

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.

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	December	4	Twilight Summer Series Race 1 and YOTS @ GFS
		7	Saturday Summer Race 2
		11	Twilight Summer Series Race 2
		14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Series Race 4
		18	Twilight Summer Series Race 3
		21	Saturday Summer Race 3
		25	Christmas and New Year Break
		28	Christmas and New Year Break

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.

YOTS @ GFS

GFS is hosting Youth off the Streets kids and their Youth workers for our twilight sail and BBQ on Wednesday December 4. (In case of a cancellation due to wind the alternate date will be Wednesday December 11).



Yachts picking up crew and/or kids/workers can do so well ahead of their starts as the YOTS group will arrive at the clubhouse 4.45 to 5.00pm.

Women's Sailing @ GFS

A **Women's Sailing Session** will be held **at the Club** on **Monday 16 December from 5pm to 7.30pm.**

The aim is to encourage women's participation by creating a safe, friendly environment for sailors of varying skill levels and experience.

- Women - learn skills, build confidence, meet other Club members.
- Skippers - consider offering your boat and sharing your knowledge and experience.

Sailing on different boats is a wonderful way to learn. So please let us know if you'd like to come, and state if you're interested in crewing, helming, or both.

Prior to the session, women will be assigned to boats. We'll meet at the Club, head off for a sail around 5.30pm for an hour or so, and come back for a chat about how it went. Women sailors are invited to bring drinks and nibbles to share with Host Boats back at the Club.

If you would like to be a host boat, please advise asap, no later than Monday 9 December.

If you would like to be a participant, please advise asap, no later than Wednesday 11 December.

Numbers will be limited to places available. And if the weather's bad, we'll postpone.

Questions? Please get in touch. Leigh McLaughlin *Twilight Captain* twilightcaptain@gfs.org.au

Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)



The RRS are revised every 4 years and the 2025-2028 version comes into effect from January 1, 2025.

However, GFS will continue to sail under the 2021 – 2024 for the remainder of the 2024 – 2025 sailing season.

Australian Sailing has various links to the new rules and discussion of changes - <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/rules-hub/rrs>

Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour

The 189th Australia Day Regatta will be sailed on Sunday January 26, 2025.



The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, on behalf of the Australia Day Regatta Inc, will organise the Regatta on Sydney Harbour for keel yachts, including one-design classes, modern and traditional skiffs. The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia will conduct the City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Ocean Race to Botany Bay and return.

The Notice of Race for the Sydney Harbour event for keel yachts, including one-design classes, and the Ocean Race is available from the Sydney Harbour NOR link under the "Race Info" heading on the ADR website.

On-line entry for the Sydney Harbour event will be available at the RSYS website soon.

GFS Spring Season – winners and place getters

Twilight

Twilight Orange Division

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	5596	DOLPHIN II	Johan Brinch	14
2	325	RESTLESS	Leigh McLaughlin	18
3	16	GRETA	Andrew Davidson / Clive Hassett	23

Twilight Gold Division

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	GBR32	JESTER	Tim Harrington	18
2=	5673	ON Y VA!	Bruce Hilliard	19
2=	5482	NAUGHTY CALL	Colin Wiley	19

Twilight White Division

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	118	FAST FORWARD	Bob Paton	11
2	4115	PEJO LARK	Warren Richards	21
3	7830	NEZHA	Gordon McGrath	22

Twilight Green Division

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1=	6334	SHEMOZZLE	John Hayward And Paul Clune	20
1=	7073	SERENDIPITY	Peter May	20
3	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	22

Twilight Blue Division

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	6635	WORLDS APART	Christopher Stannard	17
2=	N381	AETOS	Christian Charalambous	20
2=	880	CARDINAL SYN	Jorgen Kristoffersen	20

Twilight Black Division

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	6755	GWM PENNANT HILLS	Ian Creak	15
2	112	JOLI	Adrian Van Bellen	18
3	2806	PASSION XI	David Edmiston	19.5

Twilight Etchells Class

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	AUS1049	ETCHIBAN	Kevin O'Rourke	17
2	1475	ETESIAN	Bram Penberthy	19
3	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer Mal Blomfield	20

Saturday

Saturday Division 1

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	12
2	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer Mal Blomfield	14
3	AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTRO	Stuart Clark	16

Saturday Division 2

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	6
2	1531	FLAIR	Phil Hare	10
3	AUS872	JESTER	David Kiddell	27



Agrovation, Passion XI and Meridian - Twilight spring Race 8 - image Julkie Small Evans



Saturday Etchells - Saturday Spring Race 8 – 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 ◑

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December 2024

	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m		
1 SU	0220	0.54	12 TH	0613	1.72	23 MO	0313	1.31
	0856	1.78		1242	0.46		0857	0.79
●	1538	0.40	☾	1837	1.43	☾	1455	1.36
	2129	1.31		2132	0.59			
2 MO	0257	0.56	13 FR	0031	0.42	24 TU	0406	1.36
	0933	1.81		0704	1.84		1006	0.79
	1617	0.38		1345	0.36		1554	1.28
	2210	1.30		1938	1.40		2217	0.61
3 TU	0336	0.57	14 SA	0121	0.44	25 WE	0458	1.43
	1013	1.82		0755	1.93		1117	0.76
	1700	0.38		1442	0.28		1658	1.24
	2254	1.28		2035	1.38		2303	0.61
4 WE	0417	0.59	15 SU	0210	0.46	26 TH	0545	1.50
	1055	1.81		0845	1.98		1222	0.69
	1744	0.39		1534	0.24		1800	1.22
	2340	1.27		2130	1.35		2348	0.62
5 TH	0503	0.61	16 MO	0259	0.48	27 FR	0630	1.58
	1139	1.79		0935	1.99		1316	0.61
	1831	0.40		1624	0.24		1856	1.22
				2221	1.33			
6 FR	0030	1.26	17 TU	0347	0.52	28 SA	0032	0.61
	0554	0.64		1023	1.96		0714	1.66
	1227	1.75		1713	0.28		1402	0.53
	1922	0.42		2311	1.31		1945	1.24
7 SA	0125	1.27	18 WE	0435	0.55	29 SU	0115	0.60
	0650	0.66		1109	1.89		0755	1.73
	1318	1.70		1759	0.34		1444	0.45
	2015	0.42		2358	1.29		2030	1.27
8 SU	0224	1.30	19 TH	0523	0.60	30 MO	0157	0.58
	0754	0.68		1153	1.80		0835	1.80
	1415	1.63		1843	0.41		1524	0.39
	2109	0.42					2113	1.29
9 MO	0325	1.37	20 FR	0045	1.27	31 TU	0239	0.55
	0904	0.67		0611	0.65		0916	1.85
	1520	1.57		1236	1.69		1603	0.34
	2201	0.41		1926	0.48		2155	1.31
10 TU	0424	1.48	21 SA	0132	1.26			
	1019	0.63		0700	0.71			
	1628	1.51		1318	1.57			
	2252	0.41		2007	0.53			
11 WE	0519	1.60	22 SU	0221	1.28			
	1133	0.56		0755	0.76			
	1733	1.46		1403	1.46			
	2343	0.41		2049	0.57			

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

Merry
Christmas

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.



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