

# 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.

## December Events and Sailing –

### Twilight

Year	Month	Date	Event
2025	December	3	Summer Race 1 and <i>YOTS @ GFS</i>
		10	Summer Race 2
		17	Summer Race 3
		24	<b><i>Christmas Break – New Year break</i></b>
		31	<b><i>Christmas Break – New Year break</i></b>

### Saturday

Year	Month	Date	Event
2025	December	6	Summer Race 2
		13	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 4
		20	Summer Race 3 and MY Race 4
		27	<b><i>Christmas and New Year Break</i></b>
		6	Summer Race 2

## SailSys – Summer Series Entries

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 SailSys 'Library'.

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

Saturday Summer Series Race 1 is November 29, Twilight Summer Race 1 is December 3.

Go to – <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/14/entry?tab=entry>



## 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).

*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.*

## Club Pontoon

Recently there have been several instances where boats have tied up at the club pontoon on race days, especially Sunday when dinghies are rigging and preparing to leave the club.

Please be aware that the **GFS House Rules** state –

‘Any boat which is not racing should not moor at the pontoon for the purpose of carrying out repairs or maintenance for 2 hours prior to a yacht race. In respect of dinghy sailing on Sundays, dinghies being launched or recovered have priority use of the pontoon. Boats should not moor during the time from the launch of the Sabots to the completion of their racing and return to the rigging deck’.

The GFS House Rules are on the website under **Club Information – Club Documents** or via this [link](#).

## Women's Helm Series - Race 2 (Provisional)



Race 8 Division Place	WH Race 2 Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Helm
1	1	7073	Serendipity	Charlie May
1	2	AUS1293	Incentive	Helen Springer
3	3	4640	Zanda	Hami Amirshahi

**A full results listing is on the GFS website – Sailing – Yacht Division Results – GFS Women's Helm Results**

## Youth Off The Streets

Youth Off The Streets is a not-for-profit youth services organisation that supports 12–24-year-olds experiencing or at risk of homelessness and complex disadvantage.

Founded by Father Chris Riley over 30 years ago, YOTS has grown into an organisation of dedicated experts providing wraparound services to children and young people in NSW and QLD.



Each year GFS hosts a group from Youth of the Street, giving the young people a sailing experience, meal and gift on a Twilight race night - this year **Twilight Summer Race 1**. The generosity of GFS members in making donations and providing places on yachts. allows this to take place

**35 youth and support persons will visit GFS next Wednesday – December 3.**

## Sail Safe Practice Day

Ken Gibson (Twilight Captain) ran an invaluable **Sail Safe Practice Day** at the club on Saturday November 29. The day covered safety briefing for new crew, person overboard retrieval and demonstration, best practice theory in gybing, heaving to and coping with squalls. Due to the wind conditions practice from yachts was not attempted with gusts of 30 kts.

## Sail GP

The next SailGP event in Sydney is the KPMG Sydney Sail Grand Prix on February 28 - March 1, 2026.

## Sydney Harbour Regatta

In 2026, the Nautilus Marine Insurance Sydney Harbour Regatta will be run on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March. 80 keelboats will race across 17 divisions over 6 course areas, throughout Sydney Harbour as well as offshore near Sydney Heads.

## 80<sup>th</sup> Rolex Sydney – Hobart Yacht Race December 26

Once again, Chris O'Neill will be competing in the Double Handed division in AUS110, Blue Planet.

*Merry Christmas*

## Saturday Spring Series final places (provisional)

### Division 1

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Spring Series Points
1	AUS759	TISM	8
2	AUS1125	Tonic	9
3	7129	Hasta La Vista	13

### Division 2

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Spring Series Points
1	6694	Paca	6
2	3608	Joka	8
3	1531	Flair	10

## Twilight Spring Series final places (provisional)

### Orange Division

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Spring Series Points
1	SM226	Red William	14.5
2	1000	Barubi	22
3	4640	Zanda	24

### Gold Division

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Spring Series Points
1	5673	On Y Va!	12
2	2156	Echo	16
3	5482	Naughty Call	24

### White Division

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Spring Series Points
1=	6694	Paca	18
1=	3127	Capriole	18
3	3608	Joka	19

### Green

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Spring Series Points
1	7073	Serendipity	18
2	4517	Fuzzy Logic	18.5
3	M138	Conquista	25

### Blue Division

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Spring Series Points
1	6635	Worlds Apart	14
2	2679	Myuna II	18
3=	7080	Minnow	20
3=	880	Cardinal Syn	20

### Black Division

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Spring Series Points
1	7177	Meridian	14
2	2806	Passion XI	15
3	8800	Fireball	18

### Etchells Class

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Spring Series Points
1	AUS1163	Whiskey Tango Foxtrot	13
2	AUS1256	Adrenaline	15
3=	1293	Incentive	23
3=	1475	Etesian	23
3=	AUS1049	Etchiban	23



***Tonic*** Saturday Spring Series Race 8 November 22– image Mark Palmer



***Conquista*** Twilight Spring Race 7 November 19 - 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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### December 2025

Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 0535 1.58		12 0319 1.34		23 0430 0.60	
MO 1146 0.57		FR 0901 0.74		1103 1.79	
1747 1.49		FR 1509 1.46		TU 1749 0.42	
2357 0.40		☾ 2147 0.55		2345 1.29	
2 0625 1.73		13 0415 1.39		24 0512 0.61	
TU 1250 0.45		SA 1012 0.75		1143 1.76	
1847 1.48		SA 1608 1.35		WE 1830 0.43	
		2231 0.58			
3 0045 0.39		14 0506 1.46		25 0030 1.31	
WE 0715 1.87		SU 1120 0.74		0558 0.64	
1350 0.33		SU 1707 1.28		TH 1224 1.71	
1946 1.47		2314 0.59		1911 0.44	
4 0132 0.39		15 0553 1.52		26 0118 1.33	
TH 0805 1.98		MO 1224 0.69		0650 0.66	
1447 0.24		MO 1803 1.25		FR 1309 1.64	
2045 1.45		2355 0.60		1955 0.45	
5 0223 0.41		16 0636 1.59		27 0210 1.37	
FR 0857 2.05		TU 1316 0.62		0748 0.69	
1544 0.18		TU 1856 1.24		SA 1400 1.55	
☾ 2142 1.42				2041 0.46	
6 0314 0.44		17 0035 0.60		28 0305 1.44	
SA 0949 2.08		WE 0716 1.65		0856 0.69	
1638 0.17		WE 1401 0.55		SU 1500 1.46	
2238 1.39		1944 1.25		☾ 2130 0.48	
7 0407 0.47		18 0115 0.60		29 0402 1.53	
SU 1042 2.06		TH 0755 1.71		1012 0.66	
1732 0.20		TH 1441 0.49		MO 1609 1.39	
2333 1.36		2027 1.27		2224 0.49	
8 0502 0.52		19 0153 0.60		30 0500 1.64	
MO 1134 1.98		FR 0832 1.75		TU 1130 0.58	
1827 0.27		FR 1519 0.45		TU 1723 1.34	
		2107 1.28		2320 0.50	
9 0029 1.33		20 0231 0.60		31 0559 1.76	
TU 0559 0.57		SA 0910 1.78		1243 0.47	
TU 1227 1.87		SA 1556 0.42		WE 1834 1.33	
1920 0.35		☾ 2146 1.29			
10 0126 1.32		21 0310 0.59			
WE 0656 0.63		SU 0947 1.80			
1319 1.73		SU 1632 0.41			
2013 0.43		2225 1.29			
11 0223 1.32		22 0349 0.59			
TH 0757 0.69		MO 1025 1.81			
1413 1.59		MO 1711 0.41			
2101 0.50		2304 1.29			

### 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

