

# HUMBUG

Greenwich Flying Squadron



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## GREENWICH FLYING SQUADRON

Celebrating 100 years 1924-2024

*Cover photo from the GFS Centenary Book. See details inside to get your copy.*

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## Commodore's Welcome

*John Veale: Commodore*

Welcome to our first Humbug in some time.

Tim Fletcher has volunteered to be the editor of three full sized editions of Humbug each year. Tim has been a member of GFS for many years previously racing his Traditional 30, Wainui, particularly in down harbour series. But he has spent much of the last 10 years working and living overseas, so has not been an active GFS member. Tim is now back in Sydney and has a bit of time to spare. Fortunately for GFS, Tim's work and volunteer experience has well qualified him to edit and design newsletters such as Humbug. Many thanks Tim.

Tim is currently sailing on Conquista in the Twilight series, so if you have suggestions or would like to discuss some ideas, lookout for him on the deck after the race.

And many thanks too to Phil Hare, who has produced regular editions of Humbug Lite, keeping us all up to date with latest developments and coming events. Phil will continue to put out Humbug Lite as a monthly update.

Many of you will know that our Safety Officer, Peter Hamilton, suffered a serious injury while cycling just before the start of the Twilight season. Peter is making a good recovery and is taking a close interest in everything at GFS. It will however be some further time before Peter returns to the water and his duties as Safety Officer. I am grateful that Tracey Perkins who sails on Tana has agreed to step in as Safety Officer while Peter is away. I am also grateful that neither Peter nor Tracey has had to deal with any serious safety issues this season. Tracey has also undertaken a review of our Child Protection Policy to bring it into line with latest Legislation. Elaine Edmiston has stepped down as our Child Protection Officer and Glenda Cameron Strange has taken on the role. Many thanks to all three.

Your Committee always welcomes feedback from members about ways to improve our activities. To this end members were invited to participate in two surveys, the first at the end of the last Twilight season, which led to the introduction of Outside Starts for the first four races this season, and a second following the first four weeks of this season. The feedback has been very valuable, and we plan to continue to survey members regularly. If you have suggestions for issues on which to ask questions please be in touch. My thanks to Steve Bradley for survey design and analysis of the results.

John 

Editors Note: Thanks for the kins words and welcome to the committee John.

## GFS CENTENARY BOOK - Now Available!

Your 2024 GFS Centenary book, a 180-page hard cover book, packed with stories, memories and photos (see cover photo and below), is now available.

Fifty men and women share stories, including how much GFS means to them, their long-distance sailing adventures and a brief history of the different GFS eras. Life Member John Notley kindly wrote the Foreword.

Flip through hundreds of photos that capture our 100-year history - twilight and weekend sails, balmy evenings on the deck, rainy days, Humbug tussles and the very special camaraderie GFS offers over a drink or two post-race. "It doesn't get any better than this" was a constant refrain in the book.

See if you can spot yourself ... or your boat! Sample copies available to view at the club. Limited Edition!



\$50.00 each – Buy at the club at the twilight BBQ by Credit Card or Cash. ☞ ⚓

## Member Protection Officer

*Tracey Perkins*

You will recently have seen a letter from the Commodore announcing the appointment of our new Member Protection Officer (MPO) Glenda Cameron-Strange. Along with this announcement, the club also updated its Child Protection Policy.

Member protection is a term widely used in sporting clubs to describe the practices that clubs put in place to protect their members and provide advice and expertise to club members, parents and volunteers on matters of discrimination, harassment and in particular Child Safety and Protection. This role is very important to our club - both being proactive and reactive. It allows members to take part in our sport in a positive, safe environment.

The MPO is the first point of contact within our club for any person concerned about the well-being of themselves or other members. The MPO provides confidential, impartial and timely information and support about complaint resolution options that are available to address concerns raised.

*Editor's Note: The committee would like to thank Tracey for her significant effort in ☞ ⚓ preparing the documentation and supporting the club in establishing this important role.*

## Twilight Racing

*Leigh McLaughlin: Twilight Captain*

The Spring Series delivered us with some excellent, competitive racing. Congratulations to all winners and place-getters (See last page for a wrap up.)

We started the season with a well-attended annual Skippers Briefing, then National Sailing Judge Erica Kirby ran a very interesting Rules Night. Erica has offered to answer any further rules questions for us, so please let me know if you have a query for her.

This season we trialled Outside Starts. Everyone's patience was appreciated as we ironed out a few wrinkles in the process. It was great to see Members happy to try out fresh approaches and we'll have more outside starts at the end of the Autumn Series. We also introduced a designated table at the BBQ for the Swap Table and Rules Corner which have both been well-received.

Along with some excellent weather conditions, we had two nights of zero wind and no finishers!

As the new Twilight Captain I would like to thank everyone for your support and encouragement. There is a huge amount of work behind the scenes to make the races happen and all those volunteers deserve our thanks and appreciation, including our trusty Duty Crews and starters who have all done an excellent job.

The Summer Series is under way; hopefully we'll see more nights of good winds, strong competition, safe sailing and enjoyable chats at the weekly BBQ. It would also be good to see boats entering the Women's Helm Series on 15 and 22 January. Perhaps we'll see people swapping roles in other races, too – it's great to mix it up and give crew members an opportunity to learn new jobs on the boat.

As a friendly Club, we like to make everyone feel welcome, so can I encourage you to chat to people who might be turning up for the first time and try to meet new people where you can. I'm always up for a chat so please find me at the BBQ or contact me at [twilightcaptain@gfs.org.au](mailto:twilightcaptain@gfs.org.au)



Twilights on the harbour Photo courtesy of Andrew Richardson



## Social Secretary Update

*Glenda Cameron-Strange (Social Secretary)*

Our busy year continued as we celebrated our centenary and kicked off the Twilight season in October, marking the occasion with the sale of our special Centenary shirts and hats. It's been fantastic to see so many sailors proudly wearing their GFS gear on the water during Wednesday evening races.

Equally heartwarming has been the return of so many members to the deck after the races, where we share that competitive spirit, camaraderie, laughter, and enjoy the prize giving. With our BBQs now expanded to three, there's always plenty of standing, storytelling, and, of course, expert grilling happening around them!

Our caterers have been working hard throughout the season, with Bern and her team (including regulars like Billy, Lizzie, and Adriane) providing an excellent selection of BBQ options and salads, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.



Christmas Twilight Celebrations on the deck

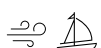
We are also thrilled to announce that a generous donor has provided an amazing prize for our GFS Mega Raffle. One lucky winner has won a trip to the Wooden Boat Show in Hobart, including return airfares and a stay at The Henry Jones Art Hotel in February 2025. The raffle was drawn at our Christmas Twilight Dinner!

In early December, we had the privilege of hosting our annual YOTS (Youth Off The Streets) program, welcoming 27 young people and their workers for a sail, followed by dinner on the deck. It was a fantastic evening, and we thank Chris Gaskell once again for organizing such a successful event. See the write up in this Humbug.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, whose ongoing support is invaluable to the club. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

As we break for the festive season, I want to express my gratitude to some incredible individuals who are constant sources of support for both me and the club—Maree and Adrian van Bellen, and Holly Charalambous. Thank you!

Wishing you all peace, joy, and happiness, along with some great sailing over the holiday season.



## Join the Inaugural Pride Twilight Regatta

Jorgen Kristoffersen

The **Pride Twilight Race** will take place on **Friday, 14 February**, marking the start of the Sydney Mardi Gras season.

This exciting new event is organised by our club member Jorgen and Team Cardinal Syn, in partnership with GFS and RANSA, with support from Pride in Sport and Australian Sailing.



The regatta is an opportunity to bring together LGBTQ+ sailors and friends & family for an evening of sailing and connection. It aims to highlight inclusivity in the sailing community while celebrating a shared love of the sport.

### Event Details:

- **Race Date:** Friday, 14 February
- **Location:** Sydney Harbour
- **Host:** RANSA, including a post-race gathering

Jorgen shares the inspiration behind the event:

*"I know there are quite a few LGBTQ+ sailors and boats on the harbour, and I thought it would be great to bring everyone together for an evening of racing. While the focus is on creating a welcoming and social environment, the event also addresses some ongoing challenges regarding attitudes towards LGBTQ+ sailors in parts of the sailing community. Not experienced in GFS though. It's an opportunity to foster a more inclusive environment on the water."*

### How to Participate:

The Pride Twilight Regatta is open to everyone, whether you identify as LGBTQ+ or are a supportive ally. To get involved, please email **Jorgen at [pride.regatta@gmail.com](mailto:pride.regatta@gmail.com)** for more information or to register.

We look forward to seeing you on the water for this meaningful and inclusive event!



## Safety on the Water

*John Veale: Commodore*

The atmosphere on the GFS deck on Wednesdays is a testament to how much we all enjoy our twilight sailing. But we cannot take it for granted, as the sad incident in a recent twilight on the harbour demonstrated.

The skipper has ultimate responsibility for safety on their yacht. As skippers we all need to remember that we are sailing for fun not sheep stations and not push so hard that accidents occur.

But crew members are critical too. Two points are important.

First, especially in strong winds, there are three people responsible for steering the yacht; the helm, the crew on the mainsheet and the crew on the genoa. If a boat on port has to duck a boat on starboard, all three have a role, or the boat cannot bear away. Similarly, if a boat working or reaching is hit by a strong gust all three roles will be critical to avoiding a roundup.

Second, skippers cannot see everything around them. All crew need to keep a watch for other boats and hazards and keep the skipper well informed. All skippers will be grateful to hear about a hazard before it is too late!

Let's keep us all safe and ready to enjoy an evening on the GFS deck! 

## Outside Starts

*John Veale: Commodore*


The proposal to hold outside starts stemmed from the results of a survey of members at the end of the previous Twilight Season. Some members wanted an earlier start when the days were short and the winds often light, and others were concerned about congestion as larger yachts overtook smaller ones as they exited Humbug, especially in light winds. Outside starts helped to address all of these issues raised by members.

Another survey was conducted after the first four weeks. It showed that outside starts were well received and many members expressed appreciation for the effort involved. The wind for the first four races was very variable and while this caused issues with some of the races it would have been even more difficult with clubhouse starts and finishes.

The committee has decided that as previously planned, we will use outside starts for the last 4 races of the season when the days are shorter, and winds are likely to be lighter. We have had much helpful feedback from members and will explore several ideas for improvement before the last four races of the season. These include start lines and



courses. Further suggestions very welcome. We will make several modifications to how we run the races and will advise these nearer the time.

Finally, this project took a good deal of organising. My thanks to the Committee for support and Peter Hamilton, James Douglas, DJ Holster, Steve Bradley, the members who drove the start boat, and especially the Starters, Liam and Archie. 

## Preparing for the Women's Helm Series

*Leigh McLaughlin (Twilight Captain)*

The fourth GFS Women's Helm Series will be held on 15 and 22 January.

This event takes place as part of the usual Twilight race, with the only requirement being that a woman is on the helm. The point score is run simultaneously to the normal Twilight point score. And if you win, you get your name on a trophy!


This is the fourth year of the event and the Club is keen to see more boats participating.

For me, helming in races was very challenging at first. In fact, I still find it challenging but it does get easier and, most nights, it's very rewarding, especially when you're with a friendly bunch of people who are keen to compete and have a great night sailing and socialising.

The first step is simply to have a go. Even if you're nervous, or petrified (!), think about whether you're prepared to give it a try.

Don't be put off if it's tense or hard the first time...like most things, the more experience you have, the better it gets. It helps if you can try helming outside of race conditions if possible. Beforehand, take some time to have a conversation with the usual Skipper to make a plan. Racing is a team sport so aim for a positive, constructive atmosphere on your boat.

It's a good idea to get to know people. Come back to the BBQ, chat to other sailors. Everyone is friendly and keen to help. Although women are in the minority at GFS, especially among Skippers and boat owners, there are plenty of women at the Club and we have our GFS Women Sailors group to provide each other with information, opportunities and support. Don't be afraid to ask a question or seek advice.

If you don't have a regular crew spot, look for opportunities. Chris Gaskell (0432 018 081) often hears from Skippers looking for crew, so introduce yourself to him and see if he can find a place for you. One of the best ways to learn is to sail with different people on various boats. 

## Rules Corner Outcomes

*Steve Bradley: Vice Commodore*

The Rules Corner has been well received with several interesting issues raised. It has been an opportunity for all involved to increase their understanding of the rules and contribute to safer and fairer racing at GFS. Here are a couple of issues that were not clear to those involved at the time and were resolved amicably. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to approach the rules corner



on a Wednesday evening after the results have been announced. Also note that national sailing judge Erica Kirby has offered to answer questions from the Club so ask and we'll get an answer for you.

- A. Two boats were tacking up Humbug and the boat closest to shore (Boat A) called for 'Room to Tack'. The other boat (Boat B) immediately tacked away, and Boat A commenced a tack. As Boat A turned through 90 degrees the wind shifted dramatically, and she found she was still on the same tack and able to clear the obstruction. On careful reading of the rules, it became clear that Boat A had infringed. The rules state that after calling for 'Room to Tack' a boat must complete a tack regardless of the angle she has to turn through, completing a significant change in course is not sufficient. The incident was settled with a handshake and a better understanding of the rules by all involved.
  
- B. Two boats were tacking towards the Red Channel buoy off Goat Island in a NE wind. The boat on Port (Boat A) believed they were approaching a mark and had entered the zone first and had right of way. The boat on Starboard (Boat B) believed that they had rights in a Port /Starboard situation. The panel determined that the Red Channel buoy is not a mark of the course, it is part of a continuing obstruction along with the rest of Goat Island, so mark room does not apply. Even if it had been a mark, the rule for mark room only applies to boats on the same tack so Boat A should still have given way. At the time Boat A had tacked away but was keen to clear up the rules. ⚓

## YOTS On Yachts 2024

*Chris Gaskell: GFS Membership Secretary*

Our popular GFS “tradition” YOTS On Yachts was held on 4 December 2024. This was the 26<sup>th</sup> year that GFS has Hosted Youth Off the Streets kids and Youth Workers to join us for our twilight race and BBQ afterwards. This year saw 27 teenagers (ages around 14 to 17) and 9 Youth Workers from 4 YOTS schools (from the Central Coast, Wollongong, Merrylands and Macquarie Fields respectively). Conditions for this First Race in the Summer series were a gentle 5-12 knot South East to Eastly breeze, with the course to Goat Island with a view of the Opera House and Bridge and return through Humbug a relatively short course in (the correct) anticipation of a fading breeze.



This year we were fortunate in that we had a few more boats volunteering to host than we needed to accommodate all the visitors. We even ended up splitting one pair of workers to spread



the visitors around! 17 yachts took between 1 and 3 visitors each, and several other yachts were available, but picking up after loading was completed. Thanks to all skippers and crew who hosted, or were prepared to host, this year. Some boats had even entered the summer series, simply to be present for

YoY-many thanks to those who went this extra mile!

While the relatively gentle conditions suited many of the visitors new to sailing, there are always some who feel nervous for their first experience of sailboat racing on Sydney harbour. The feedback is that crew are always welcoming, reassuring and patient, safety briefings done and flotation jackets offered in case of need. Several boats were able to

involve the kids and workers actively, which when possible is always an extra level of fun for the visitors. One boat was actually short crew this year and was able to work their visitors actively on the winches to great effect, coming in first on handicap in their division!

While we do have some kids and Youth workers who come several years in a row, there are always many new faces. Invariably the skippers and crew have very positive interactions with their new visitors and are very happy to contemplate repeating the experience. While members are sometimes sad that kids will not be repeat visitors, the big positive is that such kids will often be heading on to new and exciting challenges after their time with YOTS.



As always, the excitement back on the GFS Deck of knowledge is a highlight. This year was no exception with the wind having dropped and conditions very pleasant. While cloudy, the rain stayed away! Catering for an extra 36 meals is always a challenge, but Holly Charalambous' voucher system, including clear instructions, worked a treat. Many thanks to Bern and the catering staff for absorbing the extra demands seamlessly.



The good humour and other pleasant interactions over dinner between kids and staff and members including around the BBQs is great for visitors and members alike. While members routinely have a few drinks, the relaxed atmosphere is reportedly

often commented on by the kids whose experiences where alcohol is present with adults, can often be rowdy or aggressive behaviour.

A highlight of the night for members are the comments from the YOTS leaders including over recent times a Q&A session with some of the kids led by YOTS Ben Cook. The format gives the kids some structure to give some comments on their own situation, their engagement through the YOTS support approach and their personal experience of their night on the water. This public speaking practice is impressive by the kids and the YOTS workers are very proud of those who are given this opportunity and represent themselves and YOTS so well.



Over recent times, it has also become part of the tradition for GFS organisers to put together gift bags for the kids, including gift vouchers and other items suitable for teenage visitors. The GFS members behind the scenes here are Glenda Cameron-Strange, Holly Charalambous, and Maree and Adrian van Bellen. Many thanks for the generosity in time contributed including in sponsor liaison.

The funding for YoY comes from GFS Resources and member donations specifically targeted to the event. This year's donations totalled around \$2100 which will contribute significantly to the costs of the evening. Many thanks to all those members who contributed.

While informal feedback from YOTS kids and Youth Workers is reflected in the above account, an email from John Martin, School Principal of The Lakes College on the Central Coast follows. It includes an account of heartfelt comments from one of his students that sums up why so many on both sides of YOTs on Yachts continue their support of this GFS outreach activity. Again thanks to all involved. 🌊 ⚓

## Letter to GFS from John Martin, School Principal, YOTs

Fri, 6 Dec

*Hi Chris,*

*I wanted to thank you and the GFS Committee for organising the logistics of our 2024 YOTS on YACHTS event which was held on Wednesday.*

*You ensured that our students and staff were welcomed at the club on a stunning Summer evening to race around the harbour and it certainly provided us all with a wonderful experience.*

*The dinner and dessert afterwards was greatly appreciated and we were all so proud as we listened to Larissa (CDC), Charlie (TLC and CJ (TLC) speak in front of the club members whilst being interviewed by Ben (TLC School Manager).*

*The club has truly been generous over the years but it must be stated that this year, as crews and captains welcomed us onto their boats, one of our students quietly asked why strangers would be so kind in providing dinner, drinks, boat rides (during a race!), teaching sailing skills, taking time out to spend time with YOTS students, etc all for free. I was able to highlight to her that there are many people in our schools, YOTS and the much wider community who genuinely care about the teens that we support and that what she is seeing is a true example of GENEROSITY, which is something we explore and promote in our organisation.*

*After the race she tracked me down, as she was sincerely reflective on her experience, and mentioned that during the 'humbug stage' of the event she sat with the stillness and quiet under the setting sun and thought to herself how fortunate she felt in her life that these people gave her an opportunity to see something that was outside of the bubble that she survives in daily.*

*For that, I can't thank the club enough!*

*Chris, thank you and thanks to GFS for helping to make a change in the lives of our youth and for living the values of Youth Off The Streets. We look forward to next year!*

Cheers

**John Martin**

School Principal

## Tips and Tricks for new Helmspeople

*Steve Bradley (Vice Commodore)*

### Racing Rules

The racing rules of sailing determine how boats should behave when they meet. This is very important for safety as well as for fair competition. Take the time to read the rules so you have a basic understanding. [Racing Rules](#) It is rare for a skipper to have a complete understanding of all the rules and how they apply in all circumstances. It is common to have different opinions about the rules that occur in a particular situation and if in doubt keep clear. Feel free to join the Rules Corner held weekly at the BBQ to explore aspects of the rules that are not clear to you.

### Starting


The start line is frequently the most congested and challenging part of the race. Keep your VHF radio tuned to Channel 72 to hear the starters' messages. Feel free to start a little behind your fleet to avoid the busiest time. The divisions start 5 minutes apart so starting 1 minute or so after the start of your division will keep you clear of the next start. Remember to keep clear of the line until just before your starting time.

### Avoid Wind Holes

Racing in the waters to the West of the Harbour Bridge provides some delightful moments and some challenging conditions. One of the biggest difficulties is avoiding areas where there is little or no wind. Typically, these areas are on the downwind side of major headlands or islands. You can spot these areas by the water appearing smooth and lighter in colour than the surrounding areas. It is frequently worth sailing a longer distance to avoid going through an area with little or no wind. Humbug is particularly notorious for this and every skipper has a story about how certain victory was lost in Humbug!

### Entering Race Series

Finally, a reminder to Skippers, Helmspeople and boat owners: if you want to race, make sure you enter! And please don't leave it till the day before the commencement of the series. There are several manual steps that take place behind the scenes. So, you need to enter your boat well ahead of time, ideally a week in advance or more.

Good luck to all crews participating in the 2025 Women's Helm Series. 

## Saturday Sailing

*Phil Hare (Saturday Sailing, Sailing Secretary, Humbug Lite Editor)*

Saturday sailing continues to be a challenge at GFS with only small fleets. However, the regular participants enjoy close competitive racing in good spirit. A good gathering of sailors on the 'Deck of Knowledge' post-race dissects the day's events in a convivial manner over a couple of drinks.

The Saturday Overall series which includes Spring and Autumn series is sailed in two divisions. Division 1 with Etchells and faster yachts (Twilight Gold, Green, Blue type yachts) and Division 2 (Twilight Orange and White type



yachts). The Saturday Summer Series is separate and has a similar arrangement of yachts. Once a month there is a Mick York Series race held concurrently with a normal Saturday race.

The Saturday Down Harbour Series comprises three divisions which sail different down harbour courses starting from the GFS club. Blue division has faster yachts, White division Etchells and Orange division smaller yachts. Down Harbour races are mostly the second Saturday each month during the sailing season.

The Spring Series has been completed and the placings are shown on the following page.

There is always room for more entries to race on a Saturday. Although spinnakers are allowed they are not compulsory. Courses are different to Twilight courses and distances are set to suit the yachts in each fleet.

Regularly check the GFS website for updates and changes to courses, sailing instructions, events and general information - <https://gfs.org.au/>. The GFS Facebook page always has excellent images from Saturday racing, as well as Twilights, Saturday images largely thanks to Mark Palmer. Humbug Lite reviews the recent and upcoming events each month.

Once again, please consider joining the GFS Saturday fleet. 



## GFS Spring Season Results

### 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 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

## GFS Sponsors

### 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.

### 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 in Gladesville. 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 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 now broadened to homeware and gifts.

### 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.

