

# Huon Yacht Club News

*By Jeremy Brown*

## *Twilight Series Race 9:*

Last Thursday Will Meure's 27 ft Marauder *Stardust Dancer* won the race convincingly, almost 10 minutes before Stan Pickering's *Obsession* arrived in second place, followed by Mick Bartlett's *Another Girl Another Planet* just two seconds in front of Jeff Sharp's *French Connection*.

*Stardust Dancer* was uncatchable, *AGAP* and *French Connection* had been tussling for third place all through the race and *Obsession* easily held the second place spot.

The wind, typically unreliable as it has been all this season really, excelled itself by backing and veering 360 degrees and varying in intensity from non-existent to gusty 10 – 15 knots. At times it seemed as if each boat had its own private wind and the results reflect this to some extent.



*The job is done! Line Honours go to French Connect and her crew in HYC Long Distance Pennant Race 5*

### *Huon Yacht Club Social Night:*

On Friday 27 January the first social night for 2017 was held at the HYC club house, with 37 members and guests including interstate and overseas visitors attending. It was an entertaining and enjoyable night for all.

### *Long Distance Pennant Race 5 – Satellite Island, Zuidpool Light*

This was a long race from HYC start line to Satellite Island (off Bruny Island) and back via the mid channel Zuidpool Light, 36 miles as a straight track. The predicted steady westerlies did not happen – instead the wind was variable in direction and fluctuated in intensity, at times gusting to 25 knots. Conditions in the channel were choppy, with the short one meter swell giving *Stardust Dancer* difficulties at times. *French Connection* excelled in the conditions and took line honours after almost six hours of sailing, followed by *Obsession* about 30 minutes later, with *Stardust Dancer* another 30 minutes behind her. On corrected time the positions were reversed and *Stardust Dancer* took another first place.



*Wil Meure's Stardust Dancer, handicap winner in LDP Race 5*

### *Coming up*

Next Saturday 4 February will see the second race of the HYC Autumn Harbour series, a mass start at 2:00 PM. Please check the web page at <http://huonyachtclub.org/> for other race results and upcoming races.