

# Syd Lippstreu wins NSRI Regatta

THE weather gods looked kindly on Port Elizabeth Hobie yachtsmen over the weekend for the successful five-race Nashua NSRI Regatta sailed in the bay.

The fleet of 19 Hobie 14s included three visiting skippers. East London's Lionel Hartley, who represented South Africa at the last Hobie 14 World Championships, in particular provided much needed competition and pushed the local stars all the way.

With the 1985 World Championships being for the 14 class emphasis has swung back to the smaller single sail craft. As a result only a small fleet of 16s took part.

Flat seas and gusting winds on Saturday proved

the undoing of some, leading to numerous capsizes and changes of position. Less experienced sailors also learnt in these conditions that when sailing "off the wind" concentration is vitally important in spotting and capitalising on wind funnels.

Lionel Hartley and Syd Lippstreu each won a race with Buzz Braadvedt, Gary McWilliams, Peter Tomlin and Peter Modderman contesting the other placings. In the 16 fleet, the Arnold-D McWilliams, Delpport-Nason

and Hale-Harris crews dominated.

On Sunday, the wind switched to onshore which strengthened during the course of the day and built up the swells.

The lighter weight and some of the older competitors came into their own in the early morning light winds and were among the front runners. But by the time the second race started, this situation had changed and the fitter and

stronger sailors had the advantage.

At the end of the fourth race Lionel Hartley and Syd Lippstreu were neck and neck and Hartley leading by one point which would be nullified when Lippstreu's discard was taken into account.

The result therefore hinged on the last race and these two were clear of the rest of the field. Unfortunately the needle was lost when Hartley pitchpoled while chasing Lippstreu after leading early on.

The final positions after discarding the worst of the five results were:

Hobie 14: Syd Lippstreu PE; Lionel Hartley EL; Gary McWilliams PE; Peter Modderman PE; Buzz Braadvedt PE.

Hobie 16: S Arnold, D McWilliams; H Delpport, K Nason; H Hole, D Harris.

The East Cape Yacht Racing Association is promoting an all-class regatta at the Elandsjacht Dam on Sunday with the first race starting at 10am.

Hobie Cats will be sailing the length of the dam in a long haul race which will provide skippers with a race with a difference on inland waters.