

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	Day	Date	Event
2025	August	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

September Sailing -

Year	Month	Day	Date	Event
2025	September	Saturday	6	Spring Race1
		Saturday	13	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 1
		Wednesday	17	Compulsory Skipper's Briefing –GFS Clubhouse 7.30pm
		Saturday	20	Spring Race 2
		Saturday	27	Spring Race 3 and MY Race 1

Remaining Equipment Audits

Sunday 14th Sept 9 am till 12.00

Sunday 28th Sept. 9 am till 12.00

This year special attention will be made to

1. Anchors and chains (both of which must be on deck).
2. Man Over Board (MOB) procedures for retrieval.
3. Nav lights. (Some races finish after dark and so working nav lights are essential.)

Personal inspection of life jackets and fire extinguishers are acceptable (see link below for the fire extinguisher check list) https://gfs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/amsa707_inspection_of_portable_fire_extinguishers.pdf

The procedure will be to call GFS on channel 72 when approaching the Clubhouse and GFS will call you in when there is an auditor ready to inspect your boat.

Only Cat 7 Safety Audits will be carried out by GFS. Those wishing higher categories will need to be inspected by the club that is requiring the higher category.

Please download the Cat 7 Safety Audit Form and fill it out prior to arrival.

<https://gfs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Equipment-Audit-Form-25-28.pdf>

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.

West Harbour Winter Series – Final Results

GFS competitors or shown shaded. Exceptional effort and results in Divisions 2, 3 and 4

Division 1

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	AUS66	BALMAIN TIGER	B Wood	12
2	AUS56	OPHIR	B Tavener	18
3	521	ANOTHER PLANET	R Dickson	23
4	6045	VERY TASTY	E Tacey	27
5	9930	HULLABALOO	C Carter	28
6	AUS374	WILDING 3	C Johnston	29
7	MH115	BEAR NECESSITY	J Blair	31
8	9060	ODYSSEY	S Oliver	33
8	2472	MAXISHAMBLES	C Price	33
10	2806	PASSION XI	D Edmiston	35
11	6464	MAGIC	T Aldous	40
12	6073	AVALON	G Ford	51
13	6358	IRUKANDJI	P Stubbs	63
14	2501	BEWARE OF THE DOG!	T Daly	65
15	88	ARTEMIS	P Grove	77

Division 2

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	8128	MANGROVE JACK	B Millar	8
2	GBR32	JESTER	T Harrington	17
3	506	YKNOT	S Brady	19
4	945	BETWEEN PARTNERS	D Speyer	25
5	18	BLINK	S Zadow	31
6	5796	KELLY2N	C Durman	37
6	M006	AIRSPPEED	L Bell	37

Division 3

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	5673	ON Y VA!	B Hilliard	7
2	24310	KRAKATINI	L Fletcher	21
2	T058	ALLONS-Y	J Calluud	21
4	6380	TANA	P Joy	23
5	6648	CONVERGENCE ZONE	N Tavener	26
6	7129	HASTA LA VISTA	J Veale	27
7	M138	CONQUISTA	T Fletcher	28
8	3787	BONAVENTURE	C Nicholls	37
9	6260	ATTILA	D Ojerholm	38
10	4517	FUZZY LOGIC	A Glassock	54

Division 4

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score
1	431	TULIP	M Downie	11
2	3608	JOKA	C Williams	24
3	1000	BARUBI	M Wise	26
4	2455	WITCHWAYS11	J Finnegan	27
5	5062	ROCKET LASS	R Miller	31
5	6766	GYMEA	J Sharp	31
7	4640	ZANDA	P McGrath	33
8	3127	CAPRIOLE	G Lucas	40
8	5731	SASSY	L Evans	40
10	M101	MISTRESS	R Hand	51
10	7073	SERENDIPITY	P May	51

GFS Website

On the Sailing – Yacht Racing Information page <https://gfs.org.au/yachts/racing-information/> please find –

- Instructions how to enter each separate GFS Series
- Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028
- GFS Sailing Program – Yachts
- GFS Sailing Instructions
- GFS Safety Card
- GFS Cat 7 Equipment Audit Form
- GFS Saturday Course Sheet
- GFS Twilight Course Sheet

Relevant Documents can be downloaded and/or saved to a device.

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. A great coffee table book to impress friends.

\$50 a copy; cash/credit card. Email Ros Bradley: rsbrad99@gmail.com

Additions to GFS Website

There is now a new tab on the top menu bar - '**Come Sail with Us**'. This is to assist persons making enquiries about joining can find information. We are going to find ways to communicate to the wider sailing fraternity especially to boost participation on Saturdays and womens events.

Also on the **Sailing** tab there is a menu button – '**GFS Women**' to provide information and promote the increasing involvement of women in GFS events and activities.

The 2025-2026 Women's Helm Series is coming!



The club committee encourages GFS members to participate.

There is a new format for season 2025 – 2026.

If you're a Skipper and would like to share your knowledge, nominate as a Mentor. <https://forms.gle/VstY9QUnRwFioNaq8>

If you're a woman with sailing experience who would like to helm, nominate as a Helmswoman. <https://forms.gle/YqTUmKmvD5rGCsry9>

Or contact Membership Secretary Chris Gaskell or Vice Commodore Leigh McLaughlin. See Contacts tab on the website.

More info can be found here <https://gfs.org.au/yachts/gfs-women/>



On-Y-Va Bruce Hillyard Overall Winner WHWS Division 3 – image Mark Palmer



Jester GBR32 Tim Harrington 2nd Place Overall WHWS Division 2 -image Mark Palmer

Saturday Sailing

With sincere thanks to **Jim Lelliot**, the start boat '**Humbug**' will be back in action for **some** Saturday Series races. Jim will accompany the starters and assist with laying marks, setting the start line and finish line if required.

On behalf of all Saturday competitors I thank Jim again for his kind offer to this.

A reminder that when the start will be from the boat **Code Flag Q** (yellow pennant) will be flown from the clubhouse flag mast.

September - 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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September 2025

Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 MO	0214 1.08 0747 0.74 1445 1.44 2158 0.69	12 FI	0459 0.38 1125 1.75 1754 0.40 2353 1.37	23 TU	0245 0.37 0859 1.58 1504 0.42 2108 1.53
2 TU	0340 1.07 0902 0.75 1556 1.47 2304 0.62	13 SA	0545 0.49 1219 1.71 1903 0.47	24 WE	0311 0.42 0930 1.61 1543 0.45 2143 1.45
3 WE	0453 1.12 1013 0.72 1657 1.55 2354 0.53	14 SU	0059 1.23 0640 0.60 1322 1.66 2025 0.51	25 TH	0337 0.47 1002 1.61 1622 0.49 2219 1.36
4 TH	0545 1.19 1111 0.64 1747 1.65	15 MO	0220 1.14 0749 0.67 1436 1.63	26 FR	0405 0.53 1036 1.59 1704 0.53 2258 1.28
5 FR	0035 0.43 0628 1.28 1200 0.55 1830 1.74	16 TU	0350 1.14 0910 0.68 1554 1.63 2259 0.46	27 SA	0437 0.59 1114 1.56 1751 0.59 2342 1.19
6 SA	0112 0.33 0707 1.37 1245 0.45 1912 1.82	17 WE	0501 1.20 1026 0.64 1701 1.67 2354 0.40	28 SU	0515 0.66 1157 1.51 1847 0.64
7 SU	0146 0.26 0745 1.47 1330 0.37 1953 1.87	18 TH	0554 1.28 1128 0.56 1756 1.71	29 MO	0035 1.12 0601 0.73 1249 1.46 1957 0.67
8 MO	0222 0.21 0825 1.57 1417 0.31 2036 1.86	19 FR	0037 0.36 0638 1.37 1220 0.49 1842 1.72	30 TU	0144 1.08 0705 0.77 1356 1.44 2114 0.65
9 TU	0259 0.19 0907 1.66 1506 0.29 2120 1.79	20 SA	0115 0.33 0716 1.44 1305 0.44 1922 1.71		
10 WE	0337 0.22 0950 1.72 1558 0.29 2207 1.68	21 SU	0147 0.33 0753 1.51 1347 0.42 2000 1.67		
11 TH	0416 0.29 1036 1.75 1653 0.33 2258 1.53	22 MO	0217 0.34 0827 1.55 1426 0.41 2034 1.61		

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

