Hive of activity at Midmar

Own Corespondent

THE Henley-Midmar Yacht Club was a hive of activity last weekend when over one hundred entries took advantage of the beautiful sailing weather to participate in the numerous races sailed on Midmar.

A lull in the wind at the start of the Keelboat race made it difficult for the 13 yachts to start. However half an hour later a damwall wind filled in. Julian Verbeek took an early lead in the Hunter with Dennis Partington, Peter Cooke, Fritz von Klempere, Mike Poulter and Len Carruthers in hot pursuit not far behind. Eventual winners were Doug Hawksworth and Stuart Robinson.

The forty entries in the schools racing also enjoyed some competitive sailing. Andrew Thorburn and Arthur Draper each won a race in the Dabchicks. The talented young windsurfer sailor Alex Martin won both the races in the lightweight division with Anthony Draper, who usually sails a Dabchick, second.

Ken Deale and Douglas Lederle are both showing a progressive improvement finishing first and second respectively in the Windsurfer heavyweights.

Rob Tarboton and Tony Allison were deserving winners of the Paul Green Trophy sailing a brilliant race in their Fireball. Second were Wog and Pauline Hawksworth in their Hunter. Both boats finished a long way ahead of their nearest rivals.

Craig Pitt-Pladdy avenged his defeat by Nichola Diedericks in the Optimist class. Gareth Willington was third just ahead of Kathy Field.

Rick Parker and Anton Ellens won convincingly in the 505's as did Rob Tarboton and Tony Allison in the Fireballs, and Wog and Pauline Hawksworth in the Hunters in the afternoon class race.

Ed Browne held an early lead in the Miracle class but was passed by Craig Millar and then Brian Summerton to only finish in third place.

To cater for the recent influx of "Funcup" board-sailors who have joined the Henley-Midmar Yacht Club some Funcup and Slalom races were sailed for the first time on Sunday. There were 15 entries with Ian Allen and Mark

Xantho winning in each event respectively.

There is the usual club racing at Midmar this weekend with schools' racing on Saturday and Class racing on Sunday, Sailors must see the notice board for ammendments to the sailing instructions.

Results Keeler Race 3:

Handicap: 1. F. von Klemperer. 2. J. Verbeek, 3. D. Partington. Scratch: 1. D. Hawksworth, 2. P. Cooke, 3. J. Verbeek.

Schools A5:

Laser: 1. A. Brock-Utne, 2. 1. Henderson, 3. J. Welch. Dabchlck: 1. A. Draper, 2 A. Thorburn, 3. S. Pearson, Windsurfer Light: 1. A. Martin, 2. R. Draper, 3. J. Huckins. Windsurfer Heavy: 1. P. Stevens, 2. K. Deale, 3. van Rij.

Schools B1:

Laser: 1. J. Welch, 2. I. Henderson, 3. D. Bailey Dabchlck: 1. A. Thorburn, 2. A. Oraper, 3. T. Archer. Windsurfer Light: 1. Martin, 2. R. Draper, 3. J. Huckins. Windsurfer Heavy: 1. K. Deale, 2. D. Lederle, 3. A. Deale. Paul Green Trophy: 1. Rob Tarboton and Tony Allison (Fireball); 2. Wog and Pauline Hawksworth (Hunter), 3. Rob

Barker and Neil Cameron (Fireball).

Class 86:
1. C. Pitt-Pladdy, 2. N. Diedericks, 3. G. Willington. Miracle: 1. C. Millar, 2. B. Summerton, 3. E. Browne: Hunter: 1. W. Hawksworth, 2. M. Poulter, 3. F. von Klempere; 505: 1. A. Ellens, 2. R. Gray 3. J. Bailey. Fireball: 1. R. Tarboton, 2. M. Hawksworth, 3. C. Alexander. Fun Cup racing:

Funcup: 1. Ian Allen, 2. Roger de la Harpe, 3, Guisepi Fadillo. Statom: 1. Mark Xantho, 2 Trevor Scheepers, 3 Ian Allen