series Race 3	
		Sunday	30	W H Winter Series Race 4	
	July	Sunday	14	W H Winter Series Race 5	
		Sunday	28	W H Winter Series Race 6	
	August	Sunday	11	W H Winter Series Race 7	

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2024 - 2025

Season Program

For
Yacht Divisions

Entries

Saturday Overall, Twilight Overall, Down Harbour, Twilight Summer and Saturday Summer Series MUST be entered separately by the dates listed below.

Race entries via (TES) - TopYacht Entry System – <https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1806>

Year	Month	Day	Date	Final Date for Series Entries
2024	August	Saturday	31	Saturday Series
	September	Saturday	7	Down Harbour Series
		Wednesday	25	Twilight Series
	November	Saturday	30	Saturday Summer Series
		Wednesday	27	Twilight Summer Series

Important Club Events

Club Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except January), commencing at 1930 hours.

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event
2024	August	Saturday	TBA	Woking Bee - GFS Clubhouse
		Wednesday	14	Compulsory Skippers' Meeting
		Saturday	17	Equipment Audits Saturday and Twilight
		Sunday	25	Equipment Audits Saturday and Twilight
2025	June	Saturday	7	Prize presentation from 1500 hrs
	July	Tuesday	8	AGM

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
2024	September	14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1
	October	12	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2
	November	9	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3
	December	14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4
2025	January	11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 5
	February	8	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6
	March	8	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 7
	April	12	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8

GFS Mick York Trophy Races

Year	Month	Date	Event
2024	September	28	Mick York Trophy Series Race 1
	October	26	Mick York Trophy Series Race 2
	November	30	Mick York Trophy Series Race 3
	December	21	Mick York Trophy Series Race 4
2025	January	18	Mick York Trophy Series Race 5
	February	22	Mick York Trophy Series Race 6
	March	29	Mick York Trophy Series Race 7

West Harbour Spring Series, 2024

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event	Other Information
2024	September	Sunday	8	WH Spring Series Race 1	Provisional Only - Dates for the 2024 combined Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Parramatta Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron West Harbour Spring Series.
		Sunday	22	WH Spring Series Race 2	
	October	Sunday	6	WH Spring Series Race 3	
		Sunday	20	WH Spring Series Race 4	
	November	Sunday	3	WH Spring Series Race 5	
		Sunday	17	WH Spring Series Race 6	
	December	Sunday	1	WH Spring Series Race 7	

West Harbour Summer Series, 2025

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event	Other Information
2025	January	Sunday	12	WH Summer Series Race 1	Provisional Only - Dates for the 2025 combined Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Parramatta Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron West Harbour Summer Series.
		Sunday	26	WH Summer Series Race 2	
	February	Sunday	9	WH Summer Series Race 3	
		Sunday	23	WH Summer Series Race 4	
	March	Sunday	9	WH Summer Series Race 5	
		Sunday	23	WH Summer Series Race 6	

West Harbour Winter Series, 2025

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event	Other Information
2025	May	Sunday	18	WH Winter Series Race 1	Provisional Only - Dates for the 2025 combined Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Parramatta Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron West Harbour Winter Series.
	June	Sunday	1	WH Winter Series Race 2	
		Sunday	15	WH Winter Series Race 3	
		Sunday	29	WH Winter Series Race 4	
	July	Sunday	13	WH Winter Series Race 5	
		Sunday	27	WH Winter Series Race 6	
	August	Sunday	10	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 to indicate a start outside Humbug from the launch. The start sequence will begin at 1745 hours

Year	Month	Date	Event	Notes
2024	August	14	Compulsory Skippers' Briefing - Wednesday	
		17	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sat)	
		25	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sun)	
	September	1	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sun)	
	October	6	<i>Daylight Saving commences</i>	
		9	Spring Race 1	
		16	Spring Race 2	
		23	Spring Race 3	
		27	Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club	
		30	Spring Race 4	
	November	6	Spring Race 5	
		13	Spring Race 6	
		20	Spring Race 7	
		27	Spring Race 8	
	December	4	Summer Race 1 and YOTS @ GFS	
		11	Summer Race 2	
18		Summer Race 3		
25		Christmas Break – New Year break		
2025	January	1	Christmas Break – New Year break	
		8	Summer Race 4	
		15	Summer Race 5	Women's Helm Race 1
		22	Summer Race 6	Women's Helm Race 2
		26	<i>189th Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour</i>	
		29	Summer Race 7 – GFS Twilight Australia Day Race	
	February	5	Summer Race 8	
		12	Autumn Race 1	
		19	Autumn Race 2	
		26	Autumn Race 3	
	March	5	Autumn Race 4	
		12	Autumn Race 5	
		19	Autumn Race 6	
		26	Autumn Race 7	
	April	2	Autumn Race 8	
6		Daylight Saving Ends		

Other Events * (which may have impact on the area in which GFS could sail)

Year	Month	Date	Event	Notes
2024	October	27	Balmain Regatta 2024	Entries to BSC
	November	23	MHYC Seven Islands Race *	Possibly 23 rd or 30 th
	December	14 - 15	CYCA Classic Yacht Regatta *	Main Harbour
6 - 9		Sail Sydney Regatta - Woollahra Sailing Club *	Main Harbour	
2025	January	11	MHYC Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup *	Possibly 11 th
		26	189 th Australia Day Regatta	Main Harbour
	February	9	RANSA Regatta	Possibly 9 th
		22 - 23	Sail GP Sydney Harbour	Possibly 22 nd and 23 rd
	March	1 and 2	Sydney Harbour Regatta	Possibly 1 st and 2 nd
31		Sail Port Stephens 2025 (to April 5)	PSYC	
October	26	Balmain Regatta 2025	Entries to BSC	

Saturday and Down Harbour Series

The starting sequence will begin at **1315 hours** for all Saturday Series.

Races will start from the club launch in the vicinity of the Compass mark when **code flag “Q”** (yellow pennant) is flown from the clubhouse flag mast, otherwise the start will be from the clubhouse.

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	Other	
	August	14	Compulsory Skippers' Briefing - Wednesday		
		17	Equipment Audits Saturday (and Twilight Yachts)		
2024	September	7	Spring Race1		
		14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1		
		21	Spring Race 2		
		28	Spring Race 3	MY Race 1	
	October	5	<i>Labour Day Long Weekend – No Race Daylight Saving Commences – Sunday October 6</i>		
		12	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2		
		19	Spring Race 4		
		26	Spring Race 5	MY Race 2	
			27	Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club	
	November	2	Spring Race 6		
		9	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3		
		16	Spring Race 7		
		23	Spring Race 8		
			30	Summer Race 1	MY Race 3
	December	7	Summer Race 2		
		14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4		
21		Summer Race 3	MY Race 4		
28		Christmas and New Year Break			
2025	January	4	Summer Race 4		
		11	Joe Walsh Down - Harbour Race 5		
		18	Summer Race 5	MY Race 5	
		25	Australia Day Long Weekend – No Race		
			26	189^h Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour	
	February	1	Autumn Race 1 – GFS Saturday Australia Day Race		
		8	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6		
		15	Autumn Race 2		
		22	Autumn Race 3	MY Race 6	
	March	1	Autumn Race 4		
		8	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 7		
		15	Autumn Race 5		
		22	Autumn Race 6		
			29	Autumn Race 7	MY Race 7
	April	5	Autumn Race 8		
		6	Daylight Saving ends - Sunday		
12		Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8			
		18 - 20	Easter – No Race		

MY = Mick York Series

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.

2024 - 2025 Season Race Entry

Before you race in either a Saturday or Twilight series race at GFS you will need to enter your yacht online through the **TopYacht Race Entry System (TES)**.

Once registered you will be able to enter events at GFS and other clubs or regattas.

Each Series must be entered separately –

Twilight Overall (includes Spring and Autumn),

Saturday Overall (includes Spring and Autumn),

Twilight Summer,

Saturday Summer

Down Harbour Series

Please only enter the series in which you intend to sail.

To enter your yacht for the 2024 - 2025 sailing season - Go to - <https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1806>

A help page for the TopYacht entry process can be found here: [How to Enter a Sailing Event using the TopYacht Entry System](#) If your boat has joint ownership please read [this](#).



Joka – WHWS Race 5 – image Mark Palmer

Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

Indicates high tide of 1.7m or more	Indicates low tide of 0.3m or less		
New Moon ●	First Quarter ◐	Full Moon ○	Last Quarter ◑

Please support our club sponsors –

August 2024

	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m		
1 TH	0013	0.49	12 MO	0037	1.28	23 FR	0440	0.21
	0601	1.21		0646	0.61		1052	1.66
	1124	0.62		1329	1.43		1655	0.34
	1807	1.77		1955	0.75		2306	1.69
2 FR	0104	0.43	13 TU	0135	1.18	24 SA	0523	0.31
	0655	1.25		0734	0.66		1142	1.68
	1218	0.59		1425	1.45		1235	1.66
	1857	1.81		2114	0.73		1756	0.42
3 SA	0147	0.39	14 WE	0249	1.12	25 SU	0000	1.49
	0740	1.29		0832	0.70		0607	0.42
	1306	0.56		1529	1.49		1235	1.66
	1941	1.82		2231	0.67		1903	0.50
4 SU	0226	0.37	15 TH	0410	1.12	26 MO	0100	1.31
	0819	1.32		0940	0.69		0656	0.53
	1349	0.53		1631	1.57		1334	1.63
	2021	1.82		2334	0.57		2022	0.55
5 MO	0300	0.37	16 FR	0518	1.16	27 TU	0212	1.17
	0857	1.34		1044	0.65		0754	0.63
	1429	0.52		1729	1.67		1441	1.61
	2057	1.80					2147	0.56
6 TU	0333	0.38	17 SA	0025	0.45	28 WE	0340	1.11
	0931	1.36		0614	1.23		0904	0.68
	1507	0.53		1141	0.57		1553	1.60
	2131	1.75		1820	1.79		2304	0.53
7 WE	0404	0.40	18 SU	0109	0.33	29 TH	0500	1.13
	1006	1.38		0700	1.32		1015	0.67
	1545	0.55		1233	0.47		1700	1.63
	2204	1.68		1908	1.91			
8 TH	0433	0.43	19 MO	0152	0.23	30 FR	0003	0.47
	1042	1.39		0746	1.41		0558	1.19
	1624	0.58		1323	0.38		1119	0.63
	2237	1.60		1955	1.98		1756	1.67
9 FR	0503	0.47	20 TU	0233	0.16	31 SA	0047	0.43
	1118	1.40		0831	1.49		0642	1.25
	1706	0.63		1414	0.32		1212	0.57
	2313	1.50		2042	2.01		1842	1.70
10 SA	0534	0.51	21 WE	0315	0.13			
	1157	1.42		0917	1.57			
	1754	0.67		1505	0.29			
	2351	1.39		2129	1.96			
11 SU	0608	0.56	22 TH	0358	0.15			
	1240	1.43		1004	1.63			
	1848	0.72		1559	0.30			
				2216	1.85			

Helly Hansen

Helly Hansen is a company manufacturing professional grade gear. It offers technical sailing and performance ski apparel, as well as premium workwear. The Company provides clothing and footwear for sailing, hiking and other outdoor activities.

Sydney 4WD

Based in Thornleigh, Sydney 4WD have been producing top of the line vehicle builds with thousands of retail, trade and fleet vehicles passing through their workshop every year. Specializing in super high-quality Ironman 4x4 "fit for purpose" builds and a massive range of products, brands, and services.

Joe Walsh Rigging

Joe Walsh Rigging specialises in all marine and architectural rigging, masts and spar fabrication, repair, painting, all rigging requirements, furling systems and AYF Rig Insurance Inspections. Located at Woolwich Marina.

Doyle- McDiarmid Sails Sydney

Doyle-McDiarmid Sails is located in Gladeville. Services include an in-house design team, laser cutter and modern machinery for new sails, repairs, covers and ongoing service.

Oatley Wines

Robert Oatley Wines celebrates the memory of Bob Oatley through a trio of labels: the maritime-influenced Signature Series, the specific vineyard focused Finisterre, and the best of the best barrels under The Pennant label. They focus on wines from Margaret River and McLaren Vale.

Zjoosh

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.



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