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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.

November Events and Sailing –

Twilight

Year	Month	Date	Event
2025	November	5	Spring Race 5
		12	Spring Race 6
		19	Spring Race 7
		26	Spring Race 8 and Women's Helm Race 2

Saturday

Year	Month	Date	Event
2025	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

GFS Website

On the Sailing – GFS Women - <https://gfs.org.au/yachts/gfs-women/> page please find information regarding the Women's Helm Series including results.

There is also the relevant information if you are involved in an on water incident – The club needs to keep records and comply with our Sailing Event Notification.

Please follow the directions on the website and report any relevant issues to incidentreport@gfs.org.au.

There are **two** forms available on the **Sailing – Yacht Racing Information** –

- GFS Incident Report – Yellow Form
- Transport for NSW – official Vessel Incident Report Form (see **GFS Sailing Instruction 25 (t)** for when this form applies)

On Water Communication – VHF 73

For contact with the club, starter and competing yachts we will be using VHF 73 (This will replace VHF 72). The decision was made as a result of the heavy volume of transmission on VHF 72.

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.

Women's Helm Series - Race 1



21 boats entered the series for the 2025 – 2026 season. Races will be held once a month (except December).

Results will take into account the fact that each Twilight Division may sail a different course and each starts at a separate time.

Results can be found on the Website – Sailing – Yacht Division Results – GFS Women's Helm Results or [here](#). They are also a link on the GFS Women's page.

If you're a woman with sailing experience who would like to helm, nominate as a Helmswoman. <https://forms.gle/YqTUMKmv5rGCsry9>

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

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

Pistol Dawn is for sale



If you are looking for a fast boat which is well suited to sailing in our part of the harbour - Contact Malcolm Thompson.

Pistol Dawn was the 2016 Young 88 State champion and has competed in other state Y88 championships as well as regularly at Greenwich Flying Squadron and Balmain Sailing Club.

The success of the Young 88 keel boat is down to New Zealander, Jim Young's fantastic design offering a fast and safe racer / cruiser .

Over 150 boats have been built since the 80s with active racing fleets in many Australian and New Zealand sailing centres.

A strong owners' association perpetuates this success, managing an annual program of racing and social events and a tightly controlled set of one design rules. This keeps the boats on the same playing field, affordable fun and safe.

SailSys

Please be reminded that SailSys requires that you enter each different series separately – this means that you will need to also link your Equipment Audit and Insurance Certificate to each entry – these are available in the 'Library' in SailSys.

This will be necessary to do for both the Twilight and the Saturday Summer Series.

Saturday Summer Series Race 1 is November 29.



On Y Va Saturday Series Race 6 November 1 – image Mark Palmer



Green Division Twilight Series Race 4 and Women's Helm Race 1 October 29 - image Mark Palmer

November - 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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November 2025

Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 0528 1.34		12 0300 1.24		23 0404 0.62	
SA 1109 0.66		WE 0825 0.71		SU 1041 1.75	
		● 2153 0.48		SU 1728 0.45	
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2 0000 0.39		13 0406 1.28		24 0444 0.65	
SU 0615 1.48		TH 0938 0.72		SU 1120 1.72	
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MO 0659 1.63		FR 1049 0.71		TU 0526 0.68	
1306 0.42		FR 1700 1.47		TU 1201 1.68	
1912 1.64		2331 0.51		1856 0.51	
4 0123 0.29		15 0552 1.42		26 0055 1.21	
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TU 1400 0.31		SA 1754 1.43		WE 1247 1.63	
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WE 1454 0.22		SU 1248 0.61		TH 1338 1.58	
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6 0247 0.32		17 0045 0.51		28 0248 1.25	
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TH 1548 0.18		MO 1335 0.56		FR 1435 1.54	
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7 0333 0.37		18 0117 0.51		29 0348 1.33	
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FR 1645 0.17		TU 1416 0.51		SA 1539 1.51	
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SA 1742 0.21		WE 1455 0.46		SU 1645 1.50	
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SU 1148 1.95		TH 0855 1.74			
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MO 1245 1.84		FR 1610 0.42			
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TU 0715 0.67		SA 1004 1.77			
TU 1345 1.73		SA 1647 0.43			
2052 0.43		2242 1.28			

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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.



Joe Walsh
Rigging

