

Huon Yacht Club News

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Twilight Series Race 12:

Race held on 16 February.

Four boats came out to race in a 10 – 15 knot south-easterly wind. Jeff Sharp's *French Connection* was the clear winner, 11 minutes ahead of Will Meure's *Stardust Dancer*, with Mick Bartlett's *Another Girl Another Planet* five minutes after her in third place. Stan Pickering's *Obsession* was forced to retire with a damaged head-sail furler. Jon and Sharon Goldsmid's *Flying Emu* actually came in first ahead of *French Connection*, but was sailing as a casual entry as she does not have her handicap calculated yet.

Fred McLaren Race – From HYC Start Line to PCSC Start Line:

This was the fourth and final race of this inter-club trophy, held on Sunday 19 February. Twelve boats turned out for the event, which got off to a terrible start, with no wind and a rising tide pushing boats away from the start line towards Franklin for about 20 minutes. The wind finally came up and the fleet slowly sailed down the river. The wind was very variable and favoured some boats more than others. The race was won on corrected time by Rob Cooper's *Komodo*. HYC boats did not do particularly well, with *Another Girl Another Planet* taking fourth place, *Stardust Dancer* coming eighth and *Obsession* in tenth place.

As a result this year's Fred McLaren Trophy was won by *Komodo*, with John Tiley's *Ozone* second, *Obsession* in third place and *French Connection* fourth.

Twilight Series Race 13:

Race held on 23 February.

A good fleet of six boats turned out for the race, which was won by Robbie Seabrook's *True Blue*, followed by *Obsession*, then *Stardust Dancer*, Phil and Julie Mitchell's *Kalista*, *Another Girl Another Planet* with *French Connection* uncharacteristically last.

Westerly winds of 10 knots easing to 5 knots and veering north-west kept everybody guessing out on the water. *True Blue* kept ahead of *Obsession* and managed to squeak over the line a few seconds before her in a very tight finish.

Autumn Harbour Race 4 - HYC to Killala Bay – two laps:

This race is run in conjunction with the Tassal Killala Bay Trophy Race. The winner was *French Connection*, who took both line honours and first place on corrected time,

thereby winning the race and the trophy in a total time of just under two and a half hours. Second on corrected time was *Stardust Dancer*, with *Obsession* third and *True Blue* fourth and last.

A decent southerly wind came up just in time for the start, backing to the south east at times. A wind speed of 22 knots was recorded off Waterloo Bay on the second lap, and spinnakers were deployed on the two return legs. Conditions were ideal for *French Connection* who performed very well in the strong winds.

Coming up:

Thursday 2 March is set for the penultimate Twilight Race – there will be one more the following Thursday.

Next Saturday 4 March at 10 AM is the date and time set for the final race of the Autumn Harbour Series.

Please check the web page at <http://huonyachtclub.org/> for more race results and general information about the club.



True Blue, French Connection and Obsession start in line in Autumn Harbour Race 4