

# 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.

My apologies for the lateness of this edition.

## February Events and Sailing –

### Twilight

Year	Month	Date	Event
2026	February	4	Summer Race 8
		11	Autumn Race 1
		18	Autumn Race 2
		25	Autumn Race 3 and Women's Helm Race 4

### Saturday

Year	Month	Date	Event
2026	February	7	Autumn Race 1
		14	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 6
		21	Autumn Race 2
		28	Autumn Race 3 and MY Race 6

Other Events – descriptions are on the following page.

Year	Month	Date	Event
2026	February	13	Pride Regatta – Sydney Harbour - RANSA
		14	Don Deller Race - BPYC
		15 - 19	Hardy Cup - RSYS
		24 – Mar 1	KMPG Sydney Sail Grand Prix

*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.*

## Sydney Pride Regatta

The Sydney Pride Regatta is a vibrant twilight sailing event that launches the Mardi Gras season on the sparkling waters of Sydney Harbour — uniting sailors, allies, and community in a celebration of pride, inclusion, and sport.



In its inaugural year, 13 yachts and over 100 sailors proudly flew the rainbow colours, creating a spectacular display of competition, community, and celebration. Organised with RANSA, Greenwich Flying Squadron, and supported by Pride in Sport and Australian Sailing, the regatta combines the thrill of racing with a powerful message of diversity and belonging.

After the race, celebrations continue at the Pride Regatta Village in Rushcutters Bay — with music, food, drinks, and dancing that showcase the joy and spirit at the heart of the event.

## Don Deller Offshore Race

The Don Deller Offshore Race was first held in 2009 to honour Dr Don Deller, one of the founding members of the BPYC, and is now an annual event. Over the years, it has been either an offshore race or, in more recent years, a double sprint race series held on Pittwater, preceded and followed by a cruise in company from and to Port Jackson.

## Hardy Cup Sydney International Match Racing Regatta

The regatta will celebrate the legacy of Sir James Hardy OBE, America's Cup Winner, World Champion and Olympic Legend, and the event's role in developing pathways for promising youth sailors.

This highly contested World Sailing Youth Grade 3 International regatta will feature some of the best youth match racing sailors from around the world, competing in front of the iconic Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House.

## KMPG Sydney Sail Grand Prix

Now a cornerstone of the Australian summer sporting calendar, the KPMG Sydney Sail Grand Prix draws thousands of fans from around the globe.

Witness Tom Slingsby and his three-time SailGP Champions, the BONDS Flying Roos, take on the 11 other nations from around world in a high-stakes battle for victory on home waters.

The event is proudly supported by the NSW Government's lead agency for tourism and major events, Destination NSW. For more information on things to see and do in Sydney visit [www.sydney.com](http://www.sydney.com).

## Women's Helm Pointscore



WH Race 3 Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Helm
1=	325	Restless	Margie Powell
1=	3608	Joka	Anahita Olsen
3	7073	Serendipity	Charlie May

Series place after Race 3	Sail #	Boat Name	Helm
1	7073	Serendipity	Charlie May
2	M138	Conquista	Lucy Windeyer
3	325	Restless	Margie Powell

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

## Saturday Sailing

Once again, please consider Saturday sailing at GFS. The fleet is small and competitive. There is less conjection on the water and spinnakers are allowed but not compulsory. The SailSys handicapping program accounts for different boat types and how they are sailed.

GFS has two divisions, one with bigger/faster yachts and a second with smaller boats, ensuring that there is close racing in each fleet.

Sailors are able to gather at the club post race to dissect what has occurred during the race although there is no formal club barbeque.

## Tambourine Bay

Tim Kaneigetter posted the following image on the GFS Facebook page.

In an article in the Sydney Morning Herald on July 12, 2025 Harriet Alexander reported that 'Our waterways are littered with derelict and sinking boats, with the cost of disposal much higher than the cost of leaving vessels on a mooring. One dealer has made a speciality in offloading problematic craft'. She also named the person who has a cut price disposal service which claims that "We help with the good bad & ugly ouch!!!!!"



It is a business that is completely legal, if not entirely above board, and has generated particular fury in Woodford Bay. Some of the vessels and problem have now migrated further west to Tambourine Bay.

The International Maritime Organisation is working on guidelines for the end-of-life management of fibreglass boats as vessels manufactured during the 1970s boating boom exceed their life expectancy.



Another of the derelict boats in **Tambourine Bay**



Twilight Race Summer Race 8 – Twilight **Etchells fleet** safely passing the Onions Point clearance buoy– image Ken Gibson



**Adrenaline** Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 3 - image Mark Palmer

## February 2026 - 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 ◑

### February 2026

Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
<b>1</b>	0204 0.47	<b>12</b>	0518 1.49	<b>23</b>	0104 1.67
SU	0838 1.98	TH	1225 0.68	MOO	0726 0.53
	1525 0.23		1813 1.13		1324 1.40
	2121 1.43		2331 0.76		1922 0.55
<b>2</b>	0257 0.42	<b>13</b>	0618 1.55	<b>24</b>	0158 1.66
MO	0927 2.00	FR	1318 0.61	TU	0835 0.58
○	1608 0.22		1909 1.19	●	1428 1.26
	2205 1.47				2016 0.64
<b>3</b>	0345 0.40	<b>14</b>	0030 0.71	<b>25</b>	0302 1.64
TU	1013 1.96	SA	0708 1.63	WE	1000 0.60
	1647 0.25		1400 0.53		1552 1.18
	2248 1.50		1951 1.25		2128 0.70
<b>4</b>	0432 0.42	<b>15</b>	0117 0.64	<b>26</b>	0418 1.65
WE	1055 1.87	SU	0751 1.71	TH	1126 0.56
	1725 0.31		1436 0.45		1725 1.18
	2330 1.51		2028 1.32		2250 0.70
<b>5</b>	0518 0.47	<b>16</b>	0200 0.57	<b>27</b>	0534 1.71
TH	1135 1.75	MO	0830 1.78	FR	1237 0.48
	1759 0.38		1510 0.39		1838 1.25
			2103 1.39		
<b>6</b>	0009 1.51	<b>17</b>	0239 0.50	<b>28</b>	0004 0.64
FR	0604 0.54	TU	0907 1.83	SA	0640 1.78
	1213 1.60	●	1543 0.34		1334 0.39
	1830 0.47		2138 1.46		1933 1.35
<b>7</b>	0049 1.50	<b>18</b>	0319 0.45		
SA	0651 0.62	WE	0945 1.85		
	1250 1.45		1615 0.30		
	1900 0.55		2215 1.53		
<b>8</b>	0130 1.49	<b>19</b>	0401 0.42		
SU	0743 0.69	TH	1023 1.84		
	1330 1.32		1648 0.30		
	1933 0.63		2253 1.59		
<b>9</b>	0215 1.47	<b>20</b>	0446 0.42		
MO	0842 0.75	FR	1103 1.77		
●	1419 1.20		1723 0.32		
	2015 0.70		2333 1.64		
<b>10</b>	0308 1.46	<b>21</b>	0534 0.44		
TU	0955 0.77	SA	1145 1.67		
	1527 1.12		1759 0.38		
	2110 0.75				
<b>11</b>	0411 1.46	<b>22</b>	0017 1.67		
WE	1115 0.75	SU	0627 0.48		
	1652 1.10		1231 1.54		
	2221 0.78		1838 0.46		

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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 AYP 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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