

Spectacular start to yacht challenge

YACHTS from all over South Africa will be making waves in Algoa Bay tomorrow as the annual Splash Festival gets off to a spectacular start with the 1995 Continental Challenge at 11am.

This national sailing regatta is set to be a highlight of the Splash Festival, with 42 top-class racing yachts competing in the five-day challenge.

The event promises excellent spectator viewing, with most of the races taking place around buoys off Shark Rock Pier.

Race times depend on wind conditions, but are scheduled to start from 11am each morning. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday's races will be held in and around Hobie Beach, with Monday's course being set around St Croix Island.

The largest yacht in the contest is MBS Flier II, a Hong Kong-registered boat which has taken part in the Cape-to-Rio, as well as other international races.



The 14-ton, 53ft MSB Flier II is the largest yacht in the Continental Challenge. It takes a crew of 14. Capetonians (from left) Peter Kemp, Cheryl Binedell and Andrew Edward sailed her from Cape Town for the race.

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