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**2024 - 2025**

***Season Program***

**For**

**Yacht Divisions**

**Entries**

**Saturday Overall, Twilight Overall, Down Harbour, Twilight Summer and Saturday Summer Series MUST be entered separately by the dates listed below.**

Race entries via (TES) - TopYacht Entry System – [***https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/1806***](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftopyacht.com.au%2Fdb%2Fkb2%2F1806&data=05%7C02%7Cphare%40pymblelc.nsw.edu.au%7Cbc814b14fb894536ccaf08dc9bf02864%7C1e8bd566f06f4b0a95bd9ba35dbcb937%7C0%7C0%7C638556703019397333%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=iDADk7SNnwkUim81RlWAXkkb0f9OMtyuyoehxmoP5VY%3D&reserved=0)

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|  **Year** | **Month** | **Day** | **Date** | **Final Date for Series Entries** |
| **2024** | **August** | Saturday | **31** | Saturday Series  |
| **September** | Saturday | **7** | Down Harbour Series  |
| Wednesday | **25** | Twilight Series  |
| **November** | Saturday | **30** | Saturday Summer Series |
| Wednesday | **27** | Twilight Summer Series  |

**Important Club Events**

Club Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except January), commencing at 1930 hours.

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|  **Year** | **Month** | **Day** | **Date** | **Event** |
| **2024** | **August** | Saturday | **17** | Equipment Audits Saturday and Twilight |
| **Saturday** | **24** | **Woking Bee - GFS Clubhouse** |
| Sunday | **25** | Equipment Audits Saturday and Twilight |
| **September** | Sunday | 1 | Equipment Audits Saturday and Twilight |
| **Wednesday** | **11** | **Compulsory Skippers’ Meeting** |
| **2025** | **June** | Saturday | **7** | Prize presentation from 1500 hrs  |
| **July** | Tuesday | **8** | AGM  |

**Revised 10 March 2025**

**Special GFS and West Harbour Combined Series**

All Yachts registered for the Saturday and Twilight Series are eligible to enter the Saturday Down Harbour Series and Saturday Mick York Trophy Series and West Harbour Series. The ***Mick York Trophy Series*** will run in conjunction with the regular Saturday Series Races. The starting sequence will begin at **1315 hours** for all Saturday Series races.

Down Harbour Series Races are sponsored by Joe Walsh Rigging.

**GFS Joe Walsh Rigging Down Harbour Series**

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| **Year** | **Month** | **Date** | **Event** |
| **2024** | September | 14 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1 |
| October | 12 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2 |
| November | 9 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3 |
| December | 14 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4 |
|  | January | 11 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 5 |
| **2025** | February | 8 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6 |
|  | March | 8 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 7 |
|  | April | 12 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8 |

**GFS Mick York Trophy Races**

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| **Year**  | **Month**  | **Date**  | **Event**  |
| **2024** | September  | 28 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 1  |
| October  | 26 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 2  |
| November  | 30 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 3  |
| December | 21 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 4 |
| **2025** | January | 18 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 5  |
| February | 22 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 6 |
| March | 29 | Mick York Trophy Series Race 7 |

**West Harbour Spring Series, 2024**

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| **Year** | **Month** | **Day** | **Date** | **Event** | **Other Information** |
| **2024** | September | Sunday | 8 | WH Spring Series Race 1  | **Provisional Only -** Dates for the 2024 combined Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Parramatta Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron West Harbour Spring Series.  |
| Sunday | 22 | WH Spring Series Race 2 |
| October | Sunday | 6 | WH Spring Series Race 3 |
| Sunday | 20 | WH Spring Series Race 4  |
| November | Sunday | 3 | WH Spring Series Race 5  |
| Sunday | 17 | WH Spring Series Race 6  |
| December | Sunday | 1 | WH Spring Series Race 7  |

**West Harbour Summer Series, 2025**

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| **Year** | **Month** | **Day** | **Date** | **Event** | **Other Information** |
| **2025** | January | Sunday | 12 | WH Summer Series Race 1  | **Provisional Only -** Dates for the 2025 combined Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Parramatta Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron West Harbour Summer Series.  |
| Sunday | 26 | WH Summer Series Race 2  |
| February | Sunday | 9 | WH Summer Series Race 3  |
| Sunday | 23 | WH Summer Series Race 4  |
| March | Sunday | 9 | WH Summer Series Race 5  |
| Sunday | 23 | WH Summer Series Race 6  |

**West Harbour Winter Series, 2025**

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| **Year** | **Month** | **Day** | **Date** | **Event** | **Other Information** |
| **2025** | June | Sunday | 1 | WH Winter Series Race 1  | Warning Signal 11.25 am |
| Sunday | 15 | WH Winter Series Race 2  |
| Sunday | 29 | WH Winter Series Race 3  |
| July | Sunday | 13 | WH Winter Series Race 4 |
| Sunday | 27 | WH Winter Series Race 5 |
| August | Sunday | 10 | WH Winter Series Race 6 |
| Sunday | 24 | WH Winter Series Race 6 |

**Twilight Series**

The Twilight Starting Sequence will begin at **1735 hours** for all races which start at the GFS Clubhouse. **VHF 72** will give the countdown at the start and will be monitored during races.

Yachts are to **keep clear** of the starting box exclusion zone until 5 minutes prior to the start time of their division.

If conditions are deemed appropriate, races may start from the club launch. **Code flag “Q”** (yellow pennant) will be flown from the clubhouse flag mast to indicate a start outside Humbug from the launch. The start sequence will begin at 1745 hours

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| **Year** | **Month** | **Date** | **Event** | **Notes** |
|  | **August** | **17** | **Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sat)**  |
|  | **25** | **Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sun)** |
|  | **September** | **1** | **Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sun)** |
|  | **11** | **Compulsory Skippers’ Briefing - Wednesday** |
| **2024** | **October** | *6* | *Daylight Saving commences* |
| 9 | Spring Race 1  |
| 16 | Spring Race 2  |
| 23 | Spring Race 3  |
| ***27*** | ***Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club***  |
| 30 | Spring Race 4  |
| **November** | 6 | Spring Race 5  |
| 13 | Spring Race 6  |
| 20 | Spring Race 7  |
| 27 | Spring Race 8  |
| **December** | 4 | Summer Race 1 and ***YOTS @ GFS*** |
| 11 | Summer Race 2  |
| 18 | Summer Race 3 |
| **25** | ***Christmas Break – New Year break*** |
| **2025** | **January** | **1** | ***Christmas Break – New Year break*** |
| 8 | Summer Race 4  |
| 15 | Summer Race 5  | Women’s Helm Race 1 |
| 22 | Summer Race 6  | Women’s Helm Race 2 |
| 26 | *189th Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour*  |
| **29** | Summer Race 7 – **GFS Twilight Australia Day Race** |
|  | 5 | Summer Race 8 |
| February | 12 | Autumn Race 1  |
| 19 | Autumn Race 2  |
| 26 | Autumn Race 3  |
| **March** | 5 | Autumn Race 4  |
| 12 | Autumn Race 5  |
| 19 | Autumn Race 6  |
| 26 | Autumn Race 7 |
| **April** | 2 | Autumn Race 8 |
| ***6*** | ***Daylight Saving Ends***  |

**Other Events \*** (which **may** have impact on the area in which GFS could sail)

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| **Year** | **Month** | **Date** | **Event** | **Notes** |
| **2024** | **October** | 27 | Balmain Regatta 2024 | Entries to BSC |
| **November** | 23 | MHYC Seven Islands Race \* | Possibly 23rd or 30th  |
| **December** | 14 - 15 | CYCA Classic Yacht Regatta \* | Main Harbour |
| 6 - 9 | Sail Sydney Regatta - Woollahra Sailing Club \* | Main Harbour |
| **2025** | **January** | 11 | MHYC Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup \* | Possibly 11th |
| 26 | 189th Australia Day Regatta | Main Harbour |
| **February** | 9 | RANSA Regatta | Possibly 9th |
| 22 - 23 | Sail GP Sydney Harbour | Possibly 22nd and 23rd  |
| **March** | 1 and 2 | Sydney Harbour Regatta  | Possibly 1st and 2nd  |
| 31 | Sail Port Stephens 2025 (to April 5) | PSYC |
| **October** | 26 | Balmain Regatta 2025 | Entries to BSC |

**Saturday and Down Harbour Series**

 The starting sequence will begin at **1315 hours** for all Saturday Series.

Races will start from the club launch in the vicinity of the Compass mark when **code flag “Q”** (yellow pennant) is flown from the clubhouse flag mast, otherwise the start will be from the clubhouse.

VHF 72 will give the countdown at the start and will be monitored during races and used to communicate with yachts.

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| **Year** | **Month** | **Date** | **Event** | **Other** |
| **2024** | **August** | **17** | ***Equipment Audits - Saturday*** |
| **25** | ***Equipment Audits - Sunday*** |
| **September** | 7 | Spring Race1  |
| **11** | **Compulsory Skippers’ Briefing - Wednesday** |
| 14 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1 |
| 21 | Spring Race 2 |
| 28 | Spring Race 3 | MY Race 1 |
| **October** | 5 | *Labour Day Long Weekend – No Race* *Daylight Saving Commences – Sunday October 6* |
| 12 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2 |
| 19 | Spring Race 4 |
| 26 | Spring Race 5 | MY Race 2 |
| **27** | ***Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club*** |
| **November** | 2 | Spring Race 6 |
| 9 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3 |
| 16 | Spring Race 7 |
| 23 | Spring Race 8 |
| 30 | Summer Race 1  | MY Race 3 |
| **December** | 7 | Summer Race 2 |
| 14 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4 |
| 21 | Summer Race 3 | MY Race 4 |
| **28** | ***Christmas and New Year Break*** |
| **2025** | **January** | 4 | Summer Race 4 |
| 11 | Joe Walsh Down - Harbour Race 5  |
| 18 | Summer Race 5 | MY Race 5 |
| **25** | ***Australia Day Long Weekend – No Race*** |
| **26** | ***189h Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour*** |
| **February** | 1 | Autumn Race 1 – **GFS Saturday Australia Day Race** |
| **8** | **Autumn Race 2 (Changed)** |
| **15** | **Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6 (Changed)** |
| 22 | Autumn Race 3 | MY Race 6 |
| **March** | 1 | Autumn Race 4  |
| 8 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 7 |
| 15 | Autumn Race 5 |
| 22 | Autumn Race 6 |
| 29 | Autumn Race 7 | MY Race 7 |
| **April** | 5 | Autumn Race 8 |
| **6** | ***Daylight Saving ends - Sunday*** |
| 12 | Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8 |
| **18 - 20** | ***Easter – No Race*** |

***MY = Mick York Series***