

The Kermandie Twist

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Twilight Series Race 10:

Thursday's twilight pursuit race was narrowly won by Will Meure's *Stardust Dancer*, who finished just seven seconds before Jeff Sharp's *French Connection*, with Stan Pickering's *Obsession* third three minutes later and Mick Bartlett's *Another Girl Another Planet* fourth, three minutes behind *Obsession*.

The westerly wind came barreling down the Kermandie valley, and once again the 'Kermandie Twist' had boats unexpectedly changing course. All skippers and crews worked hard to keep on track and eventually it was a very close finish.

Autumn Harbour Race 2 – to Bullock Point and Hospital Bay:



The Yoop, Rod Coombe and crew handle the "Kermandie Twist"

Last Saturday's Harbour Series event was an exciting race of two laps around the HYC harbour buoys, in unsteady winds which shifted from SE to NE erratically and varied from 3 to 20 knots. *French Connection* took line honours an easy eight minutes before Rod Coomb's *The Yoop*, followed by *Obsession* about 13 minutes later, with Will Meure's *Gem* another six minutes behind her. On corrected time *The Yoop* took first place, followed by *French Connection*, with *Obsession* third



The ketch, Gem racing in HYC Autumn Harbour Race 1

Coming up:

Next Saturday 11 February will see the third race of the HYC Autumn Harbour series, a mass start at 2:00 PM with a barbecue afterwards at the club house.

Please check the web page at <http://huonyachtclub.org/> for other race results and more upcoming races.