

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.

GFS April Events and Sailing –

Twilight

Year	Month	Date	Event
2026	April	1	Autumn Race 8
		5	Daylight Saving Ends

Saturday

Year	Month	Date	Event
2026	April	4	Easter – No Race
		5	Daylight Saving ends - Sunday
		11	Joe Walsh Down Harbour Race 8
		18	Autumn Race 7
		25	Autumn Race 8 and MY Race 8

Other Events

Year	Month	Date	Event
2026	April	11	RPEYC Classic Yacht Regatta
		13 - 18	Sail Port Stephens – Commodores Cup Series **
		19	CYCA Winter Series – Sunday until July 12
	May	1 – 3	Sail Port Stephens – Cat Stephens Series **

**** GFS Entrants SPS - Commodores Cup – *Passion XI, Echo, Eureka, Hasta La Vista***

Cat Stephens Series - *Resolute II*

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 Race 5 - Results and Point score – PROVISIONAL



WH Race 5 Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Helm
1	M101	Hasta La Vista	Ann Davey
2	Incentive	Incentive	Helen Springer
3	325	Restless	Margie Powell

Series place after Race 5 (1 Drop)	Sail #	Boat Name	Helm
1	M138	Conquista	Lucy Windeyer
2	7073	Serendipity	Charlie May
3	325	Restless	Margie Powell

Full results listing is on the

[GFS website – Sailing – Yacht Division Results – GFS Women's Helm Results](#)

The Kakadu Naval Fleet Review.

Naval ships from 19 nations sailed into Sydney Harbour on Saturday March 21 for the ceremonial Fleet Review which marked 125 years of the Royal Australian Navy against a backdrop of global tensions.



Fleet assembly off Sydney Heads

Hosted by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the review is the largest gathering of foreign warships in Sydney Harbour in more than a decade.



The RAN was joined by the Royal Australian Air Force in an aerial display over the harbour. Following the flying display, the RAN conducted a ceremonial gun salute.

A fleet review is a long-standing naval tradition in which a reviewing officer, in the reviewing ship, **HMAS Leeuwin**, inspects the assembled fleet. Historically, fleet reviews occurred when a battle fleet was mobilised for war. In the modern era, they have become important commemorative milestones that bring together partner navies to demonstrate shared commitment to maritime security and international cooperation.

The Fleet Review is being held in conjunction with Exercise Kakadu, the RAN's premier multinational maritime exercise.

The Roulettes fly past coincided with the finish of Saturday Autumn Race 5.



Long Distance Sailing

7.30pm on Tuesday April 21st
at GFS, with nibbles and drinks



Have you ever dreamt of a long-distance voyage on a yacht but not known where to start? GFS is fortunate to have some experienced sailors who have completed some serious voyages and are willing to share their experiences. **Come and join us at the GFS clubhouse for two entertaining talks with wine and nibbles at 7.30pm on Tuesday April 21st**



Marianne Urth and Alex Holtheuer will share their experience cruising the stunning islands of the South Pacific aboard their catamaran Amalie last year. Sailing two-handed, they journeyed from Sydney to New Zealand, Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu and New Caledonia, before returning home, an extraordinary adventure that neither had undertaken before.

Ken Gibson has sailed 60,000 nautical miles in his much-loved catamaran Resolute II, including a circumnavigation and a single-handed voyage of 4,000 nautical miles from Panama to the Marquesas. Ken will talk about the challenges and the delights of blue water sailing, including the World ARC rally.



Please click on the link below to indicate your interest in the event.

[I would like to attend](#)

West Harbour Winter Series

Series entry fees to the 2025 West Harbour Spring Series, the 2026 West Harbour Summer Series and the **2026 West Harbour Winter Series** are waived for boats from the Drummoyne Sailing Club (DSC), Greenwich Flying Squadron (GFS) or the Parramatta River Sailing Club (PRSC) who have entered and paid the 2025-2026 season race fees for their respective club.

Sailing Instructions – [click here](#)

Additional information (Divisions and Start Times) – [click here](#)

West Harbour Courses – [click here](#)

Month	Date	Race Dates	Race Entry
May	31	West Harbour Winter Series Race 1	<p align="center">Entries - Balmain Sailing Club - https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/10/profile?tab=entry</p>
June	14	West Harbour Winter Series Race 2	
	28	West Harbour Winter Series Race 3	
July	12	West Harbour Winter Series Race 4	
	26	West Harbour Winter Series Race 5	
August	9	West Harbour Winter Series Race 6	
	23	West Harbour Winter Series Race 7	

CYCA Winter Series

The CYCA Winter Series began in its current format in 1949 and has grown over the years to become Australia's largest ongoing series, with fleets averaging 140+ boats.

The LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 includes nine Pointscore races and three Women's Winter Series races.

The pursuit start begins at 1130hrs and the time limit for the race is five hours.

Entries close at 1200hrs on the Thursday prior to each race.

Month	Date	Race Dates
April	19	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Women's Series Race 1
	26	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Race 1
May	3	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Race 2
	10	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Race 3
	17	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Race 4
	24	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Race 5
	31	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Women's Series Race 2
June	14	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Race 6
	21	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Race 7
	28	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Race 8
July	5	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Race 9
	12	LGT Wealth Management Winter Series 2026 - Women's Series Race 3



Helicopters - Exercise Kakadu Naval Review Saturday March 21 – image Mark Palmer



Tonic - Saturday Autumn Series Race 5 - image Mark Palmer

Twilight Final Series Places

Autumn Series - 1 race dropped – **Provisional**

Orange

Place	Sail #oat	Boat	Skipper	Points
1	16	Greta	Andrew Davidson/Clive Hassett	14
2	SM226	Red William	James Kearney	22
3	325	Restless	Leigh McLaughlin/Margie Powell	25

Gold

Place	Sail #oat	Boat	Skipper	Points
1	M88	3 Dogs	Michael Rooney	14
2	GBR32	Jester	Timothy Harrington	16
3	808	Banjo	Nick Reed	19
3	2156	Echo	Gerald Morcombe	19

White

Place	Sail #oat	Boat	Skipper	Points
1	JKA125	Pea Jay	David Dossetor	16
2	3127	Capriole	Geoffrey Lucas	18
3	JAUS158	Jayded	Steve Butel	19

Green

Place	Sail #oat	Boat	Skipper	Points
1	6334	Shemozzle	John Hayward	14
2	8456	Vesille	Patrick Medley	21
2	4409	Silver Spray	DAVID WELLS	21

Blue

Place	Sail #oat	Boat	Skipper	Points
1	6635	Worlds Apart	Christopher Stannard	14
1	880	Cardinal Syn	Jorgen Kristoffersen	14
3	4150	French Connection	Michael Murphy	18

Black

Place	Sail #oat	Boat	Skipper	Points
1	8800	Fireball	William Lea	11
2	6774	Jackpot	Robert Hale	12
3	6755	GWM Pennant Hills	Ian Creak	16

Etchells

Place	Sail #oat	Boat	Skipper	Points
1	AUS1049	Etchiban	Graham, Tom & Kev	16
2	AUS762	Chloe	Jason Andersen	16.5
3	AUS1293/1249	Incentive	Andrew Rickard	19

Twilight Overall Series – 3 Races dropped - **Provisional**

Orange

Place	Sail #	Name	Skipper	Points
1	SM226	Red William	James Kearney	29.5
2	16	Greta	Andrew Davidson/Clive Hassett	39
3	1000	Barubi	Mike Wise	41

Gold

Place	Sail #	Name	Skipper	Points
1	5673	On Y Va!	Bruce Hilliard	29
2	2156	Echo	Gerald Morcombe	30
3	GBR32	Jester	Tim Harrington	35

White

Place	Sail #	Name	Skipper	Points
1	3127	Capripole	Geoffrey Lucas	30
2	3608	Joka	C Williams, A Terrey, A Dunlop	32.5
3	6694	Paca	Greg Jaques	37.5

Green

Place	Sail #	Name	Skipper	Points
1	6634	Shemozzle	John Hayward	30
2	8456	Vesille	Patrick Medley	38
3	4517	Fuzzy Logic	David Glassock	43.5

Blue

Place	Sail #	Name	Skipper	Points
1	6635	Worlds Apart	Christopher Stannard	23
2	880	Cardinal Syn	Jorgen Kristoffersen	28
3	4150	French Connection	Michael Murphy	34

Black

Place	Sail #	Name	Skipper	Points
1	8800	Fireball	William Lea	25
2	2806	Passion XI	David Edmiston	30
3	6115	Chainsaw	John Amos	34

Etchells

Place	Sail #	Name	Skipper	Points
1	AUS1049	Etchiban	Graham, Tom and Kev	33
2	AUS1249	Incentive	Andrew Richard	36
3	AUS1293/1249	Adrenaline	Rolf Lundsmann	38

April 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 ◑

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April 2026					
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 0235 0.48		12 0349 1.53		23 0030 1.84	
WE 0844 1.71		SU 1044 0.63		TH 0737 0.49	
1500 0.42		1652 1.29		1340 1.28	
2112 1.68		2223 0.79		1901 0.77	
2 0317 0.46		13 0445 1.59		24 0139 1.75	
TH 0923 1.64		MO 1127 0.55		FR 0848 0.52	
1530 0.45		1736 1.40		1456 1.29	
2145 1.72		2319 0.70		2019 0.79	
3 0359 0.47		14 0534 1.66		25 0253 1.69	
FR 1000 1.57		TU 1205 0.48		SA 0951 0.53	
1558 0.50		1815 1.53		1603 1.35	
2218 1.74				2137 0.76	
4 0438 0.49		15 0009 0.59		26 0401 1.66	
SA 1037 1.49		WE 0618 1.70		SU 1045 0.53	
1625 0.56		1242 0.42		1659 1.44	
2251 1.74		1854 1.67		2245 0.71	
5 0418 0.53		16 0057 0.49		27 0500 1.64	
SU 1015 1.41		TH 0703 1.73		MO 1130 0.52	
1553 0.62		1317 0.38		1746 1.54	
2224 1.72		1933 1.80		2345 0.65	
6 0500 0.57		17 0145 0.40		28 0549 1.61	
MO 1053 1.33		FR 0750 1.71		TU 1208 0.51	
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2259 1.68		2015 1.91			
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1659 0.75		1435 0.41		1243 0.52	
2339 1.62		2059 1.98		1905 1.70	
8 0635 0.68		19 0327 0.32		30 0120 0.56	
WE 1224 1.21		SU 0930 1.59		TH 0715 1.53	
1742 0.81		1517 0.46		1314 0.54	
		2145 2.01		1940 1.76	
9 0028 1.56		20 0422 0.33			
TH 0735 0.72		MO 1025 1.49			
1324 1.17		1603 0.54			
1839 0.86		2235 1.99			
10 0128 1.51		21 0522 0.37			
FR 0845 0.72		TU 1123 1.40			
1439 1.16		1655 0.63			
1954 0.88		2329 1.93			
11 0240 1.50		22 0627 0.44			
SA 0950 0.69		WE 1228 1.32			
1555 1.21		1753 0.71			
2115 0.86					

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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.



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