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# Overall win for Windrush

THE Durban L34 class yacht Windrush is the overall winner of the 1990 Wilbur Ellis Da Gama race from Durban to East London.

After finishing the gruelling 260 nautical mile course along the Wild Coast in the early hours of the morning, skipper Iain Park-Ross said in East London yesterday that his crew had operated "according to our tactics".

"Although the wind was light we played the wind-shifts," he said.

"After a great start, we really pulled out on the first night, sailing 20 nautical miles offshore, and although we had some competition from Vuarnet Roulette and Emiles Coiffure, we won by over an hour."

Second overall in the race was a relatively new yacht, Seaboard Ceramica, skippered by Mick Taylor.

The yacht was completely untried in a big race, but with an incredible effort from the crew, sailed an excellent race and into the major placings.

Third place overall went to Vuarnet Roulette, but one of the most stirring and determined performances came from Zapp, skippered by Harry Poulter.

This was a brand new Atlantis 36 design yacht, with a crew who had not met each other before the race.

She won the Class A fleet outright, but as her measurement certificate was not ready in time, could not compete in the main fleet. Experts believe she could have won the race outright.

Line honours for the race went to the Cape yacht Club Mykonos, skippered by Springbok Geoff Meek, who finished the race in 36 hours — six hours outside the record set in 1988 by Ilse Bell.

The race itself was sailed in generally light conditions in comparison to previous years, and so times are down.

#### Overall results are:

**Class A:** 1 Zapp (H Poulter), 2 Seaboard Ceramica (M Taylor), 3 Swimlion (J Puttergill)

**Class B:** 1 Orca (B Mittlefeldt), 2 Venture Marine (J Sergel), 3 Goblet (T Martin)

**L34s:** 1 Windrush (I Park-Ross), 2 Vuarnet Roulette (D Warne), 3 Emiles Intercoiffure (R Thompson)

**Overall fleet result:** 1 Windrush, 2 Seaboard Ceramica, 3 Vuarnet Roulette, 4 Emiles Intercoiffure, 5 Swimlion, 6 Venture Marine, 7 Club Mykonos, 8 Spar Sunseeker, 9 Lapwing, 10 Avis Shogun, 11 Point Blank, 12 Suffolk Punch, 13 Credir Guarantee Solar Wind, 14 Magic, 15 AFI Warrior, 16 Bear Moonraker, 17 Tyche, 18 Run free, 19 Portnet Kiga, 20 Ilse Bell.