

# The Boss gets set for Crossing

THE long-awaited duel between the two 65ft downwind flyers, 'The Boss' and 'Get More Fun', could take place during this year's Mauritius to Durban Crystic Beachcomber Crossing.

'The Boss' was sold to veteran Cape skipper Padda Kuttel earlier this month, and is now certain to be at the starting line in Mauritius on September 21.

'Get More Fun' is up for sale at the moment, but already interest has been expressed in chartering the boat for the 1600 nautical mile race, considered among yachtsmen to be the most prestige long distance race in the Indian Ocean.

The aluminium 60-footers were set for an epic clash in the line honours duel during the 1989 Crystic Beachcomber Crossing, but 'The Boss' sprang a leak from a crack in the keel an hour after the start, and a bitterly disappointed skipper Geoff Meek had to return to the port.

'Get More Fun' with Terry Clarence at the helm went on to smash the course record by more than a day.

However, many believe the result would

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have been different had 'The Boss' not withdrawn, so another clash between these two arch-rivals is eagerly awaited. On the delivery run to Mauritius from Cape Town, 'The Boss' was clocked doing a staggering 27 knots off Port Elizabeth.

The damage to 'The Boss' was the centre of controversy after the race and she has not sailed since. She was left at her moorings in Durban harbour until her owner, Durban businessman Colin Kuiper, was

tragically killed in a car accident last year.

Kuttel is no stranger to long distance racing and skippered 'Atlantic Privateer' during the 1984 Whitbread Round the World Race. They won the second leg, but were disqualified during the first leg when they had to use power after being dismasted off the Namibian coast. However, many yachtsmen believe the Kuttel Whitbread campaign was one of the finest international efforts by a South African team.

He said he bought the boat specifically for the Crystic Beachcomber Crossing and that 'The Boss' will be taken to his factory in Cape Town, which specialises in aluminium boats, and repaired there.

Although the Crystic Beachcomber Crossing is a handicap race based on the International Measurement System (IMS), there is also much interest in the line honours contest, and both 'The Boss' and 'Get More Fun' were specially built as downwind speed-merchants to be first across the line in Durban. Perhaps in this race the question of which is the fastest will be resolved.