

Cape yachtsman Col Jeffrey dies

CAPE TOWN — A former chairman of the Cruising Association of South Africa (Casa) and a pioneer of the fishing industry in Namibia, Colonel Stanley H Jeffrey of Constantia, died after an illness at the weekend.

Colonel Jeffrey (78) was also a key figure in the development of one of the world's most accurate distance-measuring instruments, the tellurometer.

He played a leading role in the Cape-to-Rio yacht races in the 1970s and was the first yachtsman to circumnavigate the globe in a locally-built yacht for which he was awarded Casa's Burn Wood Trophy.

Colonel Jeffrey emigrated from Britain in 1916. He studied law at the University of Cape Town and practised as an attorney in Cape Town.

In World War 2 he served with the 1st SA Division and became a lieutenant-colonel.

He became MD of SWA Fish Industry Ltd and a director of other fishing firms. — Sapa.