

# UCT law student latest entrant in Dias 500 race

**YACHTING — Roger Bartholomew**

THE latest entrant in the Bartholomew Dias 500 anniversary race, which retraces the original route from Lisbon to Cape Town, is UCT law student Patrick Holloway who will skipper the 41ft cruiser racer's French Connection.

Holloway, who at 25 is the youngest South African skipper in the race, is a veteran of local yachting events, both as crew and skipper. He has won five major events this year alone.

He was asked to take part in the race by Cape-based clothing manufacturer French Connection which has been sponsoring glamour watersports since 1977. The company's first boat, also called French Connection, won the Rothman's Week that year.

## Crew of five

Patrick and his crew of five, which includes two UCT students, brother Richard, Russell Ephron, and two ladies, Lianne Hardie and Judy Provoyeur, both veteran sailors, leave Cape Town on November 13 to join the boat in Lisbon.

The race starts in the European winter and the first 522 miles to Funchal in Madeira will be downwind, cold and uncomfortable. The next, warmer leg to the Cape Verde Islands is 1 000 miles and likely to take about six or seven days.

After the compulsory 24-hour stop at the Cape Verde Islands the next problem is getting through the doldrums. The bigger boats will probably go far out around the bulge of Africa but Patrick and his crew intend to keep close to the coast. There'll be strong winds and a big swell and they expect the boat to take a beating.

## New sponsor

AWH Motors and MMI have taken over the sponsorship of the successful annual Hout Bay to Kommetjie long-haul to be held on Saturday.

Linda Lloyd, the previous sponsor will remain involved with the presentation of the magnificent line honours trophy.

Registration and scrutiny for the race takes place at 8am at Hout Bay Yacht Club on Saturday, with the skippers meeting and snacks held tonight at 7.30pm.

## RCYC Point Series Results:

IOR Class: 1 Impulse (Ken Bromage), 2 Cape Smoke (Dave Smith), 3 Magimoto (P Marais).

PHRF Class: 1 Warrfair (Dr Ken Warr), 2 Aerial (Sheriff Saville), 3 ateleur (Richard Wall).

## Events this weekend:

Royal Cape Yacht Club: Saturday 2pm: Medium distance race for November points regatta.

Hermanus Yacht Club: Saturday/Sunday all-comers handicap for seniors, Reitz handicap for juniors.

Imperial Yacht Club: Sunday No3 Series.

Zeekoevlei Yacht Club: Club Series Nos 6 and 7.