

DALE GRANGER

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IT'S that time of year again when — under a plea of temporary insanity — I have to disclaim all responsibility for the alleged content of this preview for Saturday's Legal Eagle's sailing duel.



"It'll triple the shark population in Table Bay," quipped Royal Cape Yacht Club general manager Anthony Stewart. The poor feller was entertaining aspirations of sailing the MTN Cape-to-Rio race but will now have to focus on lawsuits, court battles and crippling lawyer's fees as a consequence of his foot-in-mouth gaffe.

The RCYC have several avid sailors, who dabble in legal affairs, including Joe van der Westhuizen, John Levin, Lance Burger, Rael Kassel and Steven Koen. Tomorrow's battle on the high seas is likely to be every bit as intense and tenacious as Jurgen Harksen's continued efforts to evade extra-

dition. Sailing starts at 2.30pm and it's advisable for any other ocean users to keep well clear of the lawyers. The consequences of a collision at sea with any of these blighters is just too horrible to contemplate. There will be 20 firms at sea

which means too many expert witnesses.

A bring-and-braai is scheduled for late afternoon by which stage we all know the contestants will be trading urgent interdicts in lengthy protest hearings as the battle rages on over who broke the rules and how.

These men of the bar are a fiercely competitive bunch. Even lawyers — though many would say the only good ones are to be found on the bottom of the ocean — have a benevolent side.

The proceeds from the entry fees will be donated to the Red Cross Children's Hospital.