

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.

Upcoming Events.

Year	Month	Date	Event
2025	June	1	WHWS Race 1
		15	WHWS Race 2
	July	8	GFS Annual General Meeting Clubhouse 7.30pm

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.balmainsailingclub.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.balmainsailingclub.com/racing/instructions-and-courses>

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

There is link to the WHWS entries and results on the GFS website.

Racing Rules of Sailing

The 2025 – 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (Blue Book) are now current.

Go to <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/rules-hub/rrs/> and download a copy. You can also view and download a summary of changes from the previous version.

GFS Centenary Book – limited edition.

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

\$50 a copy; cash/credit card. 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.

GFS Annual General Meeting – Tuesday July 8 at 1930Hrs

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.

SailSys - <https://www.sailsys.com.au/>

The club committee after careful review has made the decision to move from TopYacht to SailSys as the club's race management programme. SailSys is an integrated online race management system which has perceived benefits over that used previously.

SailSys is used by many sailing clubs including Sydney Amateurs, Manly, RANSA and Avalon Sailing Clubs which are similar in size and nature to GFS. As well Middle Harbour, Royal Sydney, Royal Queensland, CYCA and Sydney Combined clubs also use SailSys.

At GFS this system will save a considerable amount of effort in collecting entries, setting up series and recording and publishing results. It allows transportable PHS handicaps across fleets, series and clubs.

As we progress further through setting up SailSys at GFS, led by Bram Penberthy, please keep an eye on the GFS website as instructions and information will be added as it becomes available.

Sailing Event Notification (SEN)

Each year the club must submit a Sailing Event Notification to Service NSW in order to hold events on a NSW waterway. This has been submitted and accepted for the 2025 – 2026 Sailing Season. We have been issued with an exemption order which is subject to the General Conditions listed below in Schedule 1. **Please be aware of all these conditions and specifically adhere to the conditions in red.**

SCHEDULE 1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The Organiser must at all times ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of the marine and environmental legislation (other than provisions from which this Order grants an exemption).
2. The Sailing Event must not be of a nature which requires the Exclusive Use of a waterway (or part thereof). Should Exclusive Use of the waterway be required (as determined by TfNSW), this Order ceases to apply and the Organiser must obtain an aquatic licence.
3. The Sailing Event must not cause an unreasonable impact on the normal use of navigable waters.
4. The Organiser must prepare an Operational Plan and Risk Assessment. The Organiser must review and update the Operational Plan and Risk Assessment at least once every 12 months. Evidence of such documentation must be produced to an Authorised Officer on request.
5. The Organiser must ensure that a Written Warning is provided to all participants prior to allowing participants to take part in the Sailing Event.
6. The Organiser must ensure that an Adequate Safety Briefing is provided to all participants prior to allowing participants to take part in the Sailing Event.
7. The Sailing Event must be conducted under World Sailing Racing Rules or Australian Sailing Annexes to World Sailing Racing Rules. If the Sailing Event is conducted under any other set of sailing racing rules, the rules must be approved in writing by TfNSW prior to the commencement of the Sailing Event.
8. Participant vessel operators are exempt from rule 12 of the COLREGS relating to the "give way" rules applicable to sailing vessels, but only insofar as between vessels taking part in the Sailing Event. The exemption from rule 12 does not apply if there is a risk of collision between a participant in the Sailing Event and a passing non-participant vessel.
9. The Organiser must notify TfNSW a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the commencement of the proposed Sailing Event by completion of the notification form available on the TfNSW website, unless an alternate notification period has been approved by TfNSW.

10. The Organiser must ensure that the Sailing Event is conducted in accordance with the notification form as originally provided to TfNSW.
11. The Organiser must make enquiries to identify all Relevant Authorities affected by the Sailing Event and must provide a copy of the notification form to the Relevant Authorities a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the event unless an alternate notification period has been approved by TfNSW. Evidence of such notification must be produced to an Authorised Officer on request. The Organiser must comply with any additional conditions required by the Relevant Authorities.
12. The Organiser must make enquiries to identify all stakeholders impacted by the Sailing Event and must provide impacted stakeholders a copy of the notification form a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the event unless an alternate notification period has been approved by TfNSW. Organisers must ensure that any concerns raised by impacted stakeholders are resolved prior to the commencement of a Sailing Event. Evidence of any such notification must be produced to an Authorised Officer on request.
13. The Organiser must ensure that the written permission of the owner/occupier of any land (including Local Government Authorities) which is intended to be used as a departure or arrival point has been obtained. Evidence of any such permission must be produced to an Authorised Officer on request.
14. The Organiser or the Designated Liaison Officer must comply with any direction given by an Authorised Officer involving the navigation of any vessel, the temporary or complete cessation of any event activity or the provision of safety control measures.
15. The Organiser must ensure that no navigation piles or buoys are used as rounding marks during the Sailing Event.
16. The Organiser must ensure that no temporary buoys or marks are laid in channels or fairways except with written approval of TfNSW.
17. The Organiser must ensure that any temporary buoys or marks are not laid before sunrise on the day of the Sailing Event and are removed from navigable waters before sunset on the day of the event, except with written approval of TfNSW.
18. The Organiser must ensure that all temporary buoys or marks display club identification marks, club pennant or other identifying club insignia.
19. The Organiser must ensure that Sailing Event participants do not navigate between moorings during the Sailing Event except when transiting to and from the location of the event.
20. The Organiser must ensure that Sailing Event participants maintain a minimum distance of 1 cable (185.2 metres) from all islands, headlands and charted hazards when operating in open waters during the Sailing Event.
21. The Organiser must ensure that Sailing Event participants maintain a minimum distance of 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of any Seagoing Ship underway.
22. The Organiser must report any incident involving an Injury or Significant Damage to TfNSW within 24 hours of occurrence using the sailing event incident report form available on the Transport for NSW (roads and maritime) website. The Organiser must then report, in writing, the findings of an inquiry into the incident within 28 days of the incident. The Organiser must retain a copy of the written report for a minimum of six months and must produce the report to an Authorised Officer on request.
23. The Organiser expressly and unreservedly indemnifies TfNSW from all liability associated with the Sailing Event and releases TfNSW from any actions or proceedings of any nature that may be instituted in relation to the Sailing Event. Availing of the exemptions and conducting an activity under this Order constitutes irrevocable acceptance of this condition

Specifically for Sydney Harbour

- a. The Organiser must ensure that Sailing Event participants do not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated PANSW escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within the distance prescribed under general condition 21.
- b. The Organiser must ensure that Sailing Event participants maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any Ferry underway.
- c. The Organiser must ensure that Sailing Event participants navigating in the vicinity of the safe water mark, 350 metres southeast of Bradleys Head, pass to the north of the buoy when proceeding westward, and must pass to the south of the buoy when proceeding eastward, or if that is not practicable participants must maintain a safe distance from other vessels.

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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June 2025											
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 0653 0.50		12 0306 0.50		23 0012 0.48							
SU 1256 1.32		TH 0857 1.34		MO 0602 1.43							
1819 0.78		2059 1.86		1146 0.52							
				1825 1.96							
2 0045 1.72		13 0345 0.49		24 0113 0.38							
MO 0745 0.57		FR 0938 1.33		TU 0704 1.41							
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3 0140 1.60		14 0428 0.50		25 0208 0.31							
TU 0833 0.61		SA 1022 1.32		WE 0802 1.41							
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WE 0916 0.64		SU 1108 1.32		TH 0858 1.40							
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2336 0.75				2237 1.92							
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SA 1114 0.64		WE 0732 0.50		SU 1128 1.37							
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WE 0815 1.34		SU 1053 0.51									
1342 0.66		1730 1.86									
2020 1.85											

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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.



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