

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.

October Events and Sailing –

Twilight

Year	Month	Date	Day	Event
2025	October	5	Sunday	Daylight Saving commences – Sunday October 5
		8	Wednesday	Twilight Spring Race 1 – season opener
		15	Wednesday	Twilight Spring Race 2
		18	Saturday	Saturday - Women's Helm Series Training Race
		22	Wednesday	Twilight Spring Race 3
		26	Sunday	Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club
		29	Wednesday	Twilight Spring Race 4 and Women's Helm Race 1

Saturday

Year	Month	Date	Day	Event
2025	October	4	Saturday	Labour Day Long Weekend – No Race
		5	Sunday	Daylight Saving Commences – Sunday October 5
		11	Saturday	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 2
		18	Saturday	Saturday Spring Race 4
		25	Saturday	Saturday Spring Race 5 and MY Race 2
		26	Sunday	Balmain Regatta – details and entries to Balmain Sailing Club

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
- **Skipper's Briefing Presentation – you must read if you did not attend the briefing.**

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

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.

First Twilight Race of season 2025 – 2026 is next week, Wednesday October 8.

Are you ready to race?

Have you uploaded your Signed and approved Equipment Audit form and current Insurance Certificate to SailSys? See the GFS website for entry and uploading instructions. Remember you need to enter each separate series and link your compliance forms from your file library to each entry.

What Division?

The sailing committee is still waiting for boats to complete their entries before Divisions are finalised. If they differ from last season you will be informed individually.

Entries are posted on the **GFS website** – Sailing – Results - Season 2025-2026 – Twilight Overall Series Race 1. Make sure your boat has a green tick against its entry to be compliant and accepted as a starter.

Outside starts.

As was the case last season, the first 4 Twilight races will be from 'Humbug' the GFS start boat with the start line set to the East of Cockatoo Island.

Please read the GFS Sailing Instructions on the **GFS website** – Sailing – Yacht Racing Information to familiarise yourself with the position of the start line, starting procedure and expected location of the finish line in the mouth of Humbug (between Greenwich Point and Woolwich).

Join the BBQ afterwards!

As always, the Twilight Barbeque back at the club will be a popular get together after racing. All participating skippers and their crew are welcome to attend.

Best wishes to all competitors for a safe and competitive 2025 -2026 Twilight sailing season.

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

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



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 **GFS website**.

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



Jester David Kiddell Division 2 Saturday Series Race 3 September 20 – image Mark Palmer



Tonic Division 1 Saturday Series Race 3 September 20 - image Mark Palmer

Saturday Sailing

With sincere thanks to **Jim Lelliot and Warren Olsen**, the start boat '**Humbug**' will be back in action for **some** Saturday Series races. Jim and Warren 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 and Warren again for their 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.

October - 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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October 2025					
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 WE	0307 1.09 0825 0.78 1510 1.46 2219 0.59	12 SU	0051 1.29 0625 0.57 1300 1.78 2000 0.40	23 TH	0328 0.49 0956 1.70 1624 0.43 2219 1.36
2 TH	0418 1.15 0940 0.73 1616 1.52 2309 0.49	13 MO	0200 1.20 0728 0.66 1405 1.69 2117 0.46	24 FR	0357 0.54 1029 1.70 1702 0.45 2258 1.30
3 FR	0510 1.24 1043 0.64 1710 1.61 2351 0.40	14 TU	0322 1.16 0842 0.71 1519 1.62 2230 0.47	25 SA	0429 0.59 1103 1.68 1744 0.49 2339 1.25
4 SA	0553 1.36 1136 0.53 1757 1.70	15 WE	0439 1.20 1002 0.71 1635 1.59 2331 0.46	26 SU	0504 0.64 1141 1.64 1829 0.53
5 SU	0029 0.31 0733 1.49 1325 0.42 1942 1.76	16 TH	0541 1.27 1115 0.66 1739 1.58	27 MO	0024 1.19 0545 0.69 1224 1.59 1920 0.58
6 MO	0205 0.24 0814 1.63 1414 0.32 2027 1.77	17 FR	0020 0.44 0629 1.36 1215 0.59 1831 1.58	28 TU	0115 1.15 0633 0.74 1314 1.53 2020 0.60
7 TU	0243 0.21 0855 1.75 1504 0.25 2114 1.74	18 SA	0100 0.42 0711 1.45 1307 0.53 1915 1.57	29 WE	0217 1.13 0734 0.78 1413 1.50 2126 0.59
8 WE	0322 0.22 0939 1.85 1556 0.21 2202 1.66	19 SU	0134 0.41 0747 1.53 1351 0.49 1954 1.54	30 TH	0329 1.15 0847 0.78 1520 1.49 2225 0.54
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11 SA	0532 0.46 1203 1.86 1850 0.33	22 WE	0300 0.45 0924 1.68 1547 0.42 2143 1.41		

Times are in local standard time (UTC +10:00)
or daylight savings time (UTC +11:00) when in effect

Helly Hansen

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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.

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Joe Walsh
Rigging

