

# SA makes yachting breakthrough

SOUTH AFRICA has achieved a breakthrough in international yachting.

George Myburgh of Cape Town, who represented his country in the 1956 Olympic Games, has been elected to one of the committees of the International Yacht Racing Union.

Mr Myburgh (62), who is also an international judge, is a member of the national council of the South African Yacht Racing Association.

He was voted on to the International Youth

Committee at the annual meeting of the International Yacht Racing Union in London with delegates from the United Kingdom, the United States, Czechoslovakia, Iceland, Finland, France, Spain, Japan, Yugoslavia, New Zealand, Portugal and Greece.

He said from Cape Town yesterday: "This is an honour for South Africa, and a definite breakthrough for the country in international yachting. We are appointed for a term of four years.

"One of our main func-

tions is to organise the world youth championships each year."

Mr Myburgh is also one of the top yachting grandmasters in the world — 55 years and over — and this year he came eighth out of 55 countries in the annual international event held in the United States.

In a long and illustrious career, Mr Myburgh has won several important events. In the Olympic Games in 1956, he and his crew finished eighth out of 11 competitors. — Sapa.