

Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

Edition 30, October 2024

GFS 100 years



Please visit the GFS website regularly for important club information.

Visit the GFS Facebook page for excellent images and gossip.

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.

See Sailing – Yacht Racing Information – 2024 – 2025 Season

For Sailing Results

See Sailing – Yacht Division Results – 2024 - 2025 Season – 2024 - 2025 Results and select the Series

Upcoming Events.

Twilight Race 1 - October 9 – Are you ready!

Year	Month	Date	Event	Other
2024	October	5	Labour Day Long Weekend – No Race	
		6	Daylight Saving commences	
		9	Twilight Spring Race 1	
		12	Saturday Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2	
		16	Twilight Spring Race 2	
		19	Saturday Spring Race 4	
		23	Twilight Spring Race 3	
		26	Saturday Spring Race 5	MY Race 2
		27	Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club	
		30	Twilight Spring Race 4	

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.



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](#).

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](#).



DAVID EDMISTON - Building Passion XI

My father was an accountant by profession but an accomplished craftsman who always had a project on the go. In this environment I learnt a lot of skills and when I took up sailing, it seemed a natural progression to build our own yachts. Dad had an elder brother who built a series of motor launches at the rear of his service station in Perth, and it was my habit to ride to the building site and be given small tasks on the construction. Over the course of many school holidays, I also worked for the local boat builder doing apprentice type of work and so accumulated a body of boatbuilding knowledge.

I watched Dad build my first Moth class yacht and as the years progressed I took over more and more of the building. After ten years and as many Moths, I moved to the cruising fleet in Perth and completed a half tonner having bought the hull and deck mouldings. At the time I was managing an engineering team looking after heavy manufacturing equipment so a yacht seemed like a small engineering feat.

When Elaine and I moved from Perth to NSW, I returned to small craft sailing and over many seasons built NS14's for myself and the children. As the family grew up, crew became harder to find and I took up Laser sailing where I met Geoff Lucas who was sailing his Cavalier 28 at GFS. When Elaine and I purchased our first *Passion*, a Jeanneau 37, we followed Geoff to Greenwich Flying Squadron. I did a lot of work on *Passion* to make her a faster yacht but in the end I decided that I could build a new one from scratch particularly as I had in *Passion* an excellent model to copy.

In 2017 we launched *Passion X*, a stock Dudley Dix design which he updated for me with a wider cockpit and transom. At launch, *Passion X* was near the front of the Black Fleet at Greenwich and we have enjoyed many happy occasions particularly the RANSA winter series and annual trips to Port Stephens.

As the fleet at Greenwich has evolved with many newer faster designs we have found the competition tougher. Kevin Dibley in New Zealand did an evaluation of *Passion X* to see how we could make her more competitive. Together we concluded the ballast needed to be increased and the rig enlarged.



Passion XI - freshly splashed

I felt the cost of these changes would go a long way towards the cost of a new yacht and I persuaded Dudley Dix to design a new *Passion*. The brief was for a longer waterline, a beamier hull with more form stability and a heavier keel with all the lead in the bulb. Of course the rig had to be taller to offset the increased wetted surface.

Dudley has done a marvelous job with the design. The extra width has allowed us to have a slightly roomier interior but a much increased storage volume for extended cruising.

One of the requirements for the rig was to have smaller overlapping headsails to make tacking easier. This allowed the chainplates to be moved out at the gunwales which gives a wider base to support the mast and reduces the rigging load.

Building *Passion XI* has had its challenges as I am seven years older and not as strong. At the same time some of the structural elements of the new design are heavier. The keel floors are much larger due to the need to support the heavier deeper keel and the hull panels are wider due to the extra 400 mm beam.

After such a big effort you might ask how much faster will the new yacht be than *Passion X*? We have an ORCi rating and the difference is marginal in light conditions and up to six per cent faster in heavier conditions. Modelled with a tonne of crew it will hit six knots to windward. There is not much difference in dead downwind speed. The significant difference with the new yacht is that the extra beam and waterline length gives a larger increase in wetted surface than the increase in the sail area.

So there are lots of unknowns that face us this year after we launch.

Top: The launch of *Passion XI*;

Bottom: *Passion X* Crew with David and Elaine Edmiston. NB David was a past Commodore





Flair Saturday Spring Series Race 2 – Image Mark Palmer



TISM, *Joka* and *Hasta La Vista* - Saturday Spring Series Race 2 – Image Mark Palmer

Times and Heights (Fort Denison).

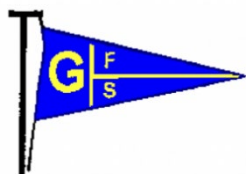
Indicates high tide of 1.7m or more		Indicates low tide of 0.3m or less	
New Moon ●	First Quarter ◐	Full Moon ○	Last Quarter ◑

Please support our club sponsors –

October 2024

	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m			
1 TU	0117	0.40	12 SA	0427	1.15	23 WE	0141	1.17	
	0724	1.45		0948	0.72		0701	0.69	
	1317	0.48		1627	1.56		1338	1.66	
	1927	1.59		2326	0.45		2050	0.49	
2 WE	0145	0.38	13 SU	0531	1.25	24 TH	0254	1.13	
	0754	1.51		1102	0.63		0808	0.75	
	1354	0.44		1732	1.65		1444	1.56	
	2000	1.57				☾	2158	0.53	
3 TH	0211	0.39	14 MO	0016	0.35	25 FR	0408	1.15	
	0824	1.56		0623	1.38		0923	0.77	
	1430	0.43		1206	0.51		1555	1.49	
	2033	1.53		1828	1.73		2257	0.55	
4 FR	0236	0.41	15 TU	0101	0.26	26 SA	0510	1.21	
	0854	1.60		0709	1.53		1036	0.75	
	1506	0.42		1302	0.39		1700	1.47	
	2107	1.47		1919	1.79		2345	0.53	
5 SA	0303	0.44	16 WE	0144	0.19	27 SU	0559	1.28	
	0925	1.62		0754	1.67		1139	0.70	
	1545	0.44		1358	0.28		1753	1.47	
	2143	1.40		2010	1.79				
6 SU	0431	0.49	17 TH	0225	0.18	28 MO	0025	0.50	
	1058	1.63		0839	1.80		0639	1.37	
	1725	0.47		1451	0.20		1232	0.63	
	2321	1.32		☉	2100	1.74		1838	1.47
7 MO	0502	0.55	18 FR	0306	0.21	29 TU	0059	0.48	
	1133	1.61		0924	1.89		0715	1.46	
	1808	0.51		1545	0.17		1317	0.57	
				2151	1.64		1917	1.47	
8 TU	0003	1.24	19 SA	0348	0.28	30 WE	0130	0.45	
	0537	0.61		1011	1.94		0747	1.53	
	1214	1.58		1641	0.18		1359	0.51	
	1859	0.56		2245	1.51		1955	1.46	
9 WE	0051	1.17	20 SU	0431	0.37	31 TH	0158	0.45	
	0619	0.67		1059	1.93		0819	1.61	
	1301	1.54		1737	0.23		1436	0.46	
	2000	0.60		2339	1.38		2031	1.45	
10 TH	0152	1.12	21 MO	0516	0.48				
	0715	0.73		1148	1.87				
	1400	1.50		1837	0.32				
	2112	0.60							
11 FR	0307	1.10	22 TU	0037	1.26				
	0827	0.75		0606	0.59				
	1512	1.51		1241	1.77				
	2225	0.54		1941	0.41				

Times are in local standard time (UTC +10:00)
or daylight savings time (UTC +11:00) when in effect



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.

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 Sails Sydney

Doyle Sails Sydney 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
Rigging

