

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 – see Draft GFS Club Program later in this edition.

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

GFS Annual General Meeting – Tuesday July 8 at 1930Hrs

The 2025 Greenwich Flying Squadron Annual General Meeting will take place on 8 July 2025 starting at 7.30pm in person and at the Clubhouse.

The following will be sent shortly by email –

- Greenwich Flying Squadron Inc AGM 2025 Agenda
- Minutes of the 2024 AGM
- Annual Financial Report

The Committee encourages members to nominate for committee positions. Please refer to the Constitution on the website, including Clause 14, for the details of the necessary paperwork and timing of the nomination process.

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	

Late 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 link to the WHWS entries and results on the GFS website.

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.

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 and still available!

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

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.

Prize Presentation



Thanks to **Tim Fletcher** there are some fabulous images from the Annual Prize Presentation on the GFS Facebook page – not to be missed!

GFS Program – Season 2025 -2026.

In preparation for the upcoming season following is the **DRAFT** GFS program for 25 – 26 for your planning.

Please note there may be changes and the FINAL program will be announced following the AGM.

It also lists some important dates prior to the start of the season – Working Bee, Equipment Audits and Skippers Briefing.

Race Entries will open soon and instructions will be sent on how to do this on SailSys.

Changes to procedure will be communicated when resolved – Women's Helm for example

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2025 - 2026

DRAFT 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 (SailSys) – [Link will appear here.](#)

Year	Month	Day	Date	Final Date for Series Entries
2025	August	Saturday	30	Saturday Series
	September	Saturday	6	Down Harbour Series
		Wednesday	24	Twilight Series
	November	Saturday	29	Saturday Summer Series
		Wednesday	26	Twilight Summer Series

Important Club Events

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

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event
2025	August	Saturday	16	Equipment Audits Saturday and DH Series
		Wednesday	20	Sail Fast Boot Camp GFS Clubhouse 7.30pm
		Saturday	23	Woking Bee - GFS Clubhouse from 9.00am
		Sunday	31	Equipment Audits Saturday - DH and Twilight
	September	Sunday	14	Equipment Audits Twilight Series
		Wednesday	17	Compulsory Skippers' Meeting GFS Clubhouse 7.30pm
		Sunday	28	Equipment Audits Twilight Series
	October	Saturday	18	Women's Helm Training Race - Warning signal 1.15pm
		Tuesday	21	Rules Night – GFS Clubhouse 7.30pm
2026	June	Saturday	6	Prize presentation from 3.00pm
	July	Tuesday	7	AGM

Revised 3 July 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

Year	Month	Date	Event
2025	September	13	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1
	October	11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2
	November	8	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3
	December	13	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4
2026	January	10	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 5
	February	14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6
	March	14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 7
	April	11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8

GFS Mick York Trophy Races

Year	Month	Date	Event
2025	September	27	Mick York Trophy Series Race 1
	October	25	Mick York Trophy Series Race 2
	November	29	Mick York Trophy Series Race 3
	December	20	Mick York Trophy Series Race 4
2026	January	17	Mick York Trophy Series Race 5
	February	28	Mick York Trophy Series Race 6
	March	28	Mick York Trophy Series Race 7
	April	18	Mick York Trophy Series Race 8

West Harbour Spring Series, 2025

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event	Other Information
2025	September	Sunday	7	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	21	WH Spring Series Race 2	
	October	Sunday	5	WH Spring Series Race 3	
		Sunday	19	WH Spring Series Race 4	
	November	Sunday	2	WH Spring Series Race 5	
		Sunday	16	WH Spring Series Race 6	
		Sunday	30	WH Spring Series Race 7	
	December	Sunday	14	WH Spring Series Race 8	

West Harbour Summer Series, 2026

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event	Other Information
2026	January	Sunday	11	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.
	February	Sunday	1	WH Summer Series Race 2	
		Sunday	15	WH Summer Series Race 3	
	March	Sunday	1	WH Summer Series Race 4	
		Sunday	15	WH Summer Series Race 5	

West Harbour Winter Series, 2026

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event	Other Information
2026	May	Sunday	31	WH Winter 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 Winter Series. Warning Signal 11.25 am
	June	Sunday	14	WH Winter Series Race 2	
		Sunday	28	WH Winter Series Race 3	
	July	Sunday	12	WH Winter Series Race 4	
		Sunday	26	WH Winter Series Race 5	
	August	Sunday	9	WH Winter Series Race 6	
		Sunday	16	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

Year	Month	Date	Event	Notes
2025	August	31	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sun)	
	September	14	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sun)	
		17	Compulsory Skippers' Briefing – Wednesday GFS Clubhouse 7.30pm	
		28	Equipment Audits – Twilight Yachts (Sun)	
	October	5	Daylight Saving commences	
		8	Spring Race 1	
		15	Spring Race 2	
		18	Saturday - Women's Helm Series Training Race	
		22	Spring Race 3	
		26	Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club	
		29	Spring Race 4 and Women's Helm Race 1	
	November	5	Spring Race 5	
		12	Spring Race 6	
		19	Spring Race 7	
		26	Spring Race 8 and Women's Helm Race 2	
	December	3	Summer Race 1 and YOTS @ GFS	
		10	Summer Race 2	
		17	Summer Race 3	
		24	Christmas Break – New Year break	
		31	Christmas Break – New Year break	
2026	January	7	Summer Race 4	
		14	Summer Race 5	
		21	Summer Race 6 – GFS Twilight Australia Day Race	
		26	<i>190th Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour</i>	
		28	Summer Race 7 and Women's Helm Race 3	
	February	4	Summer Race 8	
		11	Autumn Race 1	
		18	Autumn Race 2	
		25	Autumn Race 3 and Women's Helm Race 4	
	March	4	Autumn Race 4	
		11	Autumn Race 5	
		18	Autumn Race 6	
		25	Autumn Race 7 and Women's Helm Race 5	
	April	1	Autumn Race 8	
		5	Daylight Saving Ends	

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

Year	Month	Date	Event	Notes
2025	October	26	Balmain Regatta 2025	Entries to BSC
	November	29	MHYC Seven Islands Race * Saturday	14 boats
	December		CYCA Classic Yacht Regatta * Saturday	Main Harbour
			Sail Sydney Regatta *	Main Harbour
2026	January	10	MHYC Chaos Cup & Bedlam Point Cup * Saturday	20 boats
			Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour	Main Harbour
	February	8	RANSA Regatta	Second Sunday
			Sail GP Sydney Harbour	
	March	7- 8	Sydney Harbour Regatta	Main Harbour
		13 -18	Sail Port Stephens 2026	PSYC
	April	19	CYCA Winter Series	Sundays - Ends July 12
	October	25	Balmain Regatta 2026	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.

Year	Month	Date	Event	Other
2025	August	16	<i>Equipment Audits - Saturday</i>	
		31	<i>Equipment Audits - Sunday</i>	
	September	6	Spring Race1	
		13	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1	
		17	Compulsory Skipper's Briefing – Wednesday GFS Clubhouse 7.30pm	
		20	Spring Race 2	
		27	Spring Race 3 and MY Race 1	
	October	4	<i>Labour Day Long Weekend – No Race</i> <i>Daylight Saving Commences – Sunday October 5</i>	
		11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2	
		18	Spring Race 4	
		25	Spring Race 5 and MY Race 2	
		26	<i>Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club</i>	
	November	1	Spring Race 6	
		8	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3	
		15	Spring Race 7	
		22	Spring Race 8	
		29	Summer Race 1 and MY Race 3	
	December	6	Summer Race 2	
		13	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4	
		20	Summer Race 3 and MY Race 4	
		27	<i>Christmas and New Year Break</i>	
2026	January	3	Summer Race 4	
		10	Joe Walsh Down - Harbour Race 5	
		17	Summer Race 5 and MY Race 5	
		24	<i>Australia Day Long Weekend – No Race</i>	
		26	<i>190th Australia Day Regatta – Sydney Harbour</i>	
		31	Summer Race 6 – GFS Saturday Australia Day Race	
	February	7	Autumn Race 1	
		14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6	
		21	Autumn Race 2	
		28	Autumn Race 3 and MY Race 6	
	March	7	Autumn Race 4	
		14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 7	
		21	Autumn Race 5	
		28	Autumn Race 6 and MY Race 7	
	April	4	<i>Easter – No Race</i>	
		5	<i>Daylight Saving ends - Sunday</i>	
		11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8	
		18	Autumn Race 7	
		25	Autumn Race 8 and MY Race 8	

MY = Mick York Series

July- 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 ◑

Please support our club sponsors –

July 2025											
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 0005 1.67		12 0326 0.40		23 0110 0.36							
TU 0651 0.55		SA 0918 1.35		WE 0702 1.32							
1303 1.38		SA 1446 0.57		WE 1230 0.53							
1842 0.78		2121 1.91		1909 1.96							
2 0049 1.53		13 0404 0.38		24 0200 0.30							
WE 0730 0.60		13 1000 1.38		24 0754 1.36							
1353 1.40		SU 1531 0.56		TH 1324 0.50							
1941 0.82		2202 1.89		2000 1.99							
3 0138 1.41		14 0445 0.37		25 0246 0.28							
TH 0810 0.63		14 1045 1.41		25 0842 1.39							
TH 1443 1.44		MO 1618 0.57		FR 1414 0.48							
2048 0.84		2245 1.84		2046 1.98							
4 0234 1.32		15 0526 0.38		26 0329 0.29							
FR 0851 0.66		15 1132 1.44		26 0926 1.41							
1534 1.49		TU 1710 0.59		SA 1500 0.49							
2200 0.81		2330 1.76		2130 1.92							
5 0337 1.26		16 0609 0.40		27 0408 0.33							
SA 0937 0.68		16 1221 1.49		27 1009 1.42							
SA 1625 1.55		WE 1807 0.63		SU 1546 0.52							
2307 0.76				2210 1.82							
6 0440 1.23		17 0018 1.65		28 0445 0.38							
SU 1024 0.69		17 0652 0.44		28 1050 1.42							
1713 1.61		TH 1314 1.54		1630 0.57							
		1911 0.65		2247 1.70							
7 0002 0.68		18 0114 1.51		29 0519 0.45							
MO 0538 1.24		18 0740 0.49		29 1130 1.42							
1111 0.68		FR 1410 1.59		TU 1715 0.63							
1758 1.68		2024 0.66		2324 1.57							
8 0049 0.60		19 0220 1.39		30 0551 0.51							
TU 0630 1.25		SA 0831 0.53		30 1211 1.43							
TU 1157 0.67		SA 1511 1.66		WE 1803 0.70							
1840 1.74		2145 0.63									
9 0130 0.53		20 0336 1.31		31 0002 1.44							
WE 0715 1.28		SU 0930 0.57		31 0624 0.57							
WE 1240 0.65		SU 1614 1.73		TH 1254 1.44							
1921 1.80		2305 0.55		1858 0.75							
10 0209 0.48		21 0453 1.28									
TH 0757 1.30		21 1031 0.58									
TH 1322 0.62		MO 1715 1.82									
2001 1.85											
11 0247 0.43		22 0013 0.45									
FR 0837 1.33		22 0602 1.29									
FR 1403 0.59		TU 1132 0.57									
2041 1.89		1815 1.90									

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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
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