

# Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

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**For Sailing Results on the GFS website**

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## Upcoming Events.

Year	Month	Date	Event
2025	February	1	Saturday Autumn Race 1
		5	Twilight Summer Race 8 and Women's Helm Race 2
		8	Saturday Autumn Race 2 (Changed date)
		12	Twilight Autumn Race 1
		15	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Series Race 6 (Changed date)
		19	Twilight Autumn Race 2
		22	Saturday Autumn Race 3 – Mick York Race 6
		26	Twilight Autumn Race 3

## Racing Rules of Sailing

Please note – Despite the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 – 2028 (Blue Book) coming into force **GFS will continue to sail under the 2021 – 2024 for the remainder of the 2024 – 2025 sailing season.**

## GFS Australia Day Races

The Australia Day Races held at GFS this season are in name only. As a club we celebrate the regatta's aims to promote equality, opportunity and inclusion. This year we will recognise the winners and placegetters but will not be awarding medallions.

The Australia Day race on Sydney Harbour was the 189<sup>th</sup> race held, making the event the World's oldest continuously run annual sailing regatta.

GFS had a fleet of 70 yachts contesting our races.

## Sail GP Australia February 8 and 9.

Expect increased harbour traffic on Saturday February 8 and Sunday February 9 for the Australian leg in F50 foiling catamarans. Racing starts at 1500hrs each day and there is an exclusion zone between Clark Island and Bottle and Glass Point. The transit zone is on the East of the harbour close to Point Piper, Rose Bay and Vaucluse

*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.*

## GFS Australia Day Regatta Race Results

Twilight Series				
Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Skipper	Class
1	BARUBI	1000	Michael Wise	D1
2	ZANDA	4640	Philip McGrath	D1
3	MISTRESS	M101	Ray Hand	D1
4	RESTLESS	325	Leigh McLaughlin	D1

Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Skipper	Class
1	PISTOL DAWN	8033	Malcolm Thompson	D2
2	ON Y VA!	5673	Bruce Hilliard	D2
3	JESTER	GBR32	Tim Harrington	D2

Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Skipper	Class
1	JONGLEUR	AUS4763	Mark Mayne	D3
2	VITESSE	6927	Glenda Cameronstrange	D3
3	BEAR	3910	Andrew Cowie	D3

Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Skipper	Class
1	FUZZY LOGIC	4517	Andrew Glassock	D4
2	REX	6027	Martin Kluckow / Mark Bowman	D4
3	VESILLE	8456	Patrick Medley/ Graeme Kennedy	D4

Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Skipper	Class
1	MINNOW	7080	Richard Grundy / Stephen Grundy	D5
2	CARDINAL SYN	880	Jorgen Kristoffersen	D5
3	WORLDS APART	6635	Christopher Stannard	D5

Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Skipper	Class
1	FIREBALL	8800	Bill Lea	D6
2	JACKPOT	6774	Robert Hale	D6
3	IRUKANDJI	6358	Paul Stubbs	D6

Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Skipper	Class
1	CHLOE	AUS762	Maynier Andersen Violaris	D7
2	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTRO	AUS1163	Stuart Clark	D7
3	STANDOWN	1255	Jim Lelliott	D7

Saturday Series				
Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Skipper	Class
1	ADRENALINE	AUS1256	Rolf Lunsmann	D1
2	TONIC	AUS1125	Col Filmer Mal Blomfield	D1
3	CHLOE	AUS762	Maynier Andersen Violaris	D1

Place	Boat Name	Sail No	Skipper	Class
1	JESTER	AUS872	David Kiddell	D2
2	FLAIR	1531	Phil Hare	D2
3	JOKA	3608	Cecil Williams	D2



**Twilight Summer Race 5** – a night to remember – image Mark Palmer

Following Twilight Summer Race 5 There has been much discussion regarding the protocols surrounding when to conduct races and when to abandon them. More information will soon be forthcoming.

Wind warnings issued by the BOM relate to the following wind strengths. Ultimately it is the individual skippers call whether to sail or not.

Average wind speed (knots)	Gust strength that should be planned for (knots)	Wind Warning thresholds
10	14	
15	21	
20	28	
26 - 33	36 - 45	<b>Strong wind warning issued</b>
34 - 47	48 - 65	<b>Gale force warning issued</b>
48 - 63	67 - 88	<b>Storm force warning issued</b>
64 or more	90 or more	<b>Hurricane force warning issued</b>



**Blue Planet and Whiskey Tango Foxtrot** – Down Harbour Race 5 – image Mark Palmer

## February 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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### February 2025

Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1	0445 0.40	12	0241 0.50	23	0512 1.51
SA	1110 1.93	WE	0910 1.84	SU	1220 0.65
	1743 0.24		1547 0.34		1810 1.15
	2347 1.55		2144 1.41		2330 0.75
2	0536 0.42	13	0323 0.48	24	0613 1.59
SU	1155 1.83	TH	0948 1.82	MO	1313 0.55
	1823 0.29	○	1620 0.35		1905 1.23
			2219 1.44		
3	0034 1.58	14	0401 0.49	25	0030 0.67
MO	0630 0.46	FR	1023 1.77	TU	0705 1.71
	1243 1.69		1650 0.38		1356 0.44
	1905 0.37		2253 1.46		1949 1.32
4	0125 1.60	15	0439 0.51	26	0121 0.57
TU	0731 0.52	SA	1057 1.70	WE	0751 1.82
	1335 1.52		1718 0.42		1435 0.34
	1950 0.46		2326 1.48		2030 1.42
5	0219 1.61	16	0517 0.54	27	0208 0.47
WE	0841 0.58	SU	1130 1.61	TH	0836 1.91
○	1436 1.35		1745 0.47		1514 0.25
	2041 0.56				2112 1.52
6	0320 1.62	17	0000 1.49	28	0255 0.38
TH	1002 0.61	MO	0558 0.59	FR	0920 1.96
	1552 1.22		1202 1.51		1552 0.21
	2142 0.63		1813 0.52	●	2153 1.62
7	0429 1.64	18	0035 1.49		
FR	1129 0.58	TU	0641 0.64		
	1721 1.17		1238 1.40		
	2252 0.67		1843 0.59		
8	0539 1.68	19	0114 1.48		
SA	1245 0.52	WE	0731 0.70		
	1840 1.20		1320 1.29		
			1917 0.65		
9	0002 0.65	20	0159 1.47		
SU	0643 1.74	TH	0831 0.74		
	1344 0.44		1413 1.19		
	1938 1.26		2001 0.72		
10	0103 0.60	21	0254 1.45		
MO	0739 1.80	FR	0946 0.76		
	1430 0.38	○	1523 1.12		
	2026 1.32		2101 0.78		
11	0155 0.55	22	0401 1.46		
TU	0827 1.83	SA	1111 0.73		
	1512 0.35		1652 1.10		
	2106 1.37		2217 0.79		

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

### 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.



Joe Walsh  
Rigging

