

# It's party time for yachtsmen

DURBAN'S Point Yacht Club has reached that magic figure of 100. The third oldest club in South Africa — behind Royal Natal and Swartkops Yacht Club — and the biggest yacht club in the southern hemisphere, celebrates its centenary this year.

PYC commadore Don Shaw announced the programme for the forthcoming year last night aboard a tug on the bay — very significant as 100 years ago the PYC was formed on board a tug on Durban Bay — with the commadore being a Mr Barnes.

The year's functions on the water start off with the Olympic selection regatta off Durban this month and carry on with many regattas including the 100 nautical mile pursuit race, the annual Wilbur Ellis Da Gama race

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from Durban to East London and finishing with the Crystic Week.

Off the water, apart from many functions — including a raceday at Clairwood Park — many parties and a symphony concert, the main event is a boat show which is scheduled for July this year.

This will take place from July 18-26 on the Point Yacht Club dinghy park area — which will be cleared for the occasion — and will be a shop window for South Africa's boating industry.

Exhibitors from the Britain, United States, Japan, France and Taiwan will also use the show to exhibit the latest state of the art boats, navigation equipment and electronics.