

Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

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Happy New Year

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
2025	January	4	Saturday Summer Race 4
		8	Twilight Summer Series Race 4
		11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Series Race 5
		15	Twilight Summer Series Race 5
		18	Saturday Summer Race 5
		22	Twilight Summer Series Race 6
		25	Aus Day Long Weekend – no Saturday race
		26	Australia Day Regatta Sydney Harbour
		29	Twilight Summer Series Race and GFS Twilight Aus Day Regatta race

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.

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 - <https://australiadayregatta.com.au/en>

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 or here - <https://australiadayregatta.com.au/en/the-regatta/notice-of-race>

From the Notice of Race there is a link to enter the event.

2024 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

It is with sadness we note the deaths of two sailors in this year’s race. Nick Smith and Roy Quaden both lost their lives in separate incidents on two different yachts. Our commiserations go to their friends and families.

Blue Planet again contested the double handed division representing both the CYCA and GFS. Unfortunately, they had to retire.

The yacht’s bio on the Rolex website reads –



‘In the growing fleet of J/99s, Professor Chris O’Neill and Michael Johnston are preparing for their third consecutive Sydney Hobart, racing in the Double Handed division. In the 2023 race, the team narrowly missed breaking into the top five of the IRC Double Handed leader board. Since then, they’ve shown consistent form, finishing second in their division, third in IRC Corinthian and first in PHS Corinthian in the 2024 Noakes Sydney Gold Coast. Their steady performance in the 2024/25 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Point score has resulted in fourth place overall after the Gold Coast, Flinders Islet, Tollgate Islands and Bird Island race.’

Hopefully Chris can be persuaded to write a short article for the next ‘real’ Humbug.



TISM – Saturday Summer Race 3 – image Mark Palmer



Banjo – Twilight Summer Race 2 – image Mark Palmer



Aetos – Women's Sailing Event – image Holly Charalambous

January Tide 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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January 2025					
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	0322 0.54	12	0106 0.55	23	0357 1.43
WE	0959 1.90	SU	0745 1.88	TH	1031 0.78
	1645 0.32		1440 0.34		1606 1.16
	2239 1.34		2032 1.31		2201 0.70
2	0407 0.52	13	0200 0.53	24	0455 1.48
TH	1042 1.91	MO	0836 1.92	FR	1149 0.73
	1727 0.31		1528 0.30		1725 1.14
	2324 1.36		2121 1.33		2301 0.71
3	0454 0.52	14	0249 0.51	25	0552 1.54
FR	1126 1.89	TU	0924 1.93	SA	1252 0.64
	1810 0.31	○	1611 0.29		1833 1.16
			2205 1.35		
4	0011 1.38	15	0335 0.51	26	0000 0.69
SA	0545 0.54	WE	1008 1.91	SU	0644 1.62
	1212 1.83		1651 0.32		1342 0.55
	1855 0.33		2247 1.36		1928 1.21
5	0101 1.41	16	0419 0.52	27	0051 0.64
SU	0640 0.57	TH	1048 1.86	MO	0731 1.72
	1300 1.74		1728 0.36		1425 0.46
	1941 0.37		2327 1.36		2013 1.27
6	0155 1.45	17	0501 0.55	28	0139 0.58
MO	0741 0.60	FR	1126 1.77	TU	0816 1.81
	1352 1.62		1802 0.41		1504 0.37
	2029 0.41				2055 1.33
7	0251 1.50	18	0006 1.36	29	0224 0.51
TU	0848 0.63	SA	0543 0.60	WE	0900 1.90
○	1452 1.48		1201 1.67		1544 0.30
	2118 0.47		1835 0.47	●	2136 1.39
8	0350 1.57	19	0045 1.36	30	0310 0.45
WE	1006 0.63	SU	0626 0.65	TH	0943 1.95
	1602 1.37		1237 1.56		1622 0.25
	2213 0.51		1907 0.52		2218 1.45
9	0451 1.65	20	0126 1.37	31	0356 0.41
TH	1128 0.58	MO	0713 0.71	FR	1026 1.97
	1719 1.29		1315 1.44		1702 0.22
	2311 0.54		1941 0.57		2302 1.50
10	0551 1.73	21	0210 1.39		
FR	1243 0.50	TU	0808 0.76		
	1832 1.27		1359 1.33		
			2019 0.62		
11	0009 0.55	22	0300 1.41		
SA	0650 1.81	WE	0915 0.78		
	1346 0.41	○	1455 1.23		
	1937 1.28		2106 0.67		

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Helly Hansen

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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.

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Joe Walsh
Rigging



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