

# Another long day on Vaal

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Promising gusts of up to eight knots got everyone back on the water for the second day of the Sailsure keelboat Week regatta at Vaal Dam yesterday.

But the promise did not materialise into a blow substantial enough to race the pulses, let alone the 65-strong fleet that struggled around the 30 nautical mile course.

At least, they finished, this time, after the first day's racing had to be abandoned because of the lack of wind.

Not long after yesterday's start, the wind began to die, and by 3pm, the fleet was scattered over an area of about five kilometres.

The early leaders were the multihulls, seemingly finding puffs that eluded the monohulls. Two of the Dragonflies, Puff, sailed by Bill Ellen, and Continental, an entry from Algoa Bay, swapped the early lead more than once, but by the halfway stage, the monohulls started to make their mark.

On a shortened course, it was the small cruisers, such as the Holiday 23s Boatyard and Jecels, who went off in search of line honours.

#### Handicap results

**Class 1** — 1 J22 Baby J (David Rae), 2 J27 Bataleur 11 (Al Leenstra), 3 J27 Instigator).

**Class 2** — 1 Holiday 23 Boatyard (Philip Jones), 2 Holiday 23 Jecels (Edwin Lucas), 3 Stadt 23 Rainbow Rider (Bob Hamilton).

**Multihulls** — 1 Dragonfly Puff (Bill Ellens), 2 Dragonfly Continental (Mush Hide), 3 Dragonfly Chadstar (Fred van der Willik).