

# Huon Yacht Club

*By Jeremy Brown*

## ***Twilight Series 3***

A cool, fresh 10 – 15 knot SE wind and a clear late afternoon sky greeted the eight boats who turned up for the first race of the third and final twilight series on Thursday. First to start in this pursuit race was *Wistari* at 5:49 PM followed by *Stardust Dancer* a few minutes later. These two had a very close race and took second and first place respectively, 30 seconds apart. The rest of the fleet started at intervals to 6:30 PM and was a bit held back by the wind backing to S – SW and easing slightly through the race, which gave the early starters an advantage. Nevertheless it was an exciting race with some very competitive sailing - the remaining six boats finished within five minutes of each other.



*Obsession steams out of Hospital Bay at twilight*

First place was won by Will Meure's *Stardust Dancer*, with John Flowers' *Wistari* second and Stan Pickering's *Obsession* narrowly beating *Kalista* for third place. *Bianco* was fifth, then *Femme Fatale*, *Red Jacket* and *AGAP*, who crossed the line at 7:32 PM. An enjoyable BBQ was held after the race at the HYC clubhouse with a large number of skippers, crew and friends.



*Jeff Sharp has Femme Fatale hard on the wind, as Pauline Evans mans the winch.*

### ***Fred McLaren Perpetual Memorial Trophy***

This combined Huon Yacht Club and Port Cygnet Sailing Club race was to be held on Sunday, starting at the HYC start line and ending at Cygnet. Unfortunately it had to be called off because of strong winds gusting to 35 knots on the estuary in the morning, which were predicted to strengthen during the course of the day. A decision is yet to be made on rescheduling the race. HYC boats *Obsession* and *AGAP* presently hold first and second place in the series scores.

### ***Coming up***

The second race in the third Twilight Series will be held on Thursday, and the third HYC Autumn Harbour Series race will be held on Saturday 20 February, starting at 2:00 PM.