

## Huon Yacht Club Celebrates

By Pam Mann

Huon Yacht Club had a magnificent, sunny and warm day to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club and 60<sup>th</sup> of the club house with the traditional sail past parade of boats. Spectators lined the foreshore to watch one of the best turnouts of participating boats in years. Members decorated their boats to vie for the prizes offered for Best Dressed Boat, Best Dressed Crew and Best Dressed Female Crew Member. Boats who came to watch the sail past were also invited to join in the fun on the water and at the clubhouse later.

The Living Boat Trust presented a great show of support for the HYC anniversaries by including four of their historic boats and a St Ayles skiff in the sail past. The electric launch "Nancy" being 100 years old this year, led the sail parade. Next came the two steam launches, the "Lady Lavinia" and the "Leprena" and the St Ayles skiff "Imagine". The Commodore of the Huon Yacht Club, John Flowers, in his boat "Mistral" then led the members and friends to take the salute from the Patron of the club, David Sharp. As the boats came past to take the salute, the hooter in the clubhouse was sounded and the steam launches responded with a blast from their distinctive sounding whistles. This added to the general festive air that continued all afternoon. The Montague whale boat "Monty" had to tack down river for the event and arrived in time to be present as the last of the fleet came past the patron's boat.

Club members had gone all out to decorate the clubhouse for the event and an abundance of food was supplied. The theme was set by historical photos from past events at Shipwrights Point being displayed. These rare images were thanks to Richard Foster, Rodda Trevaskis and Roger Harwood who supplied them from their own collections.

When the formalities were to proceed there was so many people present they couldn't all fit inside. Huon Aquaculture had donated some delicious salmon and a special anniversary cake was made and decorated with the club burgee in icing. The club patron, David Sharp and Jeff Sharp were asked to cut the cake because as the Commodore said "They were both here when the clubhouse was built, hammering nails and wielding paint brushes."

The results for the Best Dressed Boat were "Kalista" First, "Another Girl, Another Planet" second, "Nancy" third. Best Dressed Crew "The Yoop" first, "Imagine" second. Best Dressed Female Crew Member went Julie Mitchell from "Kalista". The whole atmosphere was relaxed and friendly and many people caught up with past members and friends. The club was honoured that a number of past Commodores were able to be present. It is no doubt that the beautiful weather enhanced the experience. The accompanying photos show everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion and all agreed that it was one of the best Opening Days ever.