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Hobie contest success

YACHTING

— Roger Bartholomew

THE Playboy/Protea Hotels Hobie International at Mossel Bay from March 1 to 7 was a huge success, varied sailing weather testing the competitors.

Two races were sailed on Sunday March 1 — mainly in light westerly winds — and there were similar conditions on Monday for the third and fourth races.

Tuesday and Wednesday were blow-outs and the final three days were sailed in medium-to-light southerly winds.

The Hobie 14 class were sailing the selection trials for the South African team to go to the world championships, so racing was close.

In this class the South Africans who were not at all overawed by their illustrious international competitors.

CHAMPION

The first overseas entry to finish was fifth-placed Peter Manves of Holland, the European champion.

He was followed in sixth place by Enrique Figuera of Puerto Rico, the world champion.

In the Hobie 16 class it was American Carlton Tucker all the way, with straight wins in the first seven races.

Results

Hobie 14 class

1 Paul Thomas (Natal), 2 Alan Lawrence (W Province), 3 Shaun Ferry (W Province), 4 Blaine Dodds (E Province).

Hobie 16 class

1 Carlton Tucker (USA), 2 Geoff Meek (WP), 3 Warren Collier (EP), 4 Jan Tukker (Tvl).

The Western Province catamaran championships were sailed inland for the first time recently at Theewaterskloof Sports Club.

VARIED

The winds were varied and followed the pattern of a very light morning breeze rising to medium in the afternoon.

During the last race on Sunday it was quite heavy, causing quite a few cap-sizes.

Results

Hobie 16 class

1 Geoff Meek (RCYC), 2 Olly Hughes (FHBSC), 3 Eric Hasselbach (FHBSC).

Hobie 14 class

1 Alan Lawrence (HBYC), 2 Shaun Ferry (HBYC), 3 Mark Sebo (BSC)

Hobie Turbo class

1 R Lawes (FHBSC), 2 Johan Holtzhausen (HHBSC), 3 Jurie Wessels (HHBSC)

Micro class

1 Tory Hau (FHBSC), 2 Shirley Hanley (HHBSC), 3 J Kemlo (HHBSC)

Halcat class

1 I Jones, 2 P Stocken (SBYC), 3 G Jackson (SBYC)

Mosquito class

1 Danie Snyman (VYC), 2 Sarel van der Merwe (VYC), 3 Peter Odendaal (VYC).

● The final three races of the club championships were held at the Hermanus Yacht Club in varied conditions, mainly medium west to north west winds.