

# 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	Date	Event	Other
2024	September	1	Equipment Audits - Last date (Sunday)	
		7	Saturday Spring Race1	
		11	<b>Compulsory Skippers' Briefing GFS Clubhouse - Wednesday</b>	
		14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1	
		21	Saturday Spring Race 2	
		28	Saturday Spring Race 3	MY Race 1



The Balmain Regatta is one of Australia's oldest sailing regattas and is a celebration of Balmain's place in the rich maritime history of Sydney Harbour.

Competitors participate in fleets made up of vessels including Historical Sailing Skiffs, Classic Yachts, Cruising Yachts, Modern Racing Yachts, Sports Boats, Modern Dinghies, in addition to the increasingly popular parade of historic and modern workboats.

It is with pleasure that the Balmain Sailing Club invites sailors from all clubs to come along and help us keep the tradition going well into the future and join with us for the 2024 Balmain Regatta that will include a full day on and off the water.

Please see the [Notice of Race](#) (Yachts, Skiffs & Dinghies). [Yachts & Skiffs can register here](#). [Dinghies can register here](#), and, [Classic & Modern Workboats can register here](#).

### West Harbour Winter Series – Final Provisional Pointscore

GFS Members shown in blue.

Series Results [PHS] for Division 1 up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)										
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	AUS56	OPHIR	B Tavener	12	1	2	4	4	[7.0]	1
2	AUS374	WILDING 3	C Johnston	16	3	4	[12.0C]	3	3	3
3	2472	MAXISHAMBLES	C Price	19	2	8	1	[8.0]	4	4
4	6073	AVALON	G Ford	23	6	7	3	2	5	[8.0N]
4	6358	IRUKANDJI	P Stubbs	23	8	6	2	1	6	[8.0]
6	AUS66	BALMAIN TIGER	B Wood	24	5	1	8	9	1	[12.0C]
6	9930	HULLABALOO	C Carter	24	4	5	6	7	[8.0]	2
8	521	ANOTHER PLANET	R Dickson	28	7	3	5	6	[12.0C]	7
9	6464	MAGIC	T Aldous	31	9	9	[9.0]	5	2	6
10	9060	ODYSSEY	S Oliver	54	[13.0C]	11	7	12.0C	12.0C	12.0C
11	6166	SWEET JAY	R Pickering	58	[13.0C]	10	12.0C	12.0C	12.0C	12.0C
12	7272	ADMIRAL	S Piper	61	13.0C	[13.0C]	12.0C	12.0C	12.0C	12.0C

Series Results [PHS] for Division 2 up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)										
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	8033	PISTOL DAWN	M Thompson	12	4	[5.0]	2	2	2	2
2	5097	RUSH TT	E Tacey	13	1	[9.0R]	1	3	1	7
3	AUS169	NORTEL	I Fitz-Gerald	17	2	2	5	5	3	[5.0]
4	8128	MANGROVE JACK	B Millar	29	5	9.0S	6	4	5.0F	[14.0C]
5	506	YKNOT	S Brady	31	3	4	3	7	14.0C	[14.0C]
6	AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTRO	M Jansons	39	14.0C	1	14.0C	1	[14.0C]	9
7	18	BLINK	S Zadow	44	6	14.0C	4	14.0C	[14.0C]	6
8	M006	AIRSPEED	L Bell	49	14.0C	3	14.0C	14.0C	[14.0C]	4
9	88	ARTEMIS	P Grove	54	14.0C	9.0R	14.0C	14.0C	[14.0C]	3
10	3024	MOONBEAM	P Nash	56	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	6	[14.0C]	8
11	5796	KELLY2N	C Durman	57	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	[14.0C]	1
12	945	BETWEEN PARTNERS	D Speyer	70	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	[14.0C]
12	2501	BEWARE OF THE DOG!	T Daly	70	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	14.0C	[14.0C]

Series Results [PHS] for Division 3 up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)										
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	T058	ALLONS-Y	J Calluud	9	2	2	1	1	3	[6.0]
2	3787	BONAVENTURE	C Nicholls	10	4	1	2	2	[6.0]	1
3	6380	TANA	P Joy	19	3	[6.0]	4	5	4	3
4	24310	KRAKATINI	L Fletcher	20	[11.0C]	3	5	3	5	4
5	M138	CONQUISTA	A Bull	22	5	5	[11.0C]	9.0Q	1	2
6	5673	ON Y VAI	B Hilliard	30	1	4	3	11.0C	11.0C	[11.0C]
7	7195	DAYS LIKE THIS	S Geary	33	11.0C	11.0C	[11.0C]	4	2	5
8	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	J Veale	45	11.0C	11.0C	6	6	11.0C	[11.0C]
8	6260	ATTILA	D Ojerholm	45	11.0C	7	11.0C	9.0R	[11.0C]	7
10	4517	FUZZY LOGIC	A Glassock	55	11.0C	11.0C	11.0C	11.0C	11.0C	[11.0C]

Series Results [PHS] for Division 4 up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)										
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	356	SCARAMOUCH	M Bleakley	17	2	5	5	4	[7.0]	1
2	3608	JOKA	C Williams	18	3	4	6	1	4	[6.0]
3	5062	ROCKET LASS	R Miller	21	8	1	2	[8.0]	5	5
4	2455	WITCHWAYS11	J Finnegan	23	5	3	7	6	2	[15.0C]
5	431	TULIP	K Walenkamp	24	6	2	1	[12.0R]	8	7
5	5731	SASSY	L Evans	24	15.0C	[15.0C]	4	2	1	2
7	1000	BARUBI	M Wise	28	4	[15.0C]	8	7	6	3
8	M101	MISTRESS	R Hand	30	1	6	3	5	15.0C	[15.0C]
9	4428	REFLECTIONS	J Florin	38	15.0C	7	[15.0C]	9	3	4
10	AUS158	JAYDED	S Butel	46	9	9.0F	[15.0C]	10	10.0S	8
11	16	GRETA	A Clive Hassett	55	7	15.0C	15.0C	3	15.0C	[15.0C]
12	6648	CONVERGENCE ZONE	N Tavener	75	15.0C	15.0C	15.0C	15.0C	15.0C	[15.0C]
12	7073	SERENDIPITY	P May	75	15.0C	15.0C	15.0C	15.0C	15.0C	[15.0C]
12	3127	CAPRIOLE	G Lucas	75	15.0C	15.0C	15.0C	15.0C	15.0C	[15.0C]

(Ties: S=Score R=Race B= Bettered. Penalties: A=ARB/MED B=BFD C=DNC D=DNE E=ESP F=DNF G=RDG H=NSC I=DPI L=Late Entrant M=DGM N=ENP O=OCS P=Protest Q=DSQ R=RET S=DNS T=TLE U=UFP V=AVG W=DUT X=EXC Y=SCP Z=ZFP #=NoData [x.y]=Discarded)

## 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](#).



*On Y Va!* – WHWS Race 6 – image Mark Palmer



## Noakes Sydney to Gold Coast Race.



Many of our members know long-time member Ian Creak, the proud owner of GWM Pennant Hills (formerly Ausreo). His yacht, a Beneteau 47.7, has proven itself as a serious contender in the IRC Division, with both the boat and crew having participated in numerous races over the years.

This year, Ian entered his yacht in the Sydney to Gold Coast Yacht Race for the 30th time, assembling a crew of 12 for the challenge. The race saw an impressive 51 yachts begin their journey north at 13:00 on Saturday, July 27th. Covering a distance of 394 nautical miles, the race typically takes two to four days, depending on the wind conditions.

This year's conditions posed a challenge for the 47.7, with light and unpredictable winds at the start and finish. Designed for stronger winds, the boat found its stride when the winds picked up after the start, lasting for about a day and a half. During this period, the crew skilfully overtook several competitors, navigating through consistently strong winds of 20 to 30+ knots and a building swell. The crew had to adjust their navigation plans as the wind shifted constantly.

Finally, on Monday at 2:10 pm, GWM Pennant Hills crossed the finish line, completing the race in just over two days. The yacht achieved an overall placing of 11th on IRC and an impressive 3rd place in Division 2.



After the race, the crew furled the sails, berthed the boat, and headed to the Southport Yacht Club. The atmosphere was electric as everyone gathered to meet friends, share stories with competitors from other boats, and enjoy a well-deserved drink.

Many of the crew members are long-time GFS members or regular sailors at GFS. Our club has a proud tradition of nurturing sailors from beginners to those capable of taking on blue water adventures like the Sydney to Gold Coast Race.



The GFS members in the GWM Pennant Hills crew this year were:

- Ian Creak
- David North
- Peter Maibom
- Lyndon Crossley
- Glen Cooper
- Nick Murphy

Other crew members included:

- Beatriz Calvete
- Sara Pacey
- Andrew Lelliott
- Royce Brennan
- Lucas Roe
- Ian Short



While the crew sailed exceptionally well, it was the camaraderie, teamwork, and trust that made this race such a memorable experience.

***Nick Murphy, French Connection.***

## GFS Sailing Program - 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	<b>Compulsory Skippers' Briefing - Wednesday</b>	
		17	<b>Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sat)</b>	
		25	<b>Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sun)</b>	
	September	1	<b>Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sun)</b>	
	October	6	<i>Daylight Saving commences</i>	
		9	Spring Race 1	
		16	Spring Race 2	
		23	Spring Race 3	
		27	<b>Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club</b>	
		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 <b>YOTS @ GFS</b>	
		11	Summer Race 2	
18		Summer Race 3		
25		<b>Christmas Break – New Year break</b>		
2025	January	1	<b>Christmas Break – New Year break</b>	
		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	<b>Summer Race 7 – GFS Twilight Australia Day Race</b>	
	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		<b>Daylight Saving Ends</b>		

### 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 <sup>rd</sup> or 30 <sup>th</sup>
	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 <sup>th</sup>
		26	189 <sup>th</sup> Australia Day Regatta	Main Harbour
	February	9	RANSA Regatta	Possibly 9 <sup>th</sup>
		22 - 23	Sail GP Sydney Harbour	Possibly 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>
	March	1 and 2	Sydney Harbour Regatta	Possibly 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>
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	<b>Compulsory Skippers' Briefing - Wednesday</b>		
		17	<b>Equipment Audits Saturday (and Twilight Yachts)</b>		
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	<b>Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club</b>	
	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		<b>Christmas and New Year Break</b>			
2025	January	4	Summer Race 4		
		11	Joe Walsh Down - Harbour Race 5		
		18	Summer Race 5	MY Race 5	
		25	<b>Australia Day Long Weekend – No Race</b>		
			26	<b>189<sup>h</sup> Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour</b>	
	February	1	<b>Autumn Race 1 – GFS Saturday Australia Day Race</b>		
		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	<b>Daylight Saving ends - Sunday</b>		
12		Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8			
		18 - 20	<b>Easter – No Race</b>		

**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.

## Sunday Laser Series

Year	Month	Date	Event
2024	September	8	Spring Race1
		15	Spring Race2 Laser Equipment Audits
		22	GSC Sprints Series
		29	Spring Race3
	October	6	Labour Day Long Weekend – No Race <b>Daylight Saving Commences – Sunday October 6</b>
		13	Spring Race 4
		20	Spring Race 5
		27	Spring Race 6
		27	Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club
	November	3	Spring Race 7
		10 *	Monarch of the River - GSC *
		17	GSC Sprints Series
		24	Spring Race 8
	December	1	Summer Race1
		8	GSC Sprints Series
		15	Summer Race 2 - GSC Designated Laser Training Day
22		Summer Race 3	
28		Christmas and New Year Break	
2025	January	5	Summer Race 4
		12	Summer Race 5
		19	Summer Race 6
		26	GSC Sprints Series & GFS Laser Australia Day Regatta
		26	189 <sup>th</sup> Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour
	February	2	Autumn Race 1
		8 *	Saturday Monarch of the River LCSS*
		9	Autumn Race 2
		16	Autumn Race 3 Laser Watsons Bay Cruise
		23	Autumn Race 4
	March	2	Autumn Race 5
		9	GSC Sprints Series - Laser Metropolitans at HHSC *
		16 *	Monarch of the River - HHSC
		23	Autumn Race 6
		30	Autumn Race 7
	April	6	Autumn Race 8
		6	Autumn Race 9 Daylight Saving ends - Sunday
		13	Autumn Race 10
18 - 20		Easter – No Race	

\* Monarch of the River dates to be confirmed

### NSW Government School Term Dates

Year	Term	Term Dates	Term Break
2024	3	22 July – September 27	September 30 – October 11
	4	14 October – December 20	December 23 – January 31
2025	1	February 3 – April 11	April 14 – April 24
	2	April 28 – July 4	July 7 – July 18



## 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 ◑

### September 2024

	Time	m		Time	m		Time	m
<b>1</b> SU	0125	0.39	<b>12</b> TH	0223	1.08	<b>23</b> MO	0532	0.51
	0720	1.31		0752	0.73		1206	1.73
	1256	0.52		1446	1.47		1856	0.44
	1921	1.72		2200	0.61			
<b>2</b> MO	0157	0.37	<b>13</b> FR	0349	1.09	<b>24</b> TU	0051	1.20
	0755	1.37		0912	0.71		0625	0.62
	1335	0.48		1600	1.54		1305	1.64
	1957	1.71		2303	0.51		2013	0.51
<b>3</b> TU	0227	0.36	<b>14</b> SA	0459	1.17	<b>25</b> WE	0209	1.11
	0827	1.41		1024	0.64		0730	0.71
	1412	0.46		1702	1.66		1415	1.57
	2030	1.69		2354	0.39		2132	0.53
<b>4</b> WE	0254	0.36	<b>15</b> SU	0551	1.28	<b>26</b> TH	0336	1.10
	0859	1.44		1124	0.53		0849	0.74
	1447	0.46		1756	1.78		1532	1.54
	2101	1.65		2242	0.52			
<b>5</b> TH	0321	0.38	<b>16</b> MO	0039	0.27	<b>27</b> FR	0446	1.15
	0930	1.47		0637	1.40		1004	0.71
	1524	0.47		1218	0.41		1640	1.54
	2133	1.58		1845	1.88		2333	0.49
<b>6</b> FR	0347	0.41	<b>17</b> TU	0120	0.17	<b>28</b> SA	0536	1.23
	1001	1.50		0722	1.53		1107	0.65
	1601	0.50		1310	0.30		1732	1.57
	2207	1.50		1932	1.93			
<b>7</b> SA	0415	0.45	<b>18</b> WE	0201	0.12	<b>29</b> SU	0014	0.45
	1034	1.51		0806	1.64		0616	1.31
	1643	0.53		1401	0.23		1158	0.58
	2243	1.40		2020	1.91		1815	1.59
<b>8</b> SU	0444	0.50	<b>19</b> TH	0243	0.12	<b>30</b> MO	0047	0.42
	1110	1.51		0851	1.73		0651	1.38
	1727	0.58		1455	0.19		1240	0.52
	2321	1.30		2109	1.83		1853	1.60
<b>9</b> MO	0515	0.57	<b>20</b> FR	0323	0.17			
	1150	1.49		0937	1.80			
	1818	0.63		1549	0.21			
				2159	1.69			
<b>10</b> TU	0007	1.20	<b>21</b> SA	0404	0.26			
	0554	0.63		1024	1.81			
	1237	1.47		1645	0.26			
	1921	0.67		2251	1.52			
<b>11</b> WE	0106	1.12	<b>22</b> SU	0447	0.38			
	0644	0.70		1114	1.79			
	1335	1.45		1747	0.35			
	2040	0.67		2347	1.34			

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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.

#### GWM Pennant Hills

GWM Pennant Hills is a family-owned business that has been operating at the same location at Thornleigh, since 1984. The business has maintained a strong association with GFS for over 20 years. GWM offers a modern and dynamic range of electric vehicles (EVs), hybrids, SUVs, Utes, and FWD vehicles.

#### 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

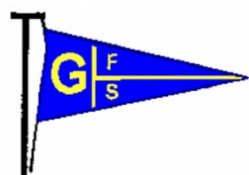
Doyle-McDiarmid Sails is located in Gladeville. Services include an in-house design team, laser cutter and modern machinery for new sails, repairs, covers and ongoing service.

#### 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.



Joe Walsh  
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