

## YACHTING

# Sachmo wins last race of season

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THE Frostbite Trophy, traditionally the last race of the yachting season, was ironically contested for in summery conditions at Zwartkops on Sunday afternoon.

The Race Committee decided to set a sealed handicap over a beating course and together with the light south-westerly breeze and a full tide, this resulted in some interesting racing.

First across the start line was The Sting, a Laser II, sailed by N Schmelzer and J Tutton. They were closely followed by a fleet of Sprogs with Shamwari (J and W Walker) leading the way around the corner to C buoy.

The short windward leg up from Modder to B buoy at the corner saw the Laser II and Shamwari open up a useful lead over the rest of the fleet.

Once round B buoy, yachts journeyed on the run to D buoy at Amsterdamhoek. It was on this leg that The Sting, with her spinnaker well set and drawing, pulled away substantially from the rest of the fleet.

At the end of the first round, The Sting was well ahead the rest of the fleet, while Shamwari was leading the Sprogs with Sigebenga (P Baum and J Ehlinger), Sphryna (M and P Morgan) and Sachmo (P and P Smith) not far behind. At the back of the fleet, struggling to find boat speed, was Seacat (A and R Warne) and Rastus (D Anderson).

Towards the end of the second round the wind began to subside and fitful puffs of wind came drifting across the water as the fleet struggled to complete the course.

First across the line, after sailing well, was The Sting, followed home by Shamwari some four minutes later. However, once handicaps were applied, Sachmo was deservedly declared the winner of the last club race of the season.

The annual prize-giving dance will be held at Zwartkops Yacht Club on June 15.

A sad loss to the Eastern Province yachting fraternity is the departure of the ZYC Club's Commodore, Peter Baum, who has been transferred to East London.