

Humbug Lite

The Alternate GFS Newsletter

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Please visit the GFS website regularly for important club information.

Visit the GFS Facebook page for excellent images and gossip.

For Sailing Results on the GFS website

See Sailing – Yacht Division Results – 2024 - 2025 Season – 2024 - 2025 Results and select the Series

Upcoming Events.

Year	Month	Date	Event
2025	April	5	Saturday Autumn Race 8
		6	Daylight Saving ends Sunday
		12	Saturday Down Harbour Race 8
		18	Easter

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 Club Barbeques

Please, if you use the club barbeques clean them after use. They are cleaned professionally a couple of times during the season but must be left at all times in an acceptable state after use.

GFS Centenary Book

Copies of the 2024 100 Years GFS Centenary book, a 180-page hard cover book, packed with stories, memories and photos, is still available.

It is a limited edition!

\$50 a copy; cash/credit card. Available Wednesday twilights or email Ros Bradley: rsbrad99@gmail.com

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.

On behalf of all Twilight competitors I wish to thank Leigh McLaughlin for her organisation and ongoing commitment to Twilight sailing this season. Her weekly reminders have been well received and have provided vital information. Leigh's introduction of the Rules Corner and Swap Desk have been another good innovation.

The instigation of outside starts and finishes at the start and end of the Twilight season has added safety and attempted to have races which have avoided after dark finishes.

Well done to all competitors the racing has been competitive and the results close.



A fitting image of **Sweet Jay** on the way home to signal the end of the Twilight Sailing season for 2024-2025 – image Glenda Cameron-Strange

Twilight Autumn Series Places (provisional)

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Autumn
Twilight Aut	1	Orange	2750	FORCE FOUR	Tim Kannegieter	14
Twilight Aut	2	Orange	M101	MISTRESS	Ray Hand	17
Twilight Aut	3	Orange	16	GRETA	Andrew Davidson / Clive Hassett	21

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Autumn
Twilight Aut	1	Gold	5482	NAUGHTY CALL	Colin Wiley	16
Twilight Aut	2	Gold	8033	PISTOL DAWN	Malcolm Thompson	20
Twilight Aut	3	Gold	AUS067	SWEENEY-TODD	Julian Todd	21
Twilight Aut	3	Gold	2156	ECHO	Gerry Morcombe	21

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Autumn
Twilight Aut	1	White	KA125	PEA JAY	David Dossetor	16
Twilight Aut	2	White	6694	PACA	Greg Jacques Andrew Wise	20
Twilight Aut	3	White	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	26

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Autumn
Twilight Aut	1	Green	4517	FUZZY LOGIC	Andrew Glasscock	16
Twilight Aut	2	Green	R7	WIND CHARMER	Peter Francis	19
Twilight Aut	2	Green	M138	CONQUISTA	Alan Bull	19

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Autumn
Twilight Aut	1	Blue	880	CARDINAL SYN	Jorgen Kristoffersen	15
Twilight Aut	1	Blue	4150	FRENCH CONNECTION	Mike Murphy	15
Twilight Aut	3	Blue	N381	AETOS	Christian Charalambous	18
Twilight Aut	3	Blue	6166	SWEET JAY	Ralph Pickering	18

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Autumn
Twilight Aut	1	Black	8800	FIREBALL	Bill Lea	12
Twilight Aut	2	Black	6774	JACKPOT	Robert Hale	14
Twilight Aut	3	Black	6755	GWM PENNANT HILLS	Ian Creak	19
Twilight Aut	3	Black	112	JOLI	Adrian Van Bellen	19

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Autumn
Twilight Aut	1	Etchells	AUS1049	ETCHIBAN	Kevin O'Rourke	14
Twilight Aut	2	Etchells	AUS762	CHLOE	Maynier Andersen Violaris	19
Twilight Aut	3	Etchells	AUS1293	INCENTIVE	Andrew Rickard	20



Etchells outside start Twilight Autumn Race 9 image Mark Palmer

Twilight Overall Series Places (provisional)

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
Twilight O'all	1	Orange	16	GRETA	Andrew Davidson / Clive Hassett	50
Twilight O'all	1	Orange	325	RESTLESS	Leigh McLaughlin	50
Twilight O'all	3	Orange	M101	MISTRESS	Ray Hand	52

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
Twilight O'all	1	Gold	5482	NAUGHTY CALL	Colin Wiley	39
Twilight O'all	2	Gold	AUS067	SWEENEY-TODD	Julian Todd	49.5
Twilight O'all	3	Gold	808	BANJO	Nick Reed	51
Twilight O'all	3	Gold	2156	ECHO	Gerry Morcombe	51

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
Twilight O'all	1	White	118	FAST FORWARD	Bob Paton	42
Twilight O'all	2	White	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	53
Twilight O'all	3	White	7830	NEZHA	Gordon McGrath	55

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
Twilight O'all	1	Green	4517	FUZZY LOGIC	Andrew Glassock	48
Twilight O'all	2	Green	6380	TANA	Pam Joy	50
Twilight O'all	2	Green	6334	SHEMOZZLE	John Hayward And Paul Clune	50

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
Twilight O'all	1	Blue	880	CARDINAL SYN	Jorgen Kristoffersen	40
Twilight O'all	2	Blue	N381	AETOS	Christian Charalambous	43
Twilight O'all	3	Blue	6635	WORLDS APART	Christopher Stannard	46.5

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
Twilight O'all	1	Black	6755	GWM PENNANT HILLS	Ian Creak	40
Twilight O'all	2	Black	112	JOLI	Adrian Van Bellen	41
Twilight O'all	3	Black	8800	FIREBALL	Bill Lea	42

Series	Place	Div	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
Twilight O'all	1	Etchells	AUS1049	ETCHIBAN	Kevin O'Rourke	37
Twilight O'all	2	Etchells	AUS762	CHLOE	Maynier Andersen Violaris	47
Twilight O'all	3	Etchells	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer Mal Blomfield	48



Symmetrical sailing **Sweet Todd, Kofi Too and Pistol Dawn** -image Mark Palmer

West Harbour Winter Series

West Harbour Winter Series, 2025

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	

Entries via – Balmain Sailing Club - <https://www.balmainssailingclub.com/>

or use this link - https://topyacht.com.au/db/kb2/series_select.php?EventID=1804

Sailing instructions and courses are available from -
<https://www.balmainssailingclub.com/racing/instructions-and-courses>

There is no entry cost for current full members of GFS, DSC and PRSC.

Sail Port Stephens 2025

Echo (Gerry Morcombe), Passion XI (David Edmiston), Eureka (Charles Daniels), Hasta La Vista (John Veale) travelled to Port Stephens to compete in the Sail Port Stephens Regatta.

Racing was set to take place between March 31 and April 5. With races on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

With over 100 boats competing in 5 divisions and the tail end of an East Coast Low the crews wouldd have been tested.

If you are interested visit - <https://www.sailportstephens.com.au/>

GFS Prize Presentation – save the date.

At this stage the Annual Prize Presentation for season 2024 – 2025 will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday June 7 from 1500 hours.

GFS Annual General Meeting – Tuesday July 8 1930

If you would like to join the GFS committee or volunteer to assist in some capacity please see the detailed information on the GFS website.

Click on the link and complete the form to register your interest. [Member Response](#)

For specific details contact Steve Bradley, Vice Commodore, gfsvicecommodore@gmail.com, 0404 829 108 or Leigh McLaughlin, Twilight Captain, twilightcaptain@gfs.org.au, 0412 234 832.

March 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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April 2025

Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 0521 0.29		12 0148 0.55		23 0356 1.65	
TU 1127 1.60		SA 0749 1.58		1044 0.51	
1718 0.44		1356 0.51		1654 1.42	
2344 1.93		2014 1.67		2235 0.70	
2 0619 0.35		13 0225 0.53		24 0454 1.71	
WE 1222 1.45		0824 1.54		1129 0.43	
1803 0.56		1422 0.53		1742 1.56	
		2043 1.71		2335 0.58	
3 0034 1.88		14 0300 0.52		25 0547 1.76	
TH 0724 0.44		0859 1.49		1212 0.37	
1323 1.32		2114 1.74		1827 1.72	
1854 0.67					
4 0131 1.79		15 0338 0.52		26 0031 0.46	
FR 0836 0.51		0936 1.44		0639 1.78	
1434 1.22		1516 0.61		1254 0.34	
1956 0.77		2145 1.75		1912 1.86	
5 0238 1.70		16 0417 0.55		27 0126 0.36	
SA 0954 0.57		1014 1.38		0731 1.75	
1559 1.20		1547 0.66		1336 0.34	
2113 0.82		2219 1.73		1958 1.98	
6 0255 1.63		17 0500 0.58		28 0221 0.29	
SU 1005 0.58		1054 1.31		0825 1.68	
1616 1.23		1620 0.71		1419 0.39	
2134 0.81		2256 1.69		2045 2.05	
7 0408 1.61		18 0545 0.63		29 0316 0.27	
MO 1104 0.57		1139 1.26		0920 1.59	
1715 1.31		1659 0.77		1504 0.46	
2245 0.76		2340 1.64		2132 2.07	
8 0508 1.62		19 0640 0.67		30 0414 0.29	
TU 1151 0.54		1231 1.21		1016 1.48	
1800 1.39		1747 0.82		1552 0.55	
2343 0.69				2223 2.03	
9 0557 1.63		20 0032 1.60			
WE 1228 0.52		0743 0.68			
1838 1.47		1336 1.19			
		1850 0.86			
10 0030 0.63		21 0136 1.58			
TH 0637 1.62		0850 0.66			
1300 0.51		1451 1.21			
1912 1.55		2008 0.85			
11 0110 0.58		22 0248 1.59			
FR 0715 1.61		0952 0.60			
1329 0.50		1600 1.29			
1944 1.61		2127 0.80			

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

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