

Huon Yacht Club Presentation Dinner 11th May 2019

The Huon Yacht Club held its annual Presentation Dinner at the Kermandie Hotel in Port Huon this year. Most of the yachts skippers and crews were able to attend. The dinner is held at the end of the racing and sailing season to celebrate the highlights of the years events. Commodore John Flowers welcomed everyone and particularly club patron Roger Harwood and Life Member Jeff Sharp before the meal was served. The prize giving started after everyone had enjoyed their meal and were in a relaxed mood. ,

Jeff Sharp won several awards in the season, before the bush fires interrupted the racing, with his yacht *French Connection*. Awards for *French Connection* were Green Island Zuidpool Rock Perpetual Trophy, the Windas A. Smith Memorial Trophy, the Harbour Pennant – Hughie Gay Memorial Trophy, the Long Distance Pennant – Caprice of Huon Perpetual Trophy, and the Line Honours Perpetual Trophy. Jeff gave thanks to his devoted crew as he has taken *French Connection* to Hobart for the coming season. He will be missed by all the club members and it is hoped he will be back to the Huon in the future.

Michael Bartlett won the Kermandie Hotel Huon Island Race and the Shipwrights Point Marine Twilight Pennant with his Yacht *Another Girl, Another Planet*. Wil Muere won two awards with his yacht *Gem*. These were the Tassal Killala Bay Trophy Autumn 2, and the HYC Harbour Series One – Dean Marks Autumn Harbour Series. Wil's daughter Selena won the HYC Ladies Skippers Race at the helm of *Gem*.

Other winners were Rod Coombes on *The Yoop* winning the Alan Rowe Memorial Shield, John Townsend on *Sabre* won JR Cairns Memorial Trophy, the Twilight Series 1 and the Dean Marks Trophy Autumn Twilight Series, and Don Kerr on *Aqua Fae* won the Twilight Series 2. All the skippers gave recognition and thanks to their tireless crews.

Special Awards were given for HYC Most Improved yacht – Tony Cumberlidge with *Sea Gems*, HYC Most Improved Skipper – Daryl Watson, HYC Most Improved Crewman – Jack Hutchins.

The club gave recognition and thanks to all the members who supported the club in many ways throughout the year.