

SA yachting hoists full sail

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South African yachting, still on a high after the Cape To Rio event, gets a significant double boost in July, when the J22 World championships and the annual Crystic Week regatta are held back to back in

Durban.

Crystic Week is changing its format coming into line with international trends.

Instead of the event comprising only round-the-buoy Olympic-type races, there will be at least two leeward/wind-

ward courses. And while the IMS Class 1 boats are doing the long-distance race to Richards Bay, the other yachts will sail a medium distance race to Umdhloti and back, and an additional inshore race.

In conjunction with the main event, Point yacht Club will hold their annual July junior regatta.

"We have made changes to bring Crystic Week into line with international events," said Dave Rush-ton, chairman of the organising committee, "and to put some fun back into sailing. We hope the changes will improve the event and draw more competitors."

Last year the week drew 90 entries.