

Huon Yacht Club News

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Twilight Series:

A small fleet of four boats presented for the first race of the second HYC twilight series held last Thursday evening.

A brisk 10 – 15 knot southeasterly wind was blowing at the start and remained steady all evening, easing slightly and backing to the south right towards the end. The first boat to start was Stan Pickering's *Obsession*, followed by Phil and Julie Mitchell's *Kallista* two minutes later, then Jeff Sharp's *French Connection* fifteen minutes later, with Mick Bartlett's *Another Girl Another Planet* starting last five minutes after that.

Obsession easily kept her lead throughout the race, no doubt helped by the fact she had been on the slip that morning for a scrub down. The SE wind meant all legs were either tight reaches or wind behind. *Kallista* could not catch *Obsession* and was overtaken by second place getter *French Connection* on the third lap, with *Another Girl Another Planet* last but not far behind.



Not a breath of wind to raise a ripple or ruffle a sail for the start of LDP 3, Green Island Race

Long Distance Pennant Race 3:

Three HYC boats took part in this race: *French Connection*, *Obsession*, and Rod Coombs' *The Yoop*. The course was scheduled to sail to Green Island and back, a total distance of 48 miles as a direct track. Unfortunately the wind at the 10:00 AM start was non-existent and took more than an hour to come to life. When it did start however, it quickly turned into a vigorous 15 knot southeasterly almost making whitecaps and lifting a bit of swell in Petchey's Bay. After a few long tacks the boats



were off Huon Island, with *French Connection* well in the lead. Unfortunately the lull at the start put Green Island out of reach in the time allowed for the race so the boats turned back at Arch Rock for a fairly bumpy spinnaker run back up the river. *French Connection* took line honours but was narrowly beaten by *Obsession* on handicap. *The Yoop* had spinnaker problems on the return trip and was last over the line and last on corrected time as well. After a slow start it had become quite an exciting race in warm and sunny conditions out on the water.

Wind at last... The Yoop off Huon Island in LDP 3, Green Island Race

Coming up:

Next Sunday at 11:00 AM will see the third race of the combined Port Cygnet Sailing Club and Huon Yacht Club Fred McLaren Perpetual Memorial Trophy, starting from PCSC, to circumnavigate Huon Island and back to the start.