



**FIRST ARRIVAL . . .** Allied Bank (Voortrekker II), skippered by John Martin, was first across the line at Mossel Bay in the first leg of the Anglo-Alpha Agulhas race.

Pic: Richard Bell

## It's been a slow Agulhas race

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ONLY 10 of the 18 starters in the Anglo-Alpha Agulhas yacht race had crossed the first-leg finish line at Mossel Bay by the noon deadline yesterday, at the end of one of the slowest-ever outward legs in this often-punishing contest.

The boats experienced near-windless conditions most of the way along the Southern Cape coast.

The line-honours boat for the leg, Allied Bank (Voortrekker II) skip-

pered by John Martin, which crossed the line at 7.45pm on Monday, was followed by Thunderchild (Vince Goldswain) at 8.50pm and Mike's Kitchen (Fred Gottgens) at 10.57pm.

Provisional placings for the leg on corrected time, in the IOR class, were: 1 Mike's Kitchen 2 Bonheur and 3 Three Spears. Non-IOR: 1 Olè 2 Wings Leather and 3 Sentinel.

Tango II, Southern Isles, Suburban Hardware, Shelley Anne, Thesen Marine and Medlease arrived at Mossel Bay after the noon cut-off.