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Greenwich Flying Squadron

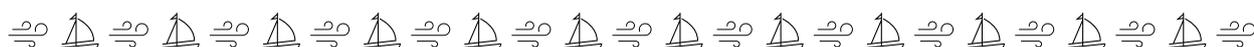


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Cover photo Feb Twilights. Andrew Richardson.

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Upcoming 2025 dates

May	Sat	31	Prizes presentation from 3 PM
June	Sun	1	West Harbour winter series Race 1
	Sun	15	West Harbour winter series Race 2
	Sun	29	West Harbour winter series Race 3
July	Tue	8	AGM at 7.30 PM
	Sun	13	West Harbour winter series Race 4
	Sun	27	West Harbour winter series Race 5
August	Sun	10	West Harbour winter series Race 6
	Sat	23	Clubhouse working bee
	Sun	24	West Harbour winter series Race 7

West Harbour Winter Series

The WHWS is a combined series with boats from Balmain Sailing Club, Drummoyne Sailing Club, Greenwich Flying Squadron and Parramatta River Sailing Club. All are eligible to enter at no cost.

Entry details are on the GFS website or the following links:

[Entries](#) – use the link to West Harbor Winter Series

[Instructions](#)

[Courses](#)

The series always provides good racing with a variety of different boats from the other three clubs.

There is also always an opportunity for someone from GFS to assist on the start boat.



Image: Paul Fowler, West Harbour Race November 3, 2024

From the Editor

Tim Fletcher: Editor

I think everyone will agree the sailing this year brought us the full spectrum of conditions from being becalmed to surprisingly strong winds with several races cancelled. While there were some wet races, the season has finished with some lovely sailing weather and picturesque sunsets.



Image: Danni McLean

The full summary of the **2024-2025 seasons results and trophy winners** are included towards the end of this edition. Congratulations to everyone who won prizes and to all that participated.

A big shout out of thanks to **Joe Walsh Rigging Services**. We have had several issues with Sabot masts and booms that were beyond our ability to fix. He has generously offered to fix them for free.

One of the great things about GFS is the sense of **community and friendship** everyone shares at the club. A great example of this is how the club and members have rallied around Ann Davey. This touched Ann and she has written to the club to say thank you.

"I just want to give a huge thank you to you all for the support and help you have given me since Graeme passed away.

I was so overwhelmed that the club offered and put on the wake for Graeme, if not for you I don't think there would have been a wake. Just organising his service was so hard and mind numbing, that was about as much as I was capable of doing at the time."

Ann was also the recipient of the raffle prize to Hobart after the winner gifted it to her. Ann has given us some lovely pictures from the **Wooden Boat Show** which I have included in this edition.

Many thanks to all our contributors for this edition. Our next edition will be at the end of the winter series prior to the start of the Spring season. Article contributions will be gladly received.  



Commodore's Message

John Veale: Commodore

Greenwich Flying Squadron is one of the most successful small sailing clubs in on Sydney Harbour, with a particularly strong Twilight fleet of around 80 boats entered and around 60 on the starting line most weeks.



The Club is in this position because of the strong team of volunteers who run it, and because of their ability over many decades to adapt to changing conditions. Examples include keel boats replacing the original 12ft skiffs, the Juniors program in its various forms and most recently the very strong Twilight program.

To do so required new ideas and energy at each turn.

I have a strong view that leaders of voluntary organisations such as GFS should turn over regularly so that there always fresh ideas on the table. Accordingly, after four years as Vice Commodore and three years in the role of Commodore I will not be standing again next year.

I want to say a big thankyou to all the GFS members who have shown me so much support and friendship during my time on the Committee. It's a great job, shared with wonderful people. Now all friends for life.

I am very pleased to say that our Vice Commodore, Steve Bradley, has agreed to let me nominate him as Commodore. Steve and I have worked very closely together over the past three years, and I have greatly appreciated his support, skills and counsel. He will do a great job and will bring enthusiasm and skills to it.

A number of other Committee members have also indicated that it is time for them to step down and Steve will be looking for volunteers to take on a number of roles to support our Club. GFS runs on volunteers - without them there would be no GFS. I encourage you all to take the opportunity. You will not regret it. ☺ ⚓



Image Mark Palmer Twilight race March 1

Members Step Up at GFS

Steve Bradley: Vice Commodore

GFS put the call out for volunteers and 32 people said yes.

Some nominated for a job on the Committee while others expressed interest in one of the projects or roles essential to keeping the Club moving.

It is the sign of a healthy Club that so many people are willing to put their precious time into a voluntary activity.



The focus now is to link people to jobs that suit their interests, skills and time. If you're still thinking about volunteering, please contact either Steve Bradley or Leigh McLaughlin; the more resources we have, the more it spreads the load, the more work we can get done.

Some jobs need special skills but most need commitment, time and a good sense of humour. As the late American tennis pro Arthur Ashe said: "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

And as former Commodore Pam Joy noted: "I have been a longstanding member of GFS and have always enjoyed the racing and camaraderie within the Club. However, one of the greatest highlights has been my involvement in the GFS Committee."

Some of the longstanding volunteers who are stepping down or changing roles are Commodore John Veale, Treasurer Martin Kluckow, Rear Commodore Junior Sailing Tim Kannegieter, sponsorships coordinator Maree Van Bellen and club mooring coordinator John Woods. They have all done a huge amount of work behind the scenes and we sincerely thank them for their contribution.

To chat about volunteering:

Steve Bradley, Vice Commodore, 0404 829 108

Leigh McLaughlin, Twilight Captain, 0412 234 832

Please contact us if you are interested in helping. 

Twilight 2024 – 2025 Season Wrap

Leigh McLaughlin: Twilight Captain

Competitive racing and a friendly community spirit made this another enjoyable summer of twilight racing at Greenwich Flying Squadron.

The word on the water is we are one of the biggest twilight fleets on the harbour. Of course, size doesn't matter! But it's good to see people turning up week after week at our member-run 100-year-old sailing club.

Congratulations to skippers and crew for their achievements this season. There was tough competition in all divisions and healthy rivalry between boats: a few words may have been exchanged on the course every so often but what happens on the water stays on the water!



Image Mark Palmer Twilight race March 12

Unfortunately, there were a few incidents and some damage to boats. One of our priorities during the winter break is to review all of our policies and procedures concerning the safety of people and boats. Australian Sailing provides detailed information and advice which is being used to guide this work.

We saw more women sailing this season, a trend we'd like to see continue, and it's always good to see kids and young people joining in Twilight Sailing. Sailing is a great sport for all generations.

Members took advantage of the Swap Table to give away gear no longer needed (and pick up something you didn't know you needed)! The Rules Corner was a success, allowing people to educate themselves about the rules, ask questions and talk over interactions in a friendly atmosphere.

Thanks to everyone for their contributions to our 24-25 Season.

See you on the water! 🌊 ⚓

Saturday Sailing Season 2024 – 2025 Saturday Wrap

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

Overall, the Saturday and Twilight fleets have enjoyed a good season and many of the final results indicate how close racing was across both fleets. Many final point scores had boats separated by just one point with others having boats finishing on equal points.

The strong Twilight Fleet continues to be the mainstay of the clubs racing calendar. Disappointingly the Saturday fleet has been smaller and will need some serious consideration as how to improve the numbers.



Leigh's Twilight report addresses the specifics of racing on Wednesdays.

Saturday sailing has and always will have a keen competitive fleet. The racing has been hard fought and fair with no major incidents. Final results again have been close. For once we have had more fine weather races than the last few seasons with only one Autumn Series race and one Summer Series race having to be abandoned.

Standout performances in final seasons point scores are Mal Blomfield and Col Filmer (and crew) in the Etchells Tonic in Division 1 and Cec Williams (and crew) sailing Joka in Saturday Division 2. Their results are indicative of the high level they have achieved.

Down Harbour races have proven to be more popular than the regular Saturday Series with an increased number of participants.

The West Harbour Winter Series commences in June and is open for all boats of financial members at no cost. Hopefully a strong contingent of 'Greenwich' boats will

compete. This series is run by Balmain Sailing Club and has an early start around 11.30 am with races every two weeks.

I would like to thank the regular Saturday Starters Scarlett Hall and Eve Syriatowicz on behalf of all Saturday competitors for their diligence and dedication to starting and finishing races this season. Their reliability is greatly appreciated.

Please keep an eye on the GFS website for important club information throughout the off season just in case. At this stage it looks likely that Saturday sailing for the 2025 – 2026 season will commence on September 6, 2025.

Of course, check the Face Book page for pictures and stories over winter.

Enjoy the 'break' before next season. ☺ ⚓

An Eventful Junior Sailing Year

Tim Kannegieter: Rear Commodore Junior Sailing

The season just finished has been one of the most eventful in recent years for the Junior Sailing program.

The drama started even before the season started when we identified an insurance issue that could have halted the program altogether. Thankfully we identified a pathway forward which led us to establish a formal Discover Sailing Centre, accredited by Australian Sailing. Many pages of policies and procedures later and emergency training of volunteers, we got the season underway one week late.

Things heated up even more in the run up to the National Sabot Championships being hosted at Drummoyne over the New Year. We started with Round 1 of the State Championships at the same venue and then a week-long training camp lead by an Olympian from the recent Paris Olympics, Evie Haseldine.



Aided by the proximity of Drummoyne which was close enough for us to sail to, we had five sailors competing in the Nationals across the open and green (beginners) fleet. Highest placed was Theo Anderson, regularly placing in the top third of a very competitive fleet.



We then participated in the Australia Day Sabot Regatta at Lane Cove 12ft Skiff club where Rupert Anderson and Oscar Patton took out the Two-Up title earning them a trip to the Town Hall to collect their medals.

Round 2 of the State Champions saw another 4 sailors make their way to the Great Lakes Sailing Club on Lake Wallis near Forster, which was a really different experience for the sailors.

The season's competition was completed by Combined High School Championships with three days of near 20 kt winds just before Easter. Olivia Kannegieter placed 3rd in the Flying 11 class of 15 boats and 10th overall from a fleet of 80, crewing for a skipper from Lane Cove 12ft, Aubrey Webster. Theo Anderson also competed with John Upton, who did well to beat a number of other Flying 11s in their first ever F11 regatta.

The Junior Sailing program at GFS remains health with a large number of beginners coming through. Perhaps the most exciting thing that happened this season was the introduction of Lasers to the junior program. Thanks to strong support from the Lasers captain Michael Wise and donations of Lasers from Jason Anderson and Andreas Laubi, we were able to retain four older juniors who would most likely have left the club. The kids had a blast and they were a great fun option for the smaller kids on light wind days to vary the program.

Looking forward, the big news is that the club has approved the purchase of ten training Optis (Tackers) which included a 50% subsidy grant from Australian Sailing and Whitworths (big thanks!). This was a big move and one not made lightly. The sabots will continue but only for the more advanced juniors and we will transition them back to private ownership. The main issue was the challenge they presented to complete beginners. One of the Laser racks will be removed to make room for the new boats.

We are looking forward to a bumper season in the coming year. ☺ ⚓

Outside Starts – Some Context

John Veale: Commodore

At the end of the 2023-24 Twilight season the GFS Committee conducted a survey designed by Steve Bradley to seek members views on a number of matters.

A number of themes emerged, including that in the early and late weeks of the season, races were too short because of early sunset, that at the same time breezes were often very light and sometimes boats could not finish and that finishing in the dark sometimes raised safety issues. Some skippers wanted to start our races earlier but that would have posed problems for sailors leaving work. Some of these responses reminded me of a race some years ago which finished well after dark, in the rain and thus poor visibility.

All of this led to a proposal to start and finish our first and last four races in the Parramatta River. This amounted to an earlier start in the usually better breezes of the Parramatta River than those in Humbug, and a better (but not guaranteed) chance of all boats finishing before sunset.

Our latest survey of members mostly supported this innovation, though some rightly noted room for improvements, several of which were already under way as we learned some lessons over the season.

A number of members raised two concerns that I would like to put into context, because they are difficult to address given our resources.

The first is that the starting line set in the Parramatta River did not have the appropriate slight bias to the pin end, and thus boats all tried to start at the biased end.

Members who have sailed in dinghy regattas over many years will remember many occasions when they waited for what seemed an eternity while officials waited for the breeze to settle so that they could set a perfect line. Many will also remember that boats starting in later divisions had to wait again because the breeze had shifted sufficiently for the race officials to feel the need to reset the line.

This search for perfection takes time and multiple official boats to move marks. We have the luxury of neither. Once the pin has been set, the only adjustment of the line is by altering the length of the start boat anchor chain. And we have seven divisions to get away at five-minute intervals, the last starting at 1810 with around an hour until dark.

In contrast to dinghy regattas generally held in the afternoon, we do not have the luxury of time.



Image Mark Palmer Outside start April 3

It's worth noting that that the starting line for outside starts are generally better set that that from the clubhouse, which pays no attention to the prevailing wind direction.

The second concern was that some races should be shortened when the breeze drops out. The Committee has looked at this option, but given our resources it seems impractical.

First it is often some time into a race before the breeze drops sharply. We have only one Committee boat. We do have two RIBs but they have no lights so could not be used 0as light faded.

As a practical example of the problem, consider a race in which boats sailing the Orange course rounded Goat Island to starboard and then went to the finish. Boats sailing the White board course rounded Goat to starboard and then Cockatoo to starboard and then to finish. With some boats finishing from the east and some from the west, where could the course be shortened. Our not always perfect solution is to do our best to set courses that give all boats a reasonable chance of finishing. 

Rules Corner

Steve Bradley: Vice Commodore

The Rules Corner has operated at most Twilight BBQs and is a great way for sailors to increase their understanding of the rules and contribute to fairer and safer racing at GFS. Skippers and crew approach the corner when something has occurred during the race that they would like to review. All incidents are discussed in a friendly and non-judgemental way and advice is offered from a small panel of experienced sailors.

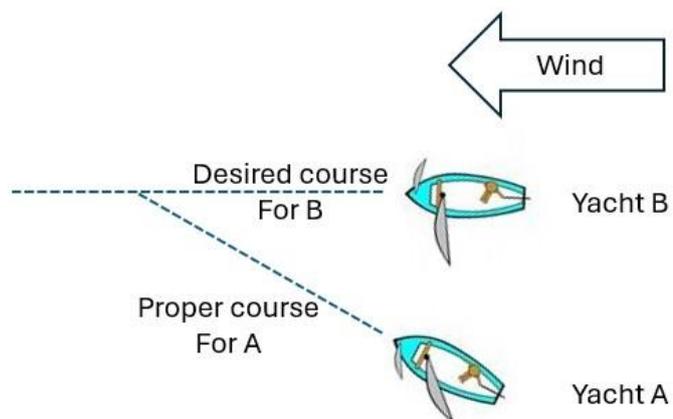
Here are a couple of issues that were reviewed:

1. Proper Course

Sailing downwind on starboard tack Yacht A established an overlap with Yacht B, within two boat lengths to leeward. Yacht A wanted to sail at 150 degrees to the wind to optimise her downwind performance. Yacht B wanted to sail straight downwind. As Yacht A converged on Yacht B, Yacht B called for Yacht A to sail her proper course and not luff up. Yacht A responded that she was sailing her proper course and as the windward boat, Yacht B should keep clear.

The racing rules define proper course as 'a course a boat would choose in order to sail the course as quickly as possible in the absence of the other boats referred to in the rule'

In this case Yacht A was sailing her proper course as this was her quickest angle to sail the course. The fact that Yacht B's proper course was different was irrelevant and as the windward boat she needed to keep clear. Yacht A must not luff up and sail above her proper course.



2. Moored Boats

There were differences of opinion on whether yachts approaching moored boats must stay outside of an imaginary line between the moorings or can dip inside the line as long as they stay on the course side of the moorings.

The racing rules state that 'All areas enclosed by private moorings are prohibited areas for all Club courses. Yachts racing in GFS events are not permitted to sail between moorings and the adjoining shore. Each area is considered to be an obstruction, not surrounded by navigable water, and not a mark of the course.'

After discussion it was clarified that yachts must stay outside an imaginary line linking the moorings and cannot dip inside. As moored boats are a continuing obstruction yachts can call for 'Room to Tack' but must stay outside the line of the moorings.

The Rules Corner will be running next Twilight Season so if you have an issue you would like to discuss please come forward for a friendly, and hopefully enlightening, discussion. 🚢 ⚓

GFS Social Secretary Report – Twilight Season 2025

Glenda Cameron-Strange (Social Secretary)

The 2025 Twilight Season came to a close on a high note, with a full deck of sailors enjoying the sunset and swapping stories from the final race over a relaxed BBQ. It was a fitting end to another memorable season.

Our post-race BBQs continue to be a highlight of the Twilight series, where skippers and crew come together—whether to compare courses, offer a cheeky pat on the back for perfect sail trim, or simply share a laugh. It's always a great time, full of the camaraderie GFS is known for.



Following the celebrations of our Centenary in 2024, we ended the year with two wonderful traditions: the Youth Off The Streets (YOTS) sail in December and our much-loved GFS carollers, who once again brought festive cheer to the deck with their Christmas tunes.

While the start of 2025 brought some rough weather and a few storms, conditions improved steadily, leading to fewer race cancellations as the season progressed.

A big thank you goes to Bern the Chef and the amazing catering team, who not only kept up with the changing weather but made sure we were well fed and looked after—always with a smile. Your efforts never go unnoticed.

This year also saw two major raffles to support our ever-popular Junior Sailing Program.

The first, a weekend getaway to Hobart for the Wooden Boat Festival, was generously donated by an anonymous member. It was won by Susan Benjamin, who graciously passed it on to Anne Davey—a longtime friend and crewmate aboard G-Whizz, the boat she shared with her late husband Graeme. Anne and Graeme had always hoped to attend the event, and Susan's kind gesture helped make that dream a reality.

The second raffle was expertly coordinated by Maree van Bellen, featuring a selection of Robert Oatley wines and Helly Hansen jackets and vests—prizes that were very well received. A heartfelt thank you to Maree for your dedication and to all our members who supported the cause by purchasing tickets.

We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors for their unwavering support throughout the season:

- **Helly Hansen**
- **Robert Oatley Wines**
- **Zjoosh**
- **Doyle Sails**
- **Joe Walsh Rigging**
- **GWM Pennant Hills**

Your partnership and generosity are deeply appreciated by everyone at GFS.

Finally, a special thank you goes to three outstanding individuals who went above and beyond this season: Maree and Adrian van Bellen, and Holly Charalambous. Your time, energy, and dedication to GFS make a world of difference—thank you for everything you do.

That's a wrap for the 2025 Twilight Season! Wishing you fair winds through winter, and we look forward to seeing you back on the water soon. 

GFS Centenary book

There are still a few copies of the **GFS Centenary book** available. If you have not picked up your copy yet, please do. This is a 180-page hard cover book, packed with stories, memories and photos from GFS members.



\$50.00 each – Copies are available at Chambers Cellars in Greenwich or via Ros Bradley on email rsbrad99@gmail.com or Mobile 0410690246. ☰ ⚓

News from Women's Sailing

Leigh McLaughlin (Twilight Captain)

The Women's Helm is a centrepiece of the Club's program to involve more women in sailing.

Race one in the 2025 series was held on 15 January in extremely challenging conditions; the second race, planned for 22 January, was postponed to 5 February due to poor weather.

Winners of the 2025 Women's Helm were French Connection (Beatriz Calvete), Incentive (Tegan Franklin) and Minnow (Prue Clarke). Congratulations to all helmswomen and their supporters, advisors and mentors.

The Women's Helm started in 2021 at the initiative of Pam Joy, Skipper of Tana, who became the Club's first female Commodore in 2018. The Series has grown in profile and popularity largely due to the efforts of Holly Charalambous from Aetos with the

assistance of Sailing Secretary Phil Hare, Handicapper Bram Pemberthy and Membership Secretary Chris Gaskell.

The Club wants to see more women and girls sailing, more women owning boats and more women helping to run the Club.

The Women's Helm is a key step towards meeting the aspirational target to make GFS the best club on the Western Harbour for women's participation. After four years, it's time to review the event and make changes to enable it to grow and develop into the future.

Commodore John Veale and former Commodore Pam Joy have taken on the task of designing an expanded Women's Helm Series to take place in the 2025-2026 Season. Members are encouraged to talk to Pam and John about their ideas and suggestions.

The Club has a number of other events and activities planned, thanks to Jane Bolster, Skipper of Kia Kaha, who has put together ideas and on how to involve more women in sailing. The plan is to use the volunteer recruitment drive currently underway to build a small team to support this activity. Keen to help? Seeking more information? Please contact twilightcaptain@gfs.org.au

Cathy Lunsmann, sailing on Adrenaline says:

"Sailing an Etchells is great fun. There is always something to do for everyone on board, so you are active all the time. None of the tasks take great strength and it is all very manageable. I did not have much of a background in sailing when I started sailing on Brian Cunynghame's "Flashback" back in 2008, and no experience sailing an Etchells when we started sailing Adrenaline in 2019, but that was never a problem." 🌊 ⚓

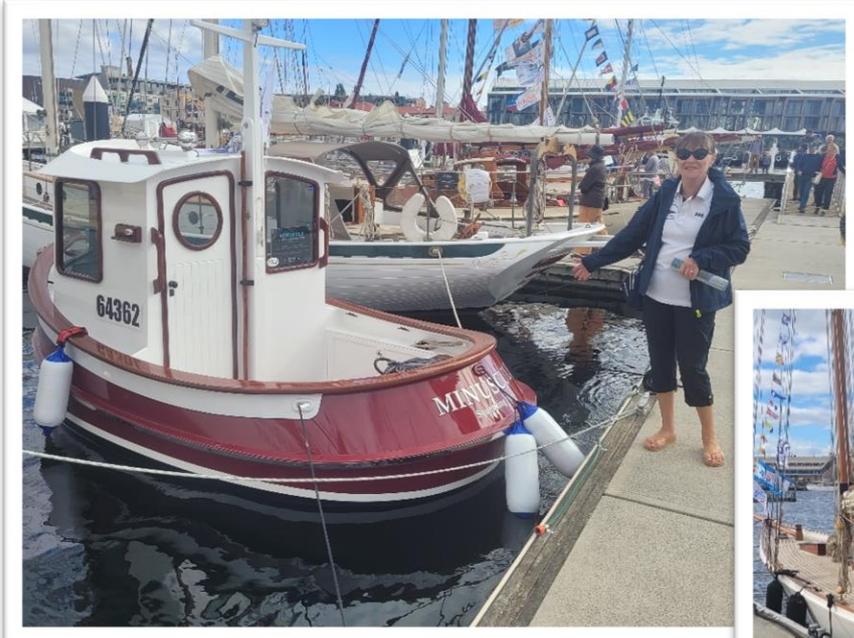


Photo: Left to right: Rolf Lunsmann, Cathy Lunsmann and "Doc" Blower.

Wooden Boat Show

Ann Davey: G-Whizz

The winner of the Wooden Boat Show raffle kindly gifted the prize to Ann Davey. Ann had a wonderful time at the boat show and shared the following pictures for everyone to enjoy. ⚓



GFS Twilight Season Race Results

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Series	Div	Sers Score
1st	1000	BARUBI	Michael Wise	Twilight Summer Series	Orange Division	16
2nd	16	GRETA	Andrew Davidson / Clive Hassett	Twilight Summer Series	Orange Division	20
3rd	5596	DOLPHIN II	Johan Brinch	Twilight Summer Series	Orange Division	22
1st	5673	ON Y VA!	Bruce Hilliard	Twilight Summer Series	Gold Division	16
2nd	AUS067	SWEENEY-TODD	Julian Todd	Twilight Summer Series	Gold Division	19
3rd	8033	PISTOL DAWN	Malcolm Thompson	Twilight Summer Series	Gold Division	24
1st	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Twilight Summer Series	White Division	24
2nd	6927	VITESSE	Glenda Cameron-Strange	Twilight Summer Series	White Division	35
3rd	3127	CAPRIOLE	Geoffrey Lucas	Twilight Summer Series	White Division	36
1st	8456	VESILLE	Patrick Medley/ Graeme Kennedy	Twilight Summer Series	Green Division	20
2nd	R7	WIND CHARMER	Peter Francis	Twilight Summer Series	Green Division	21
3rd	6334	SHEMOZZLE	John Hayward And Paul Clune	Twilight Summer Series	Green Division	27
1st	7080	MINNOW	Richard Grundy / Stephen Grundy	Twilight Summer Series	Blue Division	14
2nd	4150	FRENCH CONNECTION	Mike Murphy	Twilight Summer Series	Blue Division	16
3rd	880	CARDINAL SYN	Jorgen Kristoffersen	Twilight Summer Series	Blue Division	22
1st	8800	FIREBALL	Bill Lea	Twilight Summer Series	Black Division	21
2nd	2806	PASSION XI	David Edmiston	Twilight Summer Series	Black Division	22
3rd	6755	GWM PENNANT HILLS	Ian Creak	Twilight Summer Series	Black Division	23
1st	AUS762	CHLOE	Maynier Andersen Violaris	Twilight Summer Series	Etchells	18
2nd	AUS1293	INCENTIVE	Andrew Rickard	Twilight Summer Series	Etchells	20
3rd	1255	STANDOWN	Jim Lelliott	Twilight Summer Series	Etchells	23

1st	5596	DOLPHIN II	Johan Brinch	Twilight Spring Series	Orange Division	14
2nd	325	RESTLESS	Leigh McLaughlin / Margie Powell	Twilight Spring Series	Orange Division	18
3rd	16	GRETA	Andrew Davidson / Clive Hassett	Twilight Spring Series	Orange Division	23
1st	GBR32	JESTER	Tim Harrington	Twilight Spring Series	Gold Division	18
2nd	5673	ON Y VA!	Bruce Hilliard	Twilight Spring Series	Gold Division	19
2nd	5482	NAUGHTY CALL	Colin Wiley	Twilight Spring Series	Gold Division	19
1st	118	FAST FORWARD	Bob Paton	Twilight Spring Series	White Division	11
2nd	4115	PEJO LARK	Warren Richards	Twilight Spring Series	White Division	21
3rd	7830	NEZHA	Gordon McGrath	Twilight Spring Series	White Division	22
1st	6334	SHEMOZZLE	John Hayward / Paul Clune	Twilight Spring Series	Green Division	20
1st	7073	SERENDIPITY	Peter May	Twilight Spring Series	Green Division	20
3rd	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Twilight Spring Series	Green Division	22
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2nd	N381	AETOS	Christian Charalambous	Twilight Spring Series	Blue Division	20
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1st	6755	GWM PENNANT HILLS	Ian Creak	Twilight Spring Series	Black Division	15
2nd	112	JOLI	Adrian Van Bellen	Twilight Spring Series	Black Division	18
3rd	2806	PASSION XI	David Edmiston	Twilight Spring Series	Black Division	19.5
1st	AUS1049	ETCHIBAN	Kevin O'Rourke	Twilight Spring Series	Etchells	17
2nd	1475	ETESIAN	Bram Penberthy	Twilight Spring Series	Etchells	19
3rd	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer / Mal Blomfield	Twilight Spring Series	Etchells	20

1st	1000	BARUBI	Michael Wise	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Orange Division	
2nd	4640	ZANDA	Philip McGrath	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Orange Division	
3rd	M101	MISTRESS	Ray Hand	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Orange Division	
1st	8033	PISTOL DAWN	Malcolm Thompson	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Gold Division	
2nd	5673	ON Y VA!	Bruce Hilliard	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Gold Division	
3rd	GBR32	JESTER	Tim Harrington	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Gold Division	
1st	AUS4763	JONGLEUR	Mark Mayne	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	White Division	
2nd	6927	VITESSE	Glenda Cameron-Strange	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	White Division	
3rd	3910	BEAR	Andrew Cowie	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	White Division	
1st	4517	FUZZY LOGIC	Andrew Glassock	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Green Division	
2nd	6027	REX	Martin Kluckow / Mark Bowman	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Green Division	
3rd	8456	VESILLE	Patrick Medley/ Graeme Kennedy	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Green Division	
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2nd	880	CARDINAL SYN	Jorgen Kristoffersen	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Blue Division	
3rd	6635	WORLDS APART	Christopher Stannard	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Blue Division	
1st	8800	FIREBALL	Bill Lea	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Black Division	
2nd	6774	JACKPOT	Robert Hale	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Black Division	
3rd	6358	IRUKANDJI	Paul Stubbs	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Black Division	
1st	AUS762	CHLOE	Maynier / Andersen / Violaris	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Etchells	
2nd	AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT	Stuart Clark	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Etchells	
3rd	1255	STANDOWN	Jim Lelliott	Twilight Australia Day Regatta	Etchells	

GFS Twilight Season Race Results (Cont.)

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Series	Div	Sers Score
1st	2750	FORCE FOUR	Tim Kannegieter	Twilight Autumn Series	Orange Division	14
2nd	M101	MISTRESS	Ray Hand	Twilight Autumn Series	Orange Division	17
3rd	16	GRETA	Andrew Davidson / Clive Hassett	Twilight Autumn Series	Orange Division	21
1st	5482	NAUGHTY CALL	Colin Wiley	Twilight Autumn Series	Gold Division	16
2nd	8033	PISTOL DAWN	Malcolm Thompson	Twilight Autumn Series	Gold Division	20
3rd	AUS067	SWEENEY-TODD	Julian Todd	Twilight Autumn Series	Gold Division	21
3rd	2156	ECHO	Gerry Morcombe	Twilight Autumn Series	Gold Division	21
1st	KA125	PEA JAY	David Dossetor	Twilight Autumn Series	White Division	16
2nd	6694	PACA	Greg Jacques Andrew Wise	Twilight Autumn Series	White Division	20
3rd	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Twilight Autumn Series	White Division	26
1st	4517	FUZZY LOGIC	Andrew Glasscock	Twilight Autumn Series	Green Division	16
2nd	R7	WIND CHARMER	Peter Francis	Twilight Autumn Series	Green Division	19
2nd	M138	CONQUISTA	Alan Bull	Twilight Autumn Series	Green Division	19
1st	880	CARDINAL SYN	Jorgen Kristoffersen	Twilight Autumn Series	Blue Division	15
1st	4150	FRENCH CONNECTION	Mike Murphy	Twilight Autumn Series	Blue Division	15
3rd	N381	AETOS	Christian Charalambous	Twilight Autumn Series	Blue Division	18
3rd	6166	SWEET JAY	Ralph Pickering	Twilight Autumn Series	Blue Division	18
1st	8800	FIREBALL	Bill Lea	Twilight Autumn Series	Black Division	12
2nd	6774	JACKPOT	Robert Hale	Twilight Autumn Series	Black Division	14
3rd	6755	GWM PENNANT HILLS	Ian Creak	Twilight Autumn Series	Black Division	19
3rd	112	JOLI	Adrian Van Bellen	Twilight Autumn Series	Black Division	19
1st	AUS1049	ETCHIBAN	Kevin O'Rourke	Twilight Autumn Series	Etchells	14
2nd	AUS762	CHLOE	Maynier Andersen Violaris	Twilight Autumn Series	Etchells	19
3rd	AUS1293	INCENTIVE	Andrew Rickard	Twilight Autumn Series	Etchells	20

1st	16	GRETA	Andrew Davidson / Clive Hassett	Twilight Overall Series	Orange Division	50
1st	325	RESTLESS	Leigh McLaughlin / Margie Powell	Twilight Overall Series	Orange Division	50
3rd	M101	MISTRESS	Ray Hand	Twilight Overall Series	Orange Division	52
1st	5482	NAUGHTY CALL	Colin Wiley	Twilight Overall Series	Gold Division	39
2nd	AUS067	SWEENEY-TODD	Julian Todd	Twilight Overall Series	Gold Division	49.5
3rd	808	BANJO	Nick Reed	Twilight Overall Series	Gold Division	51
3rd	2156	ECHO	Gerry Morcombe	Twilight Overall Series	Gold Division	51
1st	118	FAST FORWARD	Bob Paton	Twilight Overall Series	White Division	42
2nd	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Twilight Overall Series	White Division	53
3rd	7830	NEZHA	Gordon McGrath	Twilight Overall Series	White Division	55
1st	4517	FUZZY LOGIC	Andrew Glasscock	Twilight Overall Series	Green Division	48
2nd	6380	TANA	Pam Joy	Twilight Overall Series	Green Division	50
2nd	6334	SHEMOZZLE	John Hayward And Paul Clune	Twilight Overall Series	Green Division	50
1st	880	CARDINAL SYN	Jorgen Kristoffersen	Twilight Overall Series	Blue Division	40
2nd	N381	AETOS	Christian Charalambous	Twilight Overall Series	Blue Division	43
3rd	6635	WORLDS APART	Christopher Stannard	Twilight Overall Series	Blue Division	46.5
1st	6755	GWM PENNANT HILLS	Ian Creak	Twilight Overall Series	Black Division	40
2nd	112	JOLI	Adrian Van Bellen	Twilight Overall Series	Black Division	41
3rd	8800	FIREBALL	Bill Lea	Twilight Overall Series	Black Division	42
1st	AUS1049	ETCHIBAN	Kevin O'Rourke	Twilight Overall Series	Etchells	37
2nd	AUS762	CHLOE	Maynier Andersen Violaris	Twilight Overall Series	Etchells	47
3rd	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer Mal Blomfield	Twilight Overall Series	Etchells	48

1st	16	GRETA	Andrew Davidson / Clive Hassett	Twilight Gore Creek Trophy	Orange Division	95
2nd	325	RESTLESS	Leigh McLaughlin / Margie Powell	Twilight Gore Creek Trophy	Orange Division	99
3rd	2750	FORCE FOUR	Tim Kannegieter	Twilight Gore Creek Trophy	Orange Division	107

1st	118	FAST FORWARD	Bob Paton	Balmain and Allan Trophy		46.43
2nd	880	CARDINAL SYN	Jorgen Kristoffersen	Balmain and Allan Trophy		46.92
3rd	N381	AETOS	Christian Charalambous	Balmain and Allan Trophy		50

1st	41510	French Connection	Beatriz Calvete	Womens Helm Series	Blue Division	6.3
2nd	AUS1293	Incentive	Tegan Franklin	Womens Helm Series	Etchells	7
3rd	7080	Minnow	Prue Clarke	Womens Helm Series	Blue Division	10

GFS Saturday Season Race Results

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Series	Division	Ser Score
1st	6358	IRUKANDJI	Paul Stubbs	West Harbour Winter Series 2024	Division 1	23
2nd	6166	SWEET JAY	Ralph Pickering	West Harbour Winter Series 2024	Division 1	58
1st	8033	PISTOL DAWN	Malcolm Thompson	West Harbour Winter Series 2024	Division 2	12
2nd	AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT	Mark Jansons	West Harbour Winter Series 2024	Division 2	39
1st	T058	ALLONS-Y	Jaques Calluud	West Harbour Winter Series 2024	Division 3	9
2nd	6380	TANA	Pam Joy	West Harbour Winter Series 2024	Division 3	19
3rd	M138	CONQUISTA	Alan Bull	West Harbour Winter Series 2024	Division 3	22
1st	3608	JOKA	Cec Williams	West Harbour Winter Series 2024	Division 4	18
2nd	1000	BARUBI	Mike Wise	West Harbour Winter Series 2024	Division 4	28
3rd	M101	MISTRESS	Ray Hand	West Harbour Winter Series 2024	Division 4	30
1st	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Saturday Spring Series	Division 1	12
2nd	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer/ Mal Blomfield	Saturday Spring Series	Division 1	14
3rd	AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT	Stuart Clark	Saturday Spring Series	Division 1	16
1st	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Saturday Spring Series	Division 2	6
2nd	1531	FLAIR	Phil Hare	Saturday Spring Series	Division 2	10
3rd	AUS872	JESTER	David Kiddell	Saturday Spring Series	Division 2	27
1st	AUS1256	ADRENALINE	Rolf Lunsmann	Saturday Summer Series	Division 1	7
2nd	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Saturday Summer Series	Division 1	14
3rd	AUS759	TISM	Ritchie Lees	Saturday Summer Series	Division 1	20
1st	1531	FLAIR	Phil Hare	Saturday Summer Series	Division 2	10
2nd	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Saturday Summer Series	Division 2	11
3rd	AUS872	JESTER	David Kiddell	Saturday Summer Series	Division 2	20
1st	AUS1256	ADRENALINE	Rolf Lunsmann	Saturday Australia Day Regatta Race	Division 1	1
2nd	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer/ Mal Blomfield	Saturday Australia Day Regatta Race	Division 1	2
3rd	AUS762	CHLOE	Maynier / Andersen / Violaris	Saturday Australia Day Regatta Race	Division 1	3
1st	AUS872	JESTER	David Kiddell	Saturday Australia Day Regatta Race	Division 2	1
2nd	1531	FLAIR	Phil Hare	Saturday Australia Day Regatta Race	Division 2	2
3rd	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Saturday Australia Day Regatta Race	Division 2	3
1st	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer/ Mal Blomfield	Saturday Autumn Series	Division 1	10
2nd	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Saturday Autumn Series	Division 1	18
2nd	AUS759	TISM	Ritchie Lees / Michael Coleman	Saturday Autumn Series	Division 1	18
1st	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Saturday Autumn Series	Division 2	9
1st	1531	FLAIR	Phil Hare	Saturday Autumn Series	Division 2	9
3rd	AUS872	JESTER	David Kiddell	Saturday Autumn Series	Division 2	28
1st	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer/ Mal Blomfield	Saturday Overall Series	Division1	23
2nd	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Saturday Overall Series	Division1	32
3rd	AUS759	TISM	Ritchie Lees / Michael Coleman	Saturday Overall Series	Division1	35.5
1st	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Saturday Overall Series	Division 2	15
2nd	1531	FLAIR	Phil Hare	Saturday Overall Series	Division 2	19
3rd	AUS872	JESTER	David Kiddell	Saturday Overall Series	Division 2	55
1st	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Saturday Down Harbour Series	Division 1	9
2nd	5673	ON Y VA!	Bruce Hilliard	Saturday Down Harbour Series	Division 1	15
2nd	6380	TANA	Pam Joy	Saturday Down Harbour Series	Division 1	15
1st	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer Mal Blomfield	Saturday Down Harbour Series	Division 2	9
1st	AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT	Stuart Clark	Saturday Down Harbour Series	Division 2	9
3rd	AUS759	TISM	Ritchie Lees / Michael Coleman	Saturday Down Harbour Series	Division 2	17
1st	6694	PACA	Greg Jacques Andrew Wise	Saturday Down Harbour Series	Division 3	11
2nd	1531	FLAIR	Phil Hare	Saturday Down Harbour Series	Division 3	21
3rd	1000	BARUBI	Michael Wise	Saturday Down Harbour Series	Division 3	22
3rd	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Saturday Down Harbour Series	Division 4	22
1st	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer / Mal Blomfield	Saturday Etchells Scratch	Etchells	38
2nd	AUS1256	ADRENALINE	Rolf Lunsmann	Saturday Etchells Scratch	Etchells	42
3rd	AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT	Stuart Clark	Saturday Etchells Scratch	Etchells	48
1st	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Saturday Mick York Series	Division1	12
2nd	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer/ Mal Blomfield	Saturday Mick York Series	Division1	13
3rd	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Saturday Mick York Series	Division 2	16
1st	AUS1256	ADRENALINE	Rolf Lunsmann	Ian Thorpe Trophy		8.75
2nd	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Ian Thorpe Trophy		17.5
3rd	AUS759	TISM	Ritchie Lees	Ian Thorpe Trophy		25
3rd	1531	FLAIR	Phil Hare	Ian Thorpe Trophy		25
1st	AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer/ Mal Blomfield	Greenwich Yardstick		30.00
2nd	3608	JOKA	Cecil Williams	Greenwich Yardstick		43.33
3rd	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Greenwich Yardstick		51.67

GFS Trophies

Congratulations to all the placegetters in the 2024-2025 season. The seasons trophy winners are:

Sail #	Boat Name	Skipper	Series	For
6358	IRUKANDJI	Paul Stubbs	GFS 12ft Flying Squadron Winter Series Trophy	Top GFS boat in WHWS Yellow Division 1
8033	PISTOL DAWN	Malcolm Thompson	Winter Series 'GFS Red' Division Trophy	Top GFS Boat in WHWS Blue Division 2
T058	ALLONS-Y	Jaques Calluaud	Winter Series Black Division Trophy	Top GFS Boat in WHWS Black Division 3
3608	JOKA	Cec Williams	Winter Series Green Division Trophy	Top GFS Boat in WHWS Green Division 4
7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Joe Walsh Rigging Trophy – Blue Division (1)	Best Handicap result in Down Harbour Blue Division
AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer / Mal Blomfield	Joe Walsh Rigging Trophy – White Division (2)	Best Handicap result in Down Harbour White Division
AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT	Stuart Clark	Joe Walsh Rigging Trophy – White Division (2)	Best Handicap result in Down Harbour White Division
6694	PACA	Greg Jaques / Andrew Wise	Joe Walsh Rigging Trophy – Red Division (3)	Best Handicap result in Down Harbour Red Division
3608	JOKA	Cec Williams	Ian Cohen Memorial Trophy	Best Handicap Result in Spring Series Division 2.
AUS1256	ADRENALINE	Rolf Lunsman	Ian Thorpe Trophy	Best Overall Result in Saturday Summer Handicap Series
7129	HASTA LA VISTA	John Veale	Mick York Series Trophy	Best weighted Handicap Result in Nominated MY Series Races
AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer / Mal Blomfield	Greenwich Yardstick Trophy	Continued Handicap Results Despite Changing Handicap
AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer / Mal Blomfield	Crows Nest Ship Chandlers Pty Ltd Trophy	Overall Handicap Series Winner for Division 1
3608	JOKA	Cec Williams	John Dowd Trophy	Overall Handicap Series Winner for Division 2
AUS1163	WHISKEY TANGO FOXTROT	Stuart Clark	Frank Crowe Etchells Trophy	Best Overall Etchells result on Scratch in Twilight Etchells
16	GRETA	Andrew Davidson / Clive Hassett	Commodores Shield Orange Division	First Overall Twilight Orange Division
325	RESTLESS	Leigh McLaughlin / Margie Powell	Commodores Shield Orange Division	First Overall Twilight Orange Division
5482	NAUGHTY CALL	Colin Wiley	Commodores Shield Gold Division	First Overall Twilight Gold Division
118	FAST FORWARD	Bob Paton	Commodores Shield White Division	First Overall Twilight White Division
4517	FUZZY LOGIC	Andrew Glassock	Commodores Shield Green Division	First Overall Twilight Green Division
880	CARDINAL SYN	Jorgen Kristoffersen	Commodores Shield Blue Division	First Overall Twilight Blue Division
6755	GWM PENNANT HILLS	Ian Creak	Commodores Shield Black Division	First Overall Twilight Black Division
AUS1049	ETCHIBAN	Kevin O'Rourke	Commodores Shield Etchells	First Overall Twilight Etchells
16	GRETA	Andrew Davidson / Clive Hassett	Gore Creek Trophy	Twilight Orange Most Improved
118	FAST FORWARD	Bob Paton	Balmain and Allan Trophy	Best Overall Performing Boat in the Twilight Fleet
41510	FRENCH CONNECTION	Beatriz Calvete	GFS Womens Helm Series Trophy	Winner of the Womens Helm Series
AUS1125	TONIC	Col Filmer / Mal Blomfield	Old Etchells Trophy	Best overall scratch result by Etchells in the Saturday Etchells
		TBA	Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Trophy	Contribution to the Club



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