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80 yachts expected for top city regatta

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MORE than 80 yachts are expected to enter next month's Rothman's Week Regatta, with Cape Town yachtsmen eager to regain prestige lost after Natal boat Gwaap sailed off with the laurels last year.

The Royal Cape Yacht Club will again host the event, to be held in Table Bay between December 12 and 21.

More than a dozen entries have been received already, although the closing date for the competition is about a month away.

A statement by the organisers said a number of

very competitive boats had been launched in the past few months which would give last year's winner, Peter Morgenrood, skipping Gwaap, a tough job defending his title.

The new L34s designed by Cape Town's Angelo Lavranos may form a class this year, with eight entrants expected from Natal.

The format for this year's race remains the same with four around-the-buoys races and a long- or medium-distance race.

Entries close on December 4 and particulars can be obtained from the Regatta Secretary, Cruising Association of South Africa, PO Box 5036, Cape Town or ☎ (021) 24-2363.