

# Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

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## GFS 100 years



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**Visit the GFS Facebook page for excellent images and gossip.**

### For Sailing Results

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

### Upcoming Events.

Year	Month	Date	Event
2024	November	2	Saturday Spring Race 6
		6	Twilight Spring Race 5
		9	Saturday Spring Race 7
		13	Twilight Spring Race 6
		16	Saturday Spring Race 8
		20	Twilight Spring Race 7
		23	Saturday Spring Race 9
		27	Twilight Spring Race 8
		30	Saturday Summer Race 1

### 2024 - 2025 Summer Season Race Entry

The Summer Series for Saturday and Twilight Series is approaching at the end of this month.

Please be aware that this series requires a separate entry to the Overall Series for BOTH groups

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](#).

*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.*

It is with much sadness we learnt of the passing of Graeme Davey on October 23. The following is an excerpt from the GFS Centenary Book.



## ANN and GRAEME DAVEY - Joint Skippers

Sailing Clubs have become some of the most egalitarian and gender-neutral organisations. Membership is categorised by status rather than gender, with designations like full members and crew members. If a club defines memberships by gender, then most of us would not be members.

Sailing is a sport where genders can compete with and against each other on equal terms at most levels. While the existence of "Lady's helm" events may be contrary to this, they provide ladies with the confidence and opportunity to compete.

Although a list of on-water competitors at GFS may be male-dominated, I am sure if that list were available for each of the Club's 100 years, we would see the ratio of women getting larger by the year. Conversely, a list of on-shore contributors to the Club would likely show a more balanced gender representation.

The joint skippers of *G-whizz* is a recognition of equal interest in the boat and highlight the importance of each partner's contributions. If it weren't for Ann, Graeme would not be on the entry list.

GFS was yet to celebrate its 50th anniversary, when the school I attended in Melbourne required me to choose between sailing and Aussie Rules Football for weekend sport. Knowing that Aussie Rules Football had a lot more girls on the sidelines of a footy oval than a cold Port Phillip Bay marina influenced my decision to go with Football.

Around that same time, Ann was growing up in a large family in Drummoyne, where her parents were casual dinghy sailors as well as boaters and fishers.



Gold sails!  
Sunset photo of *G-whizz*  
(Julie Evans)

When Ann introduced me to sailing, GFS was nearing its 75th anniversary. Having grown up around boats and witnessed Australia II's victory in the America's Cup first-hand in New York just before GFS's 60th anniversary, Ann's passion for sailing was undeniable.

Shortly after meeting Ann, she announced that she was going on a sailing holiday to Thailand, and I decided to accompany her. Subsequent to this trip, we took a number of sailing trips to many parts of the world. Ann suggested that I get the paperwork to be a skipper on these trips, which came with the perk of having first pick of the cabin.

We were introduced to GFS by Chris Gaskell, a fellow traveller on our sailing adventures. Initially, Ann crewed on Tracey Ashton and David White's Adams 31 *Zig Zag* while I sailed on John Veale's Cavalier 28 "*CavSav*".

However, what was missing was us sailing *together*, a situation that was resolved when *G-whizz* came onto the scene sometime around GFS's 90th anniversary.

For us, it is only natural that Ann and I are equally recognised in the operation of *G-whizz*, hence **Joint Skippers**: Ann and Graeme Davey.

Top: *Splash! G-whizz entering Yacaaba Heads, 2017, Sail Port Stephens, (Craig Greenhill Salty Dingo Photography);*

Bottom: *Sail Port Stephens, 2017. Crew L-R: Graeme, Chris Lowe, Danni Birchall, David Leslie, Ann and John Anderson.*







***Whiskey Tango Foxtrot*** – Saturday Spring Race 4 - October 19 – image Mark Palmer



***Gold Division*** – Twilight Spring Race 3 - 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 ◑

### November 2024

	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m		
1 FR	0226	0.45	12 TU	0551	1.50	23 SA	0319	1.21
	0850	1.67		1147	0.53		0842	0.78
2 SA	1514	0.43	13 WE	1759	1.63	24 SU	1500	1.47
	2108	1.41		0021	0.31		0416	1.26
3 SU	0255	0.48	14 TH	0640	1.65	25 MO	0950	0.79
	0922	1.71		1249	0.41		1600	1.40
4 MO	1551	0.41	15 FR	1855	1.63	26 TU	2243	0.57
	2145	1.37		0105	0.29		0507	1.33
5 TU	0325	0.51	16 SA	0727	1.79	27 WE	1057	0.76
	0955	1.73		1348	0.31		1658	1.37
6 WE	1630	0.41	17 SU	1950	1.60	28 TH	2324	0.56
	2225	1.33		0149	0.30		0552	1.41
7 TH	0358	0.55	18 MO	0814	1.91	29 FR	1159	0.71
	1030	1.74		1445	0.23		1750	1.35
8 FR	1711	0.42	19 TU	2044	1.54	30 SA	0001	0.54
	2306	1.28		0233	0.34		0632	1.50
9 SA	0434	0.59	20 WE	0901	1.98	1 SU	1251	0.64
	1109	1.72		1539	0.19		1838	1.34
10 SU	1755	0.46	21 TH	2138	1.47	2 MO	0038	0.53
	2351	1.23		0318	0.40		0710	1.59
11 MO	0515	0.64	22 FR	0949	2.00	3 TU	1338	0.56
	1152	1.68		1633	0.20		1923	1.34
12 TU	1845	0.49	23 SA	2233	1.39	4 WE	0112	0.53
	0043	1.19		0405	0.48		0745	1.66
13 WE	0602	0.69	24 SU	1038	1.97	5 TH	1419	0.50
	1241	1.64		1727	0.25		2006	1.33
14 TH	1943	0.52	25 MO	2328	1.31	6 FR	0145	0.53
	0141	1.17		0453	0.55		0820	1.73
15 FR	0700	0.72	26 TU	1128	1.90	7 SA	1459	0.44
	1337	1.60		1821	0.32		2047	1.32
16 SA	2045	0.51	27 WE	0022	1.25	8 SU	0249	1.19
	0249	1.19		0544	0.63		0810	0.73
17 SU	0810	0.73	28 TH	1217	1.80	9 MO	1443	1.58
	1443	1.58		1917	0.41		2148	0.47
18 MO	2148	0.47	29 FR	0119	1.21	10 TU	0358	1.25
	0358	1.25		0638	0.70		0926	0.71
19 TU	0926	0.71	30 SA	1308	1.68	11 WE	1553	1.59
	1553	1.59		2013	0.49		2245	0.41
20 WE	2245	0.41	1 SU	0218	1.19	12 MO	0459	1.36
	0459	1.36		0737	0.75		1040	0.63
21 TH	1040	0.63	2 TU	1402	1.56	13 WE	1659	1.61
	1659	1.61		2107	0.54		2334	0.35
22 FR	2334	0.35	3 WE			14 TH		

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